



Violence Against Women & Girls
A monthly newsletter brought to you by the
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Partnership

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Dear Partners

Colleagues at Cambridge City Council regularly share the White Ribbon Campaign newsletter with us and the article below caught my eye:

'The mayor of Frome, Toby Eliot, led a 1 mile high-heel walk to raise money for the White Ribbon Campaign. At least 20 other men took part and successfully raised £144.76 for the WRC.'
Amanda thinks they got away lightly with only a mile!



(Picture taken from <http://www.somersetlive.co.uk>)

If you know of anything taking place across the county like this, do let us know as we're always happy to feature things in the newsletter and on our social media pages. Or indeed if you have an idea to raise awareness that you would like us to promote.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and remember that you can submit articles to Amanda.warburton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Upcoming Training

The dates and venues for Domestic Abuse training are below, to book, click on the following link and choose the 'Workforce Development Children's' option at the bottom of the page

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/learntogether/social>

Introduction to Domestic Abuse (1.5 day course) - 12-13 October 2016 6-7 December 2016

Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment - 11th October, 25th January 2017

Domestic Abuse Typologies – 7th September, 11th January 2017

Details of all four levels of domestic abuse training offered in Cambridgeshire are available on our website http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/training_1/86050

Workforce Development in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have been working to make a range of domestic abuse training available to practitioners in both areas – details will be in the newsletter and on the website when finalised.

All new Cambridgeshire County Council staff are required to attend the **mandatory one day Basic Safeguarding** course which covers both adult and child safeguarding. Booking is via http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/learntogether/homepage/59/workforce_development_team_childrens

Safeguarding Adults Training 2016/17

The new one day course on domestic abuse for people working with adults at risk runs monthly. The new Safeguarding Adults Training Programme, including all course dates, can be downloaded [here](#).

Cambridgeshire LSCB 2016/17 Training Programme

The LSCB have launched their 2016/17 training programme.

All course and application information is now available on the LSCB website where you can also apply for the courses via Booking Bug.

You will also find the LSCB training principles and information relating to non LSCB courses and LSCB single agency validation www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lscb

First FGM figures released

At the end of July, the BBC reported that almost 6000 new cases of FGM have been reported in England in the 12 months between April 2015 (when it became mandatory for health staff to report) and March 2016. The Health and Social Care Information Centre collated the data which shows that most girls subjected to the practice during this period were born in an African country and underwent the procedure there. But 43 girls were born in the UK and 18 of those had it done here. It says a further 65,000 girls under the age of 13 are at risk of female genital mutilation. So far, no one in the UK has been convicted of carrying out FGM. School summer holidays is a key time that girls are taken abroad for the procedure and the NSPCC reports its highest number of calls about FGM are in July.

The full report can be read at <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB21206>

New domestic abuse information for older women

Women's Aid have produced a guide to controlling relationships for older women to explain the new Coercive Control law and what support is available to older women experiencing domestic abuse. The campaign, which includes a You Tube film featuring Tessa Peake-Jones, aims to raise awareness that domestic abuse can happen to women of all ages, and that older women may have experienced abuse for many years.

<https://1q7dqy2unor827bqjls0c4rn-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Older-Women-Toolkit-F.pdf>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtYR_EQg8yE



As part of this work, Women's Aid are working with Safe Lives (formerly CAADA) to raise awareness and increase information sharing with practitioners working in Adult Social Care. Safe Lives would like to hear from professionals working with older people around domestic abuse issues in this survey <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=146797293822>

Safe Lives also held two webinars on the subject of older people and domestic abuse in early August- the videos from the webinars can be accessed [here](#). The purpose of the webinars was to launch new MARAC Guidance for cases involving older victims and to advise on Safe Lives' plans to increase the safety of older victims of domestic abuse.

In Cambridgeshire we are actively involved with Safe Lives and other national organisations on projects to improve services for adults at risk, working alongside our Adult Safeguarding colleagues. More information will be in future newsletters as plans progress.

Additional countywide ISVA service

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has awarded Cambridge Rape Crisis and Peterborough Rape Crisis the contract to provide an additional ISVA service for the county. This tender was put out via the Bluelight Portal in July.

The service specification is available to anyone on request who wants to view it but is essentially two full time equivalent posts:

- Service provision within the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (currently in Peterborough but relocating to Huntingdon in October 2016) to support countywide victims of sexual violence through the criminal justice system.
- A single post to cover Cambridgeshire cases until March 2016 extending to countywide after that date.

It is expected that this contract will eventually form part of the wider county-wide service which is currently being scoped. The funding for these posts is recurrent and comes from Cambs County Council and NHS England.

Ever wondered what an ISVA does?

Rape Crisis South London have produced a series of short, 3-4 minute films showing the journey of rape survivor Leila through the criminal justice system. The ISVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advisor/Advocate) is a key part of the support given to Leila and the film explains how ISVAs work with survivors from initial reporting through to attending court.

<http://www.stylist.co.uk/life/powerful-rape-crisis-videos-films-what-happens-after-you-report-isva-soit-support-criminal-justice-court>

Forced Marriage elearning

The Government's Forced Marriage Unit have released an elearning module for professionals. The module takes around 1.5 hours to complete and looks at the responsibilities of a range of agencies including Police, Social Care and Education. We are recommending this training to practitioners across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and it will form part of the revised DA training offer which will hopefully be live in October.

<http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/resources/awareness-of-forced-marriage-resource-pack/>

Dave Doggett and CUFC Kicking Out Domestic Violence!

Cambridge United Football Club Chairman Dave Doggett was the first of Cambridge Council's seven White Ribbon Ambassadors to be appointed. Deeply appalled by domestic violence/abuse, Dave was keen to become involved in the city council's campaign and do all he could to help tackle this criminal behaviour.

Fully aware of front-page headlines about domestic violence/abuse by high-profile professional footballers, Dave was also aware that perpetrators of domestic violence/abuse are inevitably among CUFC supporters. Because of these sensitivities, it was decided to initially 'piggy-back' CUFC's involvement in the White Ribbon Campaign with the club's existing anti-bullying 'Kick It Out' campaign. Dave's appointment was officially announced as part of that campaign at a high-profile match in 2015. A little more than year on and this softly-softly approach has been well and truly superseded!

In May, CUFC hosted Euro 2016 Domestic Abuse and Alcohol Campaign event, which was attended by both Dave Doggett and Cllr Ann Sinnott.

On 24 July a White Ribbon Stall was mounted at CUFC in the member's lounge hosted by Dave Doggett and fellow WRA Adam Moghadas. Cllr Ann Sinnott was also in attendance, along with County Cllr Zoe Moghadas, Sam Weller of Cambridge Community Foundation and volunteer Toby Ginsberg. Ably assisted by Louise Walker, our domestic violence co-ordinator at Cambridge City Council, we collectively spoke to hundreds of CUFC fans and gave out scores of leaflets and badges.

Fantastically, a full-page full-colour reproduction of a Cambridgeshire county council poster, focused on football and targeted toward perpetrators of domestic violence/abuse, was also reproduced in the CUFC Matchday Programme for the day - which is routinely sent out to some 30,000 club members and supporters. There is no doubt that this will reach directly into homes where domestic/violence abuse is ongoing, as well as into homes of friends and families of those engaged in abusive behaviour. It is an immensely important and effective 'reach out'.

On behalf of all those who work in the field and those who are or have been affected by domestic violence/abuse, I wish to express gratitude and say a heartfelt 'thank you' to Dave Doggett and CUFC.

Ann Sinnott - Lead Cllr on Domestic Violence/Abuse, Cambridge Council

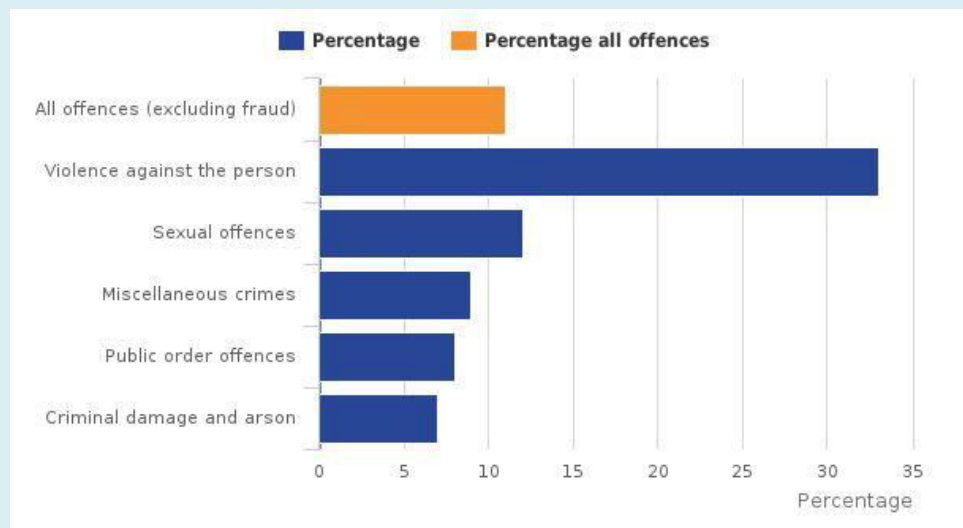


Picture shows CUFC Chairman Dave Doggett at the White Ribbon stall.

Latest Crime Survey data released

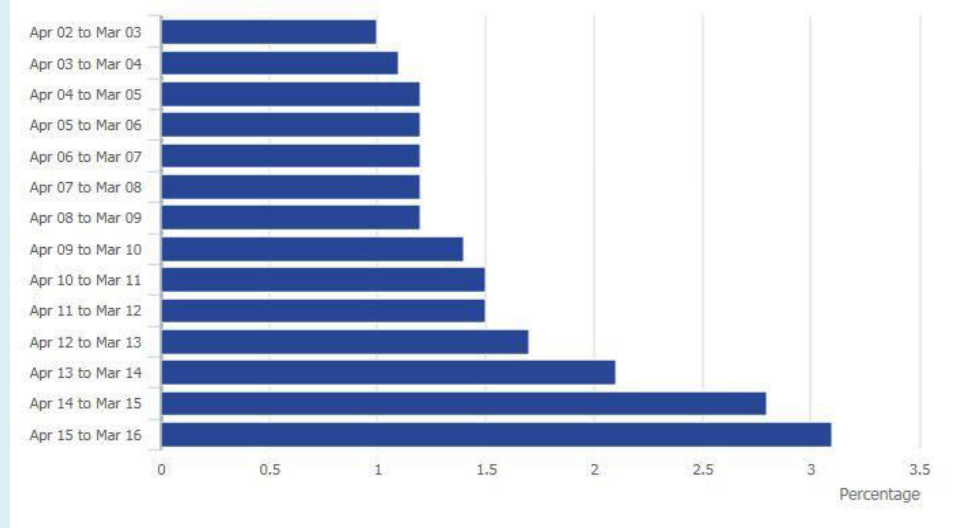
The latest data from the Crime Survey England & Wales has been released and covers the period up to March 2016. Key domestic abuse and sexual violence data is below:

Percentage of police recorded Domestic Abuse 2015-16 (national data)



Police Recorded Sexual Assault Incidents – 1317 in Cambs, 8% increase on 2014-15

Figure 5: Police recorded sexual offences as a percentage of victim-based crime in England and Wales, year ending March 2003 to year ending March 2016¹



Sexual Offences by CSP area

	2014-15	2015-16	% change
Cambridge	285	251	-12
East Cambridgeshire	81	88	9
Fenland	141	171	21
Huntingdonshire	198	242	22
Peterborough	390	417	7
South Cambridgeshire	120	120	0

Pink festival returns

The Pink Festival returns to Cambridge this year with a range of events on Saturday 3rd September aimed at bringing the LGBTQ community together. The day will start with a festival at the Guildhall in Cambridge, 12.00 – 6.00pm, followed by Andy Bell (Erasure) performing at the Corn Exchange at 8pm, then moving over to The Junction from 10pm for Horsemeat Disco and a special appearance of the infamous Dot Cotton Club. For more details and tickets visit <http://www.junction.co.uk/horse-meat-disco>

The DASV Partnership will be teaming up with SYA to improve support for LGBTQ domestic abuse survivors in Cambridgeshire - more information in a future newsletter.

HMIC Survey

HMIC are conducting a survey on police response to Domestic Abuse and would like to hear from any professionals who work with victims and families. The survey closes on 26th August <http://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/OC3MB/>

World Suicide Prevention Day

News hit the headlines this week that the woman who accused American actor/director Nate Parker of rape in 1999 had died by suicide in 2012. Parker was acquitted of the charge but his room-mate, Jean McGianni Celestin, was convicted.

UK research shows that 7% of women in the general population are survivors of rape, and of these 3% had attempted suicide (UCL, Kings College London, 2014). Worldwide, 500 women who have experienced domestic violence in the last six months commit suicide every year. Of those, just under 200 attended hospital for domestic violence on the day that they completed suicide. (Walby, S. (2004) The Cost of Domestic Violence. Women and Equality Unit).

World Suicide Prevention Day on 10th September aims to raise awareness and encourage people to be ready, able and willing to talk about suicide. Look out on our Facebook and Twitter pages for more information.

