



## Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Newsletter

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

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Hi All

The new Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Strategy for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough 2024-2027 has been ratified by the Partnership Board, you can find this at [Cambridgeshire County Council DASV Partnership - Strategic Documents \(cambsdasv.org.uk\)](https://cambsdasv.org.uk)

We've been working with the Parental Conflict Programme to develop a tool to help both practitioners and parents to identify domestic abuse. Domestic abuse and relationship conflict are very different (although can look similar) and it's important that victims of domestic abuse receive the right support. The new tool is on our website at: [Cambridgeshire County Council DASV Partnership - Parental Conflict \(cambsdasv.org.uk\)](https://cambsdasv.org.uk) and it's also on the public pages. Thanks to the women at The Meadows and Women Warriors who helped us to produce this document.

Over 90 Housing professionals will come together for a Domestic Abuse practice day in July, with a morning focusing on the impact of trauma on both those who have been subjected to domestic abuse and vicarious trauma of staff. This is the second year we have held this event and had to move venue due to demand!

In July we have The Dogs Trust and The Dahlia Project delivering sessions on their work supporting those subjected to domestic abuse – if you would like to join the sessions or become a DASV Champion, please get in touch.

Have a great month and get in touch if you need anything DASV related.

*Vickie & Julia*

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



## Changes to MARAC

From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 MARAC cases will be heard on different days for Peterborough and Cambridgeshire. The main purpose of this move is to make it easier for MARAC partners who only work across one of these areas to attend. This will initially be a pilot and will be reviewed by the MARAC Steering Group.

Tuesdays – Peterborough  
Wednesdays – Cambridgeshire  
Fridays - Cambridgeshire

This may mean that on occasion cases may take slightly longer to get to MARAC. This does not mean that agencies should wait for MARAC before ensuring appropriate safeguarding action has been taken. If the risk is so high that a case cannot wait to be heard, then a MARAC Plus should be considered.

ALL agendas will continue to be sent to all partners.

If you have any questions, please contact [idva.referrals@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:idva.referrals@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## Hourglass invite you to take the OATH Older Age, Tomorrow's Hope

Building a Safer Ageing Society is essential.

There are over two and a half million reasons why we should all take the **OATH**. Because that's how many older people suffer abuse, harm, neglect and exploitation every year.

Older people are victims of the same forms of abuse as all other age groups. This includes physical, sexual, domestic, economic and psychological abuse. Yet their voices are rarely heard. **OATH** is about creating a voice so loud that it cannot be ignored any longer.

Your signature makes that voice louder. Your signature shows you are prepared to have your voice heard.

**Taking the OATH shows you are prepared to help older victims of abuse when they need us most.**

[Take the OATH | Hourglass \(wearehourglass.org\)](https://wearehourglass.org)

**Peterborough Women's Aid AGM invite**

Peterborough Womens Aid would like to invite you to their Annual General Meeting. We would love you to come and celebrate our successes over the last year. Please join us at 11am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July at the Husaini Islamic Centre. Please reserve your place with the link below

[Peterborough Women's Aid Annual General Meeting at Husaini Islamic Centre event tickets from TicketSource](#)

## **Cambs Police start using DARA**

From 11<sup>th</sup> June, Cambridgeshire Constabulary began using the Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment (DARA) in four pilot areas. The DARA is a risk tool for frontline police practitioners responding to domestic abuse that was developed by the College of Policing in consultation with survivors, frontline police officers, voluntary and charity sector support services, and leading academics.

The DARA focuses on making it easier to identify coercive control and patterns of abuse so that responding officers can make better informed risk assessments. It also offers victims the opportunity to consider the impact of non violent abusive behaviours on their safety.

The DARA will be rolled out for use across the whole constabulary by October.

**Please note the DARA is for police use only – all other professionals will continue to use the DASH.**

## **Alcohol Awareness Week 2024 is just around the corner!**

This year's Alcohol Awareness Week, taking place from 1-7 July, is focused on the theme of 'Understanding alcohol harm'. We're so pleased to have so many of you join us once again.

Alcohol change have a range of free digital resources including:

- **Posters** to print and use.
- **Factsheets** about health risks associated with drinking, ways to cut down, and signposting to support.
- **Social media images and key messages** to share via Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

[Alcohol Awareness Week resources | Alcohol Change UK](#)

## White Ribbon Campaign Stall – Report and photograph provided by Louise Walker, Cambridge City Council Community Safety Team

A Cambridge City Council White Ribbon stall was held at the Abbey People’s Big Lunch on Sunday 9 June. It was a well organised outdoor community event with a friendly atmosphere bringing together residents for a range of intergenerational activities. The [White Ribbon campaign](#) aims to engage men in ending all forms of violence against women and girls.

The stall promoted the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership and Respect Phonenumber’s awareness campaign aimed at perpetrators of domestic abuse that ties in with the start of the 2024 UEFA European (Euros) Football Championship 14 June – 14 July. There was much support for the stall, including by the Deputy Mayor, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Ward Councillors, and [Cambridge United Foundation](#).

Kieran Wood, Youth Engagement Officer at Cambridge United Foundation, said:

“It was great to once again see the Abbey community come together for the annual Big Lunch, and for Cambridge United Foundation to continue to be a presence with our inflatable penalty shoot-out. As a White Ribbon Ambassador, it was brilliant to be able to partner with the Cambridge City Council Community Safety Team in promoting this campaign and raising awareness of the issues around Violence Against Women and Girls, especially in light of our Pledge United Programme. We are grateful for the support of the City Council in helping us plan to run this programme for the next academic year, taking these messages into Secondary Schools within the city!”



Pictured from left: Louise Walker (Cambridge City Council Community Safety Team) with Cambridge United Foundation Tim Walker (Head of Foundation), Kieran Wood (Youth Engagement Officer), and Simon Wall (Community Engagement Manager).

## Free briefing on responding to the RSHE draft guidance from the DfE

On 16 May, the DfE published reviewed draft requirements for Relationships Education (Primary), Relationships and Sex Education (Secondary) and Health Education. These can be accessed here: [Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education guidance](#)

The consultation is open for 9 weeks and the **deadline for responses is 11 July 2024.**

The Kite Trust is offering an online briefing and Q&A about the proposed new requirements, with a specific focus on:

- proposals relating to gender identity and sexual orientation
- implications of the proposals for LGBTQ+ children and young people
- suggestions for how you can respond as parents/carers
- support to respond for professionals (other than school-based teachers) working with children and young people

If you are a parent/carers or professional and interested in what this guidance proposes and how you can respond, sign up to the briefing below.

**When:** Wednesday 26th June 2024, 3:45-4:45pm

**Where:** Online (Zoom)

[Sign up here](#)

## Report provided by Chloe Newell, Cambridge City Council Community Problem Solving Co-ordinator

A multi-agency approach has been adopted to create a new poster resource for retail staff, highlighting examples of sexual harassment and predatory behaviour and what support is available if someone is subject to these behaviours.

The need for such resource was highlighted following a number of incidents in Cambridge City Centre, predominantly young female shop workers being targeted in their workplace by older males displaying sexualised and/or predatory behaviours.

It was felt that many of the individuals that had been subject to these behaviours were unaware they could engage with support following these incidents, or report these incidents to agencies such as the Police.

Agencies involved hope this poster resource highlights that these behaviours do not have to be tolerated and are indeed a form of sexual harassment.

**Customer's always right? WRONG!**  
**If they are...**

staring at you for too long    making personal or sexual comments    touching you or standing too close...

**You don't have to put up with sexual harassment.**

**Call it out.**  
If you feel safe to, it's OK to tell them their behaviour is making you uncomfortable. Or to tell a manager or colleague who can support you.

**Call it in.**  
If someone has been sexually inappropriate towards you, you can talk to Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre. You can also report incidents to the police. Logging incidents can help identify customers who behave inappropriately, including in other businesses.

101, or 999 in an emergency

Find out more about inappropriate behaviour

Get support from Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre

Report rape, sexual assault and other sexual offences

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## **CPSL Mind Sanctuaries and Discharge Buddy Service**

The Discharge Buddy Service offers short-term support, over a four to six week period, to individuals after discharge from crisis services. It provides structured social, emotional and practical support that focuses on an individual's strengths to help recovery, improve wellbeing and prevent future mental health crises.

Referrals into the service are via the crisis care pathway and mental health community teams, primarily the Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment Team (CRHTT) and acute in-patient wards.

The Discharge Buddy Service is designed for individuals aged 18+ who are experiencing a mental health crisis and require additional support being put in place with Locality Teams and/or family carers.

CPSL Mind also run The Sanctuary service - with bases in Cambridge and Peterborough - that provide a safe, warm and welcoming environment. Visitors will receive practical and emotional support from friendly, multi-skilled staff without judgement. Sanctuaries are open between 6pm and 1am for face-to-face support every day, all year round. Telephone support is also available between 11am and 5pm during weekdays

If you're experiencing emotional or mental health distress, please contact the NHS First Response Service by calling **111** and selecting the mental health option.

For more information visit [Mental Health Crisis Support | CPSL Mind](#).

### **Film showing to mark Day of Memory**

Partners in Peterborough who form the DA Forum in the city, are marking Karma Nirvana's Day of Memory slightly later this year, with the showing of Provoked, the 2007 film that is loosely based on the case of Kiranjit Ahluwalia. The real-life case resulted in Regina V Ahluwalia which redefined "provocation" in cases of abused women in the UK.

The showing will be at John Clare Theatre in Peterborough on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at noon. The theatre is small so please reserve your seat by emailing [John.Robinson@pcvs.co.uk](mailto:John.Robinson@pcvs.co.uk) . There will be staff from several agencies present should the film content trigger difficult to self-manage responses in any of our guests.

With thanks to Gateway Film Festival Cine-Sister CIC.

## World Elder Abuse Day marked at Peterborough City Hospital

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was marked at Peterborough Hospital with information stands from local services. Hourglass (Safer Ageing) were sharing information on abuse of older people and Peterborough Women's Aid BUnited Project were there to highlight the support they offer to male victims of domestic abuse.



## Job Vacancy - Family Respect Manager

The Family Respect project delivered by YMCA Trinity Group is part of a larger domestic abuse program across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire. Its aim is to provide support to families and children in need, with particular focus on working with children who display abusive behaviours towards their parents, carers, and other family members.

We are looking for someone who is up for the challenge, who is compassionate but confident, who can work under pressure and is self-motivated and become a key member of the team.

You will be managing the Family Respect Project, delivering a range of Individual & Group interventions, designed to address/reduce risk of youth domestic abuse Providing support to the Programme Manager, to help ensure the smooth operational running of the service in line with project and organisation policy and procedure.

For more information, please visit [Family Respect Project Manager - YMCA Trinity Group](#)



## Think before you share campaign

A new nation-wide [campaign](#) launched on 17th June that aims to help open a dialogue between parents and teens amid warnings the sharing and soliciting of nudes is becoming “normalised” among young people.

The campaign, called *‘Think before you share’*, also warns young people about the pitfalls of sharing their own and others’ explicit images. These images and videos can quickly get out of hand and can even end up being shared by strangers on dedicated child sexual abuse websites.

The campaign which has been launched by the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and supported by new research from the International Policing and Public Protection Research Institute (IPPPRI - formerly PIER – Policing Institute for the Eastern Region), will help young people, parents, and teachers to “talk about it”.

The research warns that the taking and sharing of nudes has become normalised among young people in schools, and that in some cases groups of pupils, mainly boys, are engaging in a “football card collection culture” of nudes of their female peers.

The IWF’s campaign will help young people understand the issues and warn of the harm that can come from this imagery being shared. It will also offer help for parents in broaching this difficult topic, and assistance for anyone having imagery used against them in a range of situations, including sexually coerced extortion, or sextortion, attacks.

The IWF, which is the UK’s front line against online child sexual abuse imagery, is launching the campaign in response to increasing proliferation of imagery which has been captured on a device by the child or young person themselves.

Most of this so-called self-generated child sexual abuse imagery discovered by the IWF features girls aged 11 to 13.

The campaign’s messaging was developed alongside staff, pupils, and parents.