



**Cambridgeshire  
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Domestic Abuse & Sexual  
Violence Partnership

**Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Newsletter**  
A monthly newsletter brought to you by the  
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Partnership

**May 2024**

Hi All

Earlier this week was the Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Conference, it was great to meet so many of you in person, and we were pleased to have so many brilliant speakers. If you missed it you can watch it here [\[LIVE\] Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Conference - HIC Peterborough | 13/05/2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13/05/2024). The BBC were also there and was featured on Look East and BBC Online [Peterborough mosque fights domestic and sexual abuse stigma - BBC News](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-68111111). Vickie is already thinking about venues for May 2025!

If you missed this event, there are plenty more events and training throughout this Newsletter.

We have some Football related posters focused on perpetrator behaviour, if you would like any to display, please get in touch.

Have a great month and contact any of us if you need anything DASV related.

*Vickie & Julia*

**Vickie Crompton & Julia Cullum**  
**DASV Partnership Managers**



## You can now refer to the IDVA Service and MARAC online!

We have launched an online referral process for professionals to refer to the IDVA Service and MARAC, which will help to make referring to us easier.

The online referral form is live now and is for all professionals who wish to refer to the IDVA Service and/or MARAC. The form will not be used by Police colleagues who will continue with established referral processes.

To access the referral form and all information about the IDVA Service, please visit [Cambridgeshire County Council DASV Partnership - Make a Referral \(cambsdasv.org.uk\)](https://cambsdasv.org.uk)

Some referrals require a DASH Risk Indicator Checklist to be completed. The DASH can be downloaded and attached to the online referral form before you submit it. **Please do not send a DASH on its own, it must be attached to the online referral form.**

The specialist IDVA posts below take all levels of risk, consent for referral is required:  
Referrals from Health Professionals - DASH preferred but not essential, take all risk levels

- Referrals from Housing Professionals - DASH preferred but not essential, take all risk levels
- Referrals for young people - DASH required, take all risk levels
- Referrals for eastern European people - DASH required, take all risk levels
- Referrals for people from minority ethnic communities - DASH required, take all risk levels

For anyone else, referrals can be made with CONSENT for those who score 14-16 on the DASH Risk Assessment

For those who score 17+ on the DASH, referrals can be made without consent (although consent is preferred), and the case will go to MARAC. **If the DASH score is low but you feel the person is at high risk, please discuss with the Duty IDVA.**

For individuals **over 60 years of age**, the Older Peoples DASH may give a more accurate assessment of risk

For **Young People** (13-19 or up to 24 if Ex-LAC or LD) experiencing abuse in their own intimate relationships, please use the YP DASH

For any issues with the online referral, please contact the Duty IDVA  
[IDVA.Referrals@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:IDVA.Referrals@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## DASV Champions sessions for July

Our DASV Champions sessions for July are covering abuse of pets in the context of domestic abuse and we'll also be hearing from the Dahlia Project at Peterborough Women's Aid – booking information is available on our website at [Cambridgeshire County Council DASV Partnership - DASV Champions \(cambsdasv.org.uk\)](https://cambsdasv.org.uk)

## Latest data on domestic homicide and strangulation

The Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme reports on all police-recorded domestic homicides, unexpected deaths and suspected suicides of individuals with a history of domestic abuse victimisation'. Their latest report includes findings specifically related to the presence of non-fatal strangulation, and strangulation as a method of killing.

Key findings from 723 deaths recorded April 2020 – March 2023

- Strangulation was the most common method of death across the whole dataset (2020-2023). This includes suicide following domestic abuse deaths by hanging (the most common method of suicide across the three years of data). The most common method of death when considering domestic homicides only was by use of sharp instrument.
- Across the whole dataset, the deaths by strangulation by typology were as shown below:
- The vast majority 72% (n = 130/181) of deaths by strangulation were in suicide following domestic abuse
- 20% (n = 37/181) of the deaths by strangulation were intimate partner homicide cases.
- Strangulation, as a method of killing, represented just under 15% (n= 37/248) of intimate partner homicides across the three years.
- In just under a third of suicide following domestic abuse cases where controlling and coercive behaviour was a risk factor, it was found to co-occur with non-fatal strangulation (27%, n = 13/48)
- There were 19 deaths by suffocation across all categories of deaths/homicides in the three years.
- Across the three years of data, just over 10% of suspects had non-fatal strangulation recorded as a risk factor in their histories.

More information at [VKPP Year 3 Report - IFAS Response - Institute for Addressing Strangulation](#)

## New referral form for Hourglass

Hourglass are commissioned by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner to provide support to professionals working with older people subjected to domestic abuse and sexual violence across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Alongside professional advice, they can also jointly work cases with other professionals including IDVAs and Adult Social Care. A new referral form is now available at [Cambridgeshire County Council DASV Partnership - Older People \(cambsdasv.org.uk\)](https://cambsdasv.org.uk)

## Identifying, assessing, and responding to perpetration of domestic abuse: a practice guide for professionals working in mental health services

In this article, the authors describe a framework for responding to DA perpetration in clinical settings in general adult mental health services, aimed at improving practice. This could support mental health professionals in sensitive enquiry and assessment for DA perpetration, and guide appropriate responses, as part of routine training and continuing professional development.

[OSF Preprints | Identifying, assessing, and responding to perpetration of domestic abuse\(DA\): a practice guide for professionals working in mental health services](#)

## Government cracks down on 'deepfakes' creation

- making a sexually explicit 'deepfake' image to be a new offence
- those convicted of this immoral crime face prosecution and an unlimited fine
- latest measure in a huge programme of work to better protect women

Under the new offence, those who create these horrific images without consent face a criminal record and an unlimited fine. If the image is then shared more widely offenders could be sent to jail.

The new law will mean that if someone creates a sexually explicit deepfake, even if they have no intent to share it but purely want to cause alarm, humiliation or distress to the victim, they will be committing a criminal offence.

It will also strengthen existing offences, as if a person both creates this kind of image and then shares it, the CPS could charge them with two offences, potentially leading to their sentence being increased.

Deepfake images have become more prevalent in recent years, with images being viewed millions of times a month across the world. The fake images and videos are made to look hyper-realistic with the victim usually unaware and unable to give their consent to being sexualised in such a way.

## YANA - Rural Mental Health Project

**YANA** is a rural mental health and suicide prevention charity, working across East Anglia, with people associated with agriculture and other rural business.

Whilst agriculture is often thought of as an idyllic lifestyle, for many the pressures and uncertainties can lead to poor mental health and at times suicide.

YANA provides a listening ear and emotional support on their helpline, **0300 323 0400** or by email: [helpline@yanahelp.org](mailto:helpline@yanahelp.org), which can lead to 9 sessions of funded counselling.

The helpline offers the chance to speak to someone directly every Monday to Friday between 10am and 1pm. At all other times, leaving a message will ensure the caller receives a call back.

**Get in touch with YANA:** If you would like any resources or to know more about what YANA do, please contact: [admin@yanahelp.org](mailto:admin@yanahelp.org)

## Survivor engagement – Voices Newsletter

If your organisation has upcoming engagement opportunities for people with lived experience of domestic abuse, the Domestic Abuse Commissioner would like to hear about them to share in the new Voices newsletter. This could be research projects, survivor policy groups, or consultations.

The information you provide will allow survivors to make clear, informed choices about whether the engagement is suitable for them.

If you have an opportunity you would like to be shared, please email [voices@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk](mailto:voices@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk)

# DO THINGS FEEL OR HAPPEN DIFFERENTLY FOR YOU DOWN BELOW FOLLOWING PREGNANCY & BIRTH?

We're looking for Survivors of Domestic Abuse to share your experiences as part of research to maternity & pelvic health services

## How you can share your story:

- A one-to-one meet-up with us
- Telling your support worker to pass on
- Anonymously taking our survey



PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A LOVE TO SHOP VOUCHER TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR TIME.

WE CAN ARRANGE FOR YOU TO SPEAK TO A PELVIC HEALTH PHYSIOTHERAPIST IF YOU NEED ONE.

## TO TAKE PART:

-  ARRANGE A ONE-TO-ONE OR CHAT TO US ON OUR WHATSAPP 07522 272005
-  CONTACT [CPICB.ROSIEMNVP@NHS.NET](mailto:CPICB.ROSIEMNVP@NHS.NET)
-  CLICK ON THE QR CODE
-  OR ASK YOUR SUPPORT WORKER FOR MORE INFORMATION



## Survivor shares their story

The story below is shared by Amanda Ramano Gutierrez. Amanda is happy to have her name included and also her Instagram account [Amanda Romano Gutierrez \(@amanda\\_r\\_gut\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#) which she uses to raise awareness of domestic abuse.

My story with the abuser:

I was a victim of abuse. I was emotionally and psychologically abused and that left bruises that no one could see but me, and that was an excruciating silent pain. I am sharing my story with the hope that it can be of help to someone else.

It started with an overwhelming feeling of being loved, being desired, being cared for. I was happy our paths had crossed and we were friends (for a short period of time) before starting a relationship. It wasn't overnight that he showed his true colours, in fact he never did show it. It was always there in a very subtle way, and masked by all the things we had in common. It is impressive how the abuser can adapt and mirror their victim. I overlooked how his intentional "jokes" about me not knowing to do this or that really made me feel - after all, he loved me.

I blocked out his negative hints and comments about myself, this man had showed me he loved me like no one else before, he showed me he needed me.

He would tell me to go out and meet my friends, but he would not stop texting me whilst I was out, the messages were very sweet and caring, how could this be control?

Whenever I did something he did not like, he would withdraw any affection from me and make sure I was seeing him being extra affectionate with whoever was round us, most of the times his dog. I was definitely going mad by feeling jealous of his dog... But I remember him saying one time how his ex was jealous of his dog and thinking to myself "wow she is indeed crazy" as he often would say. Until I found myself in this position; begging for scraps and his dog getting it all.

Whenever we would disagree on something he would throw a tantrum and leave the house for hours on end, he would not answer his phone during this time and when back home he would go straight to bed, and I was left with a uncanny feeling of guilt.

At first, when he met my friends, he presented himself as very friendly and an easy going person, but with time he started to point out to me how some of them were trying to take advantage of me, how some were jealous of me, how others were strange, and even made a point of how some of them he was sure that if he gave the time of the day, they would not think twice before being with him behind my back ( I guess there was some truth to that one, as he has done that in the end, maybe also in the middle, who knows).

If I was to go out and meet a friend the consequences were so difficult to deal with, that it was easy to not go all together. Until I stopped being invited to meet by some of my friends, and that was the perfect time for him to show me how he was right about them and how they did not care for me as I thought they did after all.

Another strategy used for the friends who tried to stick around was something sad happening to him on the day I was supposed to go out with a friend, or him feeling sad about his family, which is a whole other story used to persuade me to stay.

The feeling of inexplicable guilty started to take control of me little by little and I stopped going out.

I felt guilty even for catching a cold and not being able to work or worse, not doing something for him.

There was a time when I had to be in hospital for two weeks and he made sure to be with me a lot of the time, to even sleep on an uncomfortable chair in my room. It made me feel protected, cared for and loved. Little did I know it was all a tactic to make visitors uncomfortable to also be there, to make visitors not stay long. During that time I also felt tremendous guilt for being there, as he often would point out how he was not seeing his child or his pet much, because of me being there, despite me saying for him to go. Once he brought a movie for us to watch and before we could I fell asleep (I was on morphine most of the time) when I woke up he was watching it by himself and when I mentioned it, he got angry that I slept and left him all alone there, what was he supposed to do?

I was often accused of being too nice, too friendly and open to others to take advantage of me.

You may wonder why did I stay in that relationship for so long? Well, obviously it wasn't all bad, in fact there were a lot of good moments. Those hard moments I explain here did not come at once, they would come and go, and when they were too much to handle and I was at the verge of giving up the affection given was stronger, the admission of guilt and the desire to change for me would come in strong.

Without realising it I stopped doing the things I loved, I stopped expressing myself how I was used to, I was feeling lonely and isolated and I did not even realise that. I was second guessing myself all the time, I was questioning my sanity, I was a real mess. It took away the little self-confidence I had to begin with.

When you "wake up" from something like this you feel stupid to have fallen for it. I felt an overwhelming feeling of shame, disgust for myself, embarrassment for letting this happen to me. It affected my work, my relationship with my children and my family. By the end of it all I felt I could not be a counsellor anymore, how could I support others when I was sharing a bed, a life, a routine with a predator and I did not see it? As a counsellor I was too hard on myself thinking I should have known better.

It affected my self-esteem so badly that I even thought to myself, how stupid I was to think I could really be loved by someone like that? And that also had a knock on effect on my ability to work, how can I help others to build self-esteem if I feel I don't have any left?

When I decided to share my story with a few people that I know cared about me, the amount of understanding and love that came from them was like a medicine to heal what cannot be seen with the naked eyes. I then decided to call Women's Aid who were of immense support, a listening ear with no judgment and even a reassuring story of how someone that works on their team and are trained in abuse also fell for it. These stories of other people also falling for it started to show up into my life; whether the person I was talking to lived through something similar or someone knew someone who did. And listening to other's experience on this made me feel I was not alone, and even greater than that, I was not the fool I thought I was. It is indeed truth that no one is immune to it; no matter where you are from, what age, what gender you are... and even when you are trained in some degree to recognise it, it still can be ingeniously masked from you.

In fact I heard a few times how predators are even drawn to people in those professions (lawyer, family mediator, police officer, psychologist, domestic abuser support worker, and so on) as a way of masking their traits.

I consider writing this as being part of my process of healing and finding my voice, as well as a way of overpowering emotional and psychological abuse and hopefully helping others to also come forward.

I am sharing my story and using some, of many more examples to choose from, of what the abuse can look like, in the hope that it may share a light into someone's story, in the hope that it may help someone else to get help and rebuild themselves after going through this.

## **Perpetrator campaign for Euro's**

We are partnering with the Respect Phonenumber for a campaign aimed at perpetrators of domestic abuse that will tie in with the start of the Euro's football competition which starts in June.

We are linking with Libraries across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough who will display the campaign materials in public areas. Cambridge United Football Club have kindly agreed to display the posters and they will also appear on electronic boards in Peterborough.

If any newsletter readers are able to display the posters, particularly if you have any links with local football clubs/leagues please let Amanda know and she will forward the PDFs for you to print.



**DASV Team member nominated for staff award**



Beverley Jones, who is employed by Peterborough City Council to lead on DAHA accreditation, White Ribbon and improving links between organisations in Peterborough, has been nominated for a staff award.

This is what colleagues had to say about her:

*Beverley started working with the Domestic Abuse Team in October 2022, having worked at Peterborough City Council previously in different roles. Bev's job is to improve the response to Peterborough City Council customers who may be subjected to domestic abuse. Much of her work focussed on working with the comms team and the housing service, however, her work has touched all elements across the organisation. This included developing a domestic abuse policy, working with the Insite and web team to increase information and with Learning and Development ensure those working with the City Council know what to do when faced with domestic abuse.*

*Her work extends to community organisations, Peterborough Limited and specialist organisations. Bev was key in the delivery of the first Peterborough Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Conference, and the second, which is being held on 13th May and sold out within weeks.*

*Bev's commitment to this agenda is much appreciated, and both customers and staff will benefit from the improved responses and awareness. She's taken the role across all the councils departments, proactively been involved with internal and external stakeholders. Raising the messaging across the county. Having work become part of national training. She makes local work national and manages to make national campaigns feel very local (in the best way)*

We're thrilled that Beverley's hard work has been recognised.

## **Domestic Abuse and Higher Education Conference**

The Counselling and Wellbeing Service at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) are hosting a Domestic Abuse and Higher Education conference on June 18th 2024 (rebooked from original date of 10<sup>th</sup> April), and we invite any interested parties to join us on this day to listen to a range of internal speakers discussing ARU's work on supporting survivors of Domestic Abuse, and external speakers from across the sector. This event will be based on our Cambridge campus, and is open to staff, students, external professionals, and members of the public. The Domestic Abuse and Higher Education conference will also serve as the official launch of ARU's Domestic Abuse policy, that we're hoping will have a real impact on students and staff in our ARU community.

If you're able to join us, you can view further event details and get yourself booked in via [Domestic Abuse and Higher Education conference Tickets, Tue 18 Jun 2024 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)

## **Rape survivor counselling notes**

The government has accepted an amendment to the Victims and Prisoners Bill that will raise the legal threshold for when rape survivors' counselling notes can be requested by the police.

The amendment was tabled in the House of Lords by Baroness Bertin, following sustained campaigning by Rape Crisis England & Wales, Centre for Women's Justice, End Violence Against Women Coalition, and Rights of Women.

The government will now amend the Victims and Prisoners Bill, meaning there will be a change in the law that gives greater protection for survivors' counselling notes.

When a victim of rape reports the offence to the police, they are often put in the impossible position of being forced to choose between pursuing justice or healing from trauma, due to the likelihood of their private counselling notes being shared with the police, prosecutors, defence and the courtroom.

Because of this, many choose not to have counselling. Survivors who do continue with therapy ahead of a trial are often told they must not talk about what happened to them. Both scenarios leave many without vital, life-saving support at a time when it is needed most, frequently for several years.

## **Stalkerware Beware– Intrusive, Invasive, and Insidious**

**Stalkerware** is the term used for tools that enable someone to **covertly monitor someone else's private and personal life using their devices**. This is generally used on mobile devices and can, despite common misbeliefs, be **installed on iOS as well as Android systems**.

There are many apps available and are often **marketed as parental control** or monitoring software. These tools are extremely intrusive with features that allow for a frightening amount of information to be monitored including **location** information, **live listening to calls** and capturing activity on **messages** and other communication apps.

***Stalkerware is becoming easier to use and harder to detect.***

If you want to learn more about stalkerware you can **[listen to our podcast](#)** “in conversation with” **Martijn Grooten and Eva Galperin**, both members of the **Coalition Against Stalkerware**. You can find further information on the Coalition Against Stalkerware here:

**<https://stopstalkerware.org/>**

The Refuge Technology Facilitated Abuse Team can offer support to survivors experiencing concerns around their technology, including concerns of stalkerware. Support can be found by calling the **[National Domestic Abuse Helpline](#)** on **0808 2000 247** from a safe and secure device where possible, or by **[visiting our Tech Safety Website](#)**.

## **Project dIdI/ድልድል Annual Conference registration open**

**[Project dIdI/ድልድል Conference on Domestic Violence, Religion & Migration Tickets, Wed, Jun 19, 2024 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)**

Please note that the event will be only in-person and not online.

At the conference, we will be joined by the UK Domestic Abuse Commissioner, who will open the conference with a keynote. We have also confirmed the participation of Archbishop Angaelos of the Coptic Orthodox Church in London and Imam M.A. Hasan of Imams Against Domestic Abuse (IADA), both of whom are outspoken about violence against women and have a track record in actively promoting awareness around these issues in their respective communities. We are equally thrilled to have included presentations and practice-based workshops by numerous organisations and initiatives working at the forefront of domestic violence and faith, which we are not going to list here as they are too many and each unique in the work it does!

Please find the tentative **agenda** on our Annual Conference page: [Annual Conference 2024 - Project dldl/ድልድል](#) The agenda will be updated as we are still finalising some speakers and sessions, so please check again in a couple of weeks for the final version.

In the evening of the first day of the conference we shall also hold a **film screening** of our docudrama Tidar (Marriage). This will be followed by a reception that will end at 20:00 (times in BST). The film screening has a more limited capacity, so please only reserve a seat if you are positive that you can attend. We have opened the event to the public and we hope to accommodate as many people as possible outside of academia.

[Film Screening of Docudrama Tidar \(Marriage\) at SOAS University of London Tickets, Wed, Jun 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Please note that both events are free and open to all, but you must register to ensure availability of seats.

## Honour Based Abuse Training

As part of the Dahlia Project and a commitment from Peterborough Women's Aid to raise awareness about South Asian Victims of domestic abuse, PWA are facilitating training events focussing on Honour Based Abuse and Female Genital Mutilation. These events are free. The venue for the in-person event is Anne's House, 32-34 Cromwell Road, Peterborough, PE12EA.

A link for the online event will be sent to you after booking

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm online [TicketSource - Discover Great Events & Things To Do Near You](#)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June in person at 9.30am [TicketSource - Discover Great Events & Things To Do Near You](#)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June in person at 1pm [TicketSource - Discover Great Events & Things To Do Near You](#)

## New look for YMCA Trinity website

At YMCA Trinity Group, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our newly updated website, designed to enhance your experience, and provide you with comprehensive information about our services and mission.

With a steadfast belief that everyone deserves access to mental health services, we have dedicated over three decades to promoting positive mental wellbeing. Through our renowned mental health programmes, we have emerged as leaders in this field, committed to removing barriers to mental wellbeing and fostering a culture of positivity within communities.

Our services extend beyond geographical boundaries, reaching educational settings, businesses, community groups, families, and charities alike. Regardless of your background or affiliation, we can offer tailored support to meet your unique needs.

Our updated website serves as a comprehensive hub where you can explore our range of services, learn about our mission, and access valuable resources to support your mental wellbeing journey.

We invite you to visit our new [website](#) and discover how YMCA Trinity Group can support you or your setting in achieving positive mental health and wellbeing outcomes.

A reminder of what we do:

- Clinical Support – Counselling and therapy, mentoring and group work, reflective or clinical supervision and Mental Health Hubs.
- Mental Health Training – A range of core, enhanced and targeted workshops and courses, plus bespoke courses tailored to needs.
- Other wellbeing services include First aid, Health and wellbeing qualifications, gym membership, room hire, workplace wellbeing consultancy plus much more!

## **Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Conference – focusing on Neglect**

The conference will take place from 9:00 – 16:30 on the 1st of July 2024 at Delta Hotels by Marriott Huntingdon, Hinchingsbrooke Business Park, Kingfisher Way, Huntingdon, Pe29 6FL. Keynote will be delivered by Professor David Shemmings. There will be ample opportunity for discussion and networking.

This conference is intended for practitioners who work in Children's safeguarding. The conference is now open for registrations.

**The Conference is free but a charge of £75 will be made to those staff who book a place and do not attend.**

## **New dates for Ask Me Training**

Cambridge Women's Aid offers free, online training courses to members of the local community from all backgrounds and identities where they learn about domestic abuse, including its gendered nature, how to challenge the stereotypes surrounding it, and how to listen to, believe, and direct survivors to specialist support.

This is a fantastic opportunity from a leading specialist organization in the Domestic Abuse sector.

Anyone with a connection to Cambridge can attend the training and/or become part of the Ask Me Community, whether you have been personally affected by domestic abuse or whether you would like to learn more.

We deliver this training all year and the next available dates are :

**Group 5 - Tuesdays- 10 am - 12.30 pm**

14/05 Modules 1&2

21/05 Modules 3&4

28/05 Modules 5&6

**Group 6 - Thursdays - 6.30 pm - 8 pm**

13/06 Module 1

20/06 Module 2

27/06 Module 3

04/07 Module 4

11/07 Module 5

18/07 Module 6

If you'd like to sign up for more information please email [Ana@cambridgewa.org.uk](mailto:Ana@cambridgewa.org.uk)"

## **Consultation on Domestic Homicide Review Guidance**

The Home Office have launched the public consultation seeking views on an updated version of the Domestic Homicide Review Statutory Guidance.

The consultation will be open from 1st May – 1st July 2024 and can be accessed at the following link: [Updating the domestic homicide review statutory guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/consultation-on-domestic-homicide-review-statutory-guidance)

## **Peterborough Women's Aid AGM**

Peterborough Women's Aid are delighted to invite you to our Annual General Meeting. The event will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at the Husaini Islamic Centre, 2 Burton Road, Peterborough, PE15HD 11am-1pm.

To book your place please visit [Peterborough Women's Aid Annual General Meeting at Husaini Islamic Centre event tickets from TicketSource](#)

This year's theme is 'Celebrating Success'. Please join us to find out more about our amazing work over the last year.

## **DA-related suicide ‘on the increase’**

The latest Domestic Homicide Project report shows more domestic abuse victims are taking their own lives with 93 suspected cases in the year to March 2023 compared with 51 in the 12 months to March 2021 when data was first collected.

However, the study’s authors add the qualification that the increase is likely to be because of better awareness and identification by police forces rather than a rise in the such deaths, though an observable increase in domestic abuse-relate suicides cannot be ruled out.

Among the report’s recommendations are police forces should build awareness with partner organisations of the links between domestic abuse and suicide.

The Home Office-funded research project is led by the National Police Chiefs’ Council, whose domestic abuse lead assistant commissioner Louisa Rolfe said:

*“I am encouraged that forces are strengthening their approach to suspected victim suicides following domestic abuse. Perpetrators should always be held to account for their abhorrent actions, and this should be no different when a victim has sadly taken their own life.”*

## **Domestic Abuse and Suicide Resources**

Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA) have launched a series of practical resources to help professionals to better understand the link between domestic abuse and suicide, and to improve the response to suicide after domestic abuse.

You can access the report, policy briefs, a practitioner toolkit and a short animation at:

[Learning Legacies: An Analysis of Domestic Homicide Reviews in Cases of Domestic Abuse Suicide - AAFDA](#)

## Job vacancies at DHIVERSE

### Facilitator for Learning Disabilities RSE project (ABC Project) (Ref 02)

- 22.5 hours per week (3 days to be worked preferably Tues, Wed and Thurs and we will consider term time only)
- County wide but working mainly in Cambridge, South Cambs and Fenland
- Home and/or office based.
- Training in delivery of the programme will be provided.
- FTE salary is £22,500 p.a. which is £13,500 for 22.5 hours.
- A full driving licence and access to own transport are essential.

To apply please send your CV and a letter of interest outlining why you are interested in the role, what you could bring to it and how you meet the Person Specification to [enquiries@dhiverse.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@dhiverse.org.uk) no later than Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Please quote Ref 02.

Please note: We will not consider applications without a letter of interest.

### Facilitator for Harmful Sexual Behaviours RSE programme (SLIP Programme) (Ref 01)

- 22.5 hours per week (3 days to be worked preferably Tues, Wed and Thurs and we will consider term time only)
- County wide but working mainly in and around Peterborough.
- Home and/or office based.
- Training in delivery of the programme will be provided.
- FTE salary is £22,500 p.a. which is £13,500 for 22.5 hours.
- One-year fixed term.
- A full driving licence and access to own transport are essential.

To apply please send your CV and a letter of interest outlining why you are interested in the role, what you could bring to it and how you meet the Person Specification to [enquiries@dhiverse.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@dhiverse.org.uk) no later than Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Please quote Ref 01.

Please note: We will not consider applications without a letter of interest.

### Team Assistant & Volunteer Coordinator (Ref 03)

- 18 hours per week (to be worked over Tues, Wed and Thurs)
- Home and/or office based.
- FTE salary us £22,500 p.a. which is £10,800 for 18 hours.
- 18 months fixed term.
- A full driving licence and access to own transport are essential.

To apply please send your CV and a letter of interest outlining why you are interested in the role, what you could bring to it and how you meet the Person Specification to [enquiries@dhiverse.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@dhiverse.org.uk) no later than Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Please quote Ref 03.

Please note: We will not consider applications without a letter of interest.

To book a place, please use the Form LMS system by logging in to your account here:

<https://app.melearning.co.uk/auth/login> . If you do not already have a melearning account, you can create an account here: <https://app.melearning.co.uk/>

# CAMBRIDGESHIRE SHARED LIVES WEEK

#WEARESHAREDLIVES



You are invited to come and celebrate  
Shared Lives Week with Cambridgeshire  
Shared Lives.

Meet the team, other Shared Lives Carers  
and people using our service.  
Tea, coffee and cake provided.

**WEDNESDAY  
26TH JUNE  
2024  
11AM-12:30PM**

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## Calling all Smartphone users!

**Apples iOS 17.5 is expected to land on devices in May.** It will come with a host of updates, including **third-party tracking alerts**. We've seen incidents in recent years of smart tracking devices deployed by perpetrators of abuse to stalk their victims. It's been a point of concern for the VAWG sector for some time now. Since then, Apple and Google have been working to create a system where, **regardless of who manufactures your device, you'll get notified** if a tracking device not linked to your accounts is following you. The iOS 17.5 update brings this functionality to compatible apple devices, meaning you should be alerted if a device is traveling with you... even if that device isn't an Apple product.

It's worth noting that **if you have an older iPhone, you may not be getting the new iOS updates.** If you think this might be you, check online with Apple support. If your device won't be getting new updates, you might want to consider if your current phone is still working for you. Without these updates **you won't be getting vital security fixes, either.**

Android users aren't left out in terms of updates. **Google announced earlier this month that they're rolling out their updated 'find my device' application.** The roll out will start in the US and Canada and we can expect a staggered worldwide roll out to follow. You'll be able to use other Nest compatible smart devices (if you have them) to locate lost or misplaced devices, and even located compatible offline devices (Pixel 8 and Pixel 8 Pro).

Whilst the forgetful individuals among us might be glad for this update, **survivors of technology-facilitated abuse should be cautious.** We recognise that for women who are experiencing technology-facilitated abuse **having a mobile device that can be found, even when offline, could pose an additional risk.** If you're unsure if your accounts and devices are safe, or want to be able to signpost survivors to a space to check their online safety, you can find resources online at [refugetechsafety.org](https://refugetechsafety.org)

## Domestic Homicide Review - 'Emily'

The Domestic Homicide Review into the death of Emily, a 62yr old female, has been published on the Fenland District Council website. Emily was found deceased in February 2022, taken her own life, and a history of domestic related incidents involving Emily resulted in a DHR. Issues covered include support for LGBTQ+ victims, caring and mental health. The DHR report and executive summary can be found at

[Domestic Homicide Review - Fenland District Council](#)