



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

**October 2019**

There has been no slowdown in awareness raising of domestic abuse over the last few weeks, with the Domestic Abuse Bill getting its second reading in Parliament during which MP Rosie Duffield shared her own story of being in an abusive relationship. If you haven't yet seen her moving personal account, you can see it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWvYVHiXqSg>

We had some great interactive sessions at our October DASV Champions sessions with Stephanie Orr from Surviving Economic Abuse and we now have a new section on our website highlighting support available to victims of economic and financial abuse [https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/economic\\_abuse/424212](https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/economic_abuse/424212)

I'd also like to highlight that 25<sup>th</sup> November is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women & Girls and also White Ribbon Day – we are running stalls at a number of events and will be sharing messages across social media so please like and share to help us raise the profile both locally and nationally.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and please do share any news from your service with us that we can include in future newsletters.

**Julia Cullum**  
**Partnership Manager**



**New DA Elearning Module**

Our Domestic Abuse Elearning module has been updated and is now live. The revised course includes a number of new sections along with the most recent national and local data around domestic violence and abuse.

The module is at Level 1 (Basic Awareness) and is free to access via our website at the link below:

[https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/domestic\\_abuse\\_awareness/92618](https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/domestic_abuse_awareness/92618)

## **No Woman Turned Away?**

Women's Aid have launched [a report](#) on the third year of the No Woman Turned Away project, highlighting the realities of survivor's journeys to refuge and safety when facing significant barriers to accessing services and accommodation.

Key points from the report include:

- Almost half (44%) of women who were supported by NWTa sofa-surfed with friends, family or strangers while waiting for a refuge place. For some women this led to additional abuse from the host.
- 22 women slept rough while waiting for a refuge space (7.1% of women supported). 5 women had children with them and 1 woman was pregnant.
- While waiting for a refuge space almost 1/5 of survivors (19.1%) experienced further abuse from the original perpetrator.
- Of the 309 women who were supported by the NWTa project, 46.9% contacted a local authority housing team. At least 49 women (33.8%) were prevented from making a valid homelessness application. Reasons given for this included housing teams ignoring guidance on local connection rules, suggestions by staff to return to the perpetrator instead, and recommendations to call the National Domestic Violence Helpline.
- Of women supported by NWTa, 22.3% were eventually accommodated in a suitable refuge space. 22 women (7.1%) gave up searching and stayed with the perpetrator, and 8 women (2.6%) returned to the perpetrator.
- Finding a refuge space was harder for women with multiple support needs: only 18.3% of women with 2 support needs found a suitable refuge space compared to 27.4% of women with one support need. Only 11.7% of women with NRPF were accommodated in a suitable refuge.

The report also includes artwork produced by 17 survivors as the researchers recognised that it's difficult for survivors to express everything they want to express in interviews.

## **Free resources for Schools**

Safe Lives are doing some work with the Being Mankind organisation who run an education programme aimed at boys, which covers relationships. Being Mankind says that 'gender stereotypes create expectations that not only damage those who are burdened by them, but they also cause harm to the people around them too. We want to provide positive male role models for young boys so that they can learn to build healthy relationships with those around them'. Free resources are available to schools who can sign up at <https://beingmankind.org/>

## **Paper published focusing on IPV, substance use and partner interviews**

The paper asks What Role Does Substance Use Play in Intimate Partner Violence? and includes a Narrative Analysis of In-Depth Interviews With Men in Substance Use Treatment and Their Current or Former Female Partner.

Few studies have examined intimate partner violence (IPV) in relationships where one or both partners are in treatment for substance use, from the perspectives of both members of a couple. This study used thematic and narrative analysis of the accounts of 14 men recruited from substance use services and 14 women who were their current or former intimate partners. Separate researchers interviewed men and women from the same pair. The psychopharmacological effects of substance use (including intoxication, craving, and withdrawal) were rarely the only explanation offered for IPV. Violence was reported to be primed and entangled with sexual jealousy, with perceptions of female impropriety and with women's opposition to male authority. Both partners reported adversities and psychological vulnerabilities that they considered relevant to conflict and abuse. Male participants were more likely to describe IPV as uncharacteristic isolated events that arose from specific disputes—either aggravated by intoxication or withdrawal or about substance use and its resourcing—whereas women described enduring patterns of abusive behaviour often linked to intoxication, craving, withdrawal, and to disputes linked to raising funds for substances. In relationships where both partners used substances, men described the need to protect their partners from addiction and from unscrupulous others while women described highly controlling behaviour. In relationships where women were not dependent substance users, they reported the combined effects of psychological and financial abuse often linked to recurring patterns of substance use and relapse. These findings highlight the challenges faced by practitioners working with male perpetrators who use substances as well as the need of those working with women who have been abused to engage with the ways in which hesitance to leave male abusers can be complicated by shared drug dependency.

You can access the article [here](#)

YMCA Trinity will be delivering another Break4Change Holding Intervention which will be running in **Peterborough in January 2020**, followed by **Huntingdon in February 2020**

Below are some of the characteristics of child/adolescent to parent violence to help recognise some of the signs:

A young person (11 – 17yrs) could be:

- Controlling in the home environment where parents are having to modify their own behaviour through fear of consequences
- Being violent or aggressive towards the parent/carer, using weapons
- Putting the parent or carer down/name calling
- Missing from home as a use of control/not attending school
- Making threats/unreasonable demands with consequences
- Hurting siblings either physically or emotionally
- Demanding/stealing money
- Any behaviour used by a young person to **control, dominate or coerce** parents/carers. It is intended to threaten and intimidate and puts family safety at risk

We have some families where there is violence at a high level, some low and some where there is no physical violence however there is a high level of coercive control. Some young people have diagnosis for ADHD, ASD, ODD, however we can still work with them as long as they are able to comprehend choice.

The next 6 week programme will start on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January (Peterborough) and 27<sup>th</sup> February (Huntingdon)** between the hours of **6pm – 8pm**. This programme is for all families across the whole of Cambridgeshire to join. Young people and parents/carers groups work in parallel, however in separate rooms.

Once referrals have been submitted, we will make home visits and carry out assessments where professionals will be kept in the loop. For a referral form please contact [clare.taylor@ymcatrinity.org.uk](mailto:clare.taylor@ymcatrinity.org.uk) or [melanie.khan@ymcatrinity.org.uk](mailto:melanie.khan@ymcatrinity.org.uk)

## DA code of practice in banking reaches 1 year milestone

A year ago as a result of campaigning work an important domestic abuse code of practice for the banking industry was launched – the code celebrated its year anniversary this week and announced that 18 major banks have now signed up to the initiative.

Sandra Horley CBE, Chief Executive of national domestic abuse charity Refuge said: "Economic abuse is real. One in five adults have experienced economic abuse from a current or former partner, and the Financial Abuse Code of Practice is an important step towards taking real action to address economic abuse. The Code helps the finance industry to spot the signs of financial abuse and to support their customers who are experiencing it. "Refuge supports more than 6,500 survivors of domestic abuse on any given day. Of the many thousands of women Refuge supported last year who disclosed that they had experienced domestic abuse, half said that their partner controlled all of the household finances. Hundreds of women reported that they have been forced into taking out debt in their own name, which was controlled and spent by their perpetrator."

See link here to the coverage <https://www.mirror.co.uk/money/woman-saved-financial-abuse-following-20585487>

## Latest CPS VAWG Data Performance Report 19-20

### 1. Domestic Abuse

	Q4 18/19			Q1 19/20		
	Successful	Cases	Conv rate	Successful	No. Of Cases	Conv rate
<b>National</b>	<b>14157</b>	<b>18342</b>	<b>77.2%</b>	<b>11833</b>	<b>15247</b>	<b>77.6%</b>
<b>East of England</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>1220</b>	<b>75.6%</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>1088</b>	<b>76.9%</b>
<b>Rasso</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>60.0%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>73.3%</b>
<b>Cambridgeshire Police</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>68.8%</b>
Magistrates Court	133	177	75.1%	122	178	68.5%
Crown Court	17	23	73.9%	19	27	70.4%
<b>Essex Police</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>75.6%</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>79.3%</b>
Magistrates Court	395	506	78.1%	369	459	80.4%
Crown Court	55	89	61.8%	54	74	73.0%
<b>Norfolk Police</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>76.5%</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>75.0%</b>
Magistrates Court	165	216	76.4%	146	196	74.5%
Crown Court	17	22	77.3%	16	19	84.2%
<b>Suffolk Police</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>80.7%</b>
Magistrates Court	122	165	73.9%	158	195	81.0%
Crown Court	22	27	81.5%	11	15	73.3%

The East of England as a whole has increased its performance during the last quarter from 75.6% to 76.9% in Q1, with an increase in conviction rates in Essex and Suffolk. Norfolk had a slight drop in convictions (20 Less cases and convictions) to drop 1.5%. Cambridgeshire dropped from 75% at the end of Q4 to 68.8% at the end of Q1.

## 2. Sexual Offences Convictions

Q4 2018-19

Q1 2019-20

Successful Volume Conv rate Successful Volume Conv rate

<b>National</b>	<b>2046</b>	<b>2434</b>	<b>84.1%</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>1056</b>	<b>87.9%</b>
<b>East of England</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>87.4%</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>89.3%</b>
<b>Rasso</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>82.1%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>72.2%</b>
<b>Cambridgeshire Police</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>88.6%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>90.5%</b>
Magistrates Court	21	22	95.5%	7	8	87.5%
Crown Court	10	13	76.9%	12	13	92.3%
<b>Essex Police</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>87.5%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>90.4%</b>
Magistrates Court	22	24	91.7%	20	21	95.2%
Crown Court	27	32	84.4%	27	31	87.1%
<b>Norfolk Police</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>89.4%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>94.1%</b>
Magistrates Court	19	21	90.5%	5	5	100.0%
Crown Court	23	26	88.5%	11	12	91.7%
<b>Suffolk Police</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>81.8%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>84.4%</b>
Magistrates Court	7	8	87.5%	12	12	100.0%
Crown Court	11	14	78.6%	15	20	75.0%

East of England achieved a 95.7% conviction rate in Sexual Offences convictions in Q1 which is considerably higher than the national average of 87.9% and an improvement from 87.4% in Q4. Increases in performance were seen across the board in Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk.

## 3. Rape Convictions

Q4 18/19

Q1 19/20

Successful Volume Conv rate Successful Volume Conv rate

<b>National</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>64.0%</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>67.3%</b>
<b>East of England</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>56.0%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>73.9%</b>
<b>RASSO</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>63.2%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>75.0%</b>
<b>Cambridgeshire Police</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50.0%</b>
<b>Essex Police</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>45.5%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>81.8%</b>
<b>Norfolk Police</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>66.7%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Suffolk Police</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>60.0%</b>

Nationally the volume of rape cases has decreased over the last quarter from 561 at the end of Q4 to 413 at the end of Q1. In the East of England there was also a decrease but the conviction rates rose from 56% in Q4 to 73.9% in Q1. RASSO conviction rates rose from 63.2% to 75%, Essex conviction rates rose from 45.5% to 81.8% (on the same volume of cases), Norfolk conviction rates rose from 66.7% to 100% (also on the same number of cases) and Suffolk conviction rates rose from 50% to 60%. Cambridgeshire convictions did decrease slightly from 75% to 50% but looking at the volumes that is down to one less case resulting in a conviction.



Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Partnership will be at a number of events during November to highlight the [White Ribbon Campaign](#), the [International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls](#) and local support available to survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

5<sup>th</sup> November – stall at the Military Covenant Conference

8th November - stall at the Cambridgeshire Town & Parish Council Conference

19<sup>th</sup> November– International Men’s Day – Cambridge 105 radio feature

21<sup>st</sup> November - Stall at the Education Safeguarding Domestic Abuse Conference

13<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November – White Ribbon awareness at Cambridge Jazz Festival

25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – White Ribbon Day and International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls – look out for our posts on social media

25<sup>th</sup> November is also the start of the [16 Days of Action](#) against Domestic Abuse campaign



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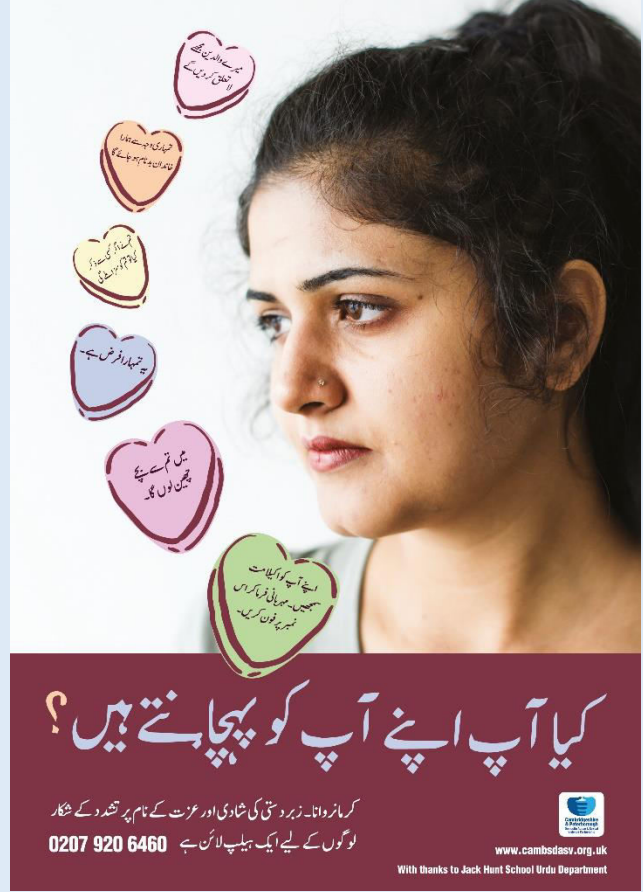


## New posters in Urdu and Arabic

We have been working with national organisation IKWRO to create a domestic abuse poster in Arabic featuring the IKWRO helpline number – the poster can be downloaded from our website or we can send you some hard copies.

We've also been supported by colleagues in Peterborough City Council and the Urdu Department of Jack Hunt School to create a poster in Urdu. Again, the poster is available from our website or we can post you some.

[https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/posters\\_1/397372](https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/posters_1/397372)





# *Moving On Group*

Thursday mornings 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

31<sup>st</sup> October 2019

7<sup>th</sup> November 2019

14<sup>th</sup> November 2019

21<sup>st</sup> November 2019

28<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Tyesdale Community Centre, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 9XZ

For Women aged 18+ who are survivors of abuse

- |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| • Building confidence | Learning new skills   |
| • Raising self esteem | Encouraging self-care |
| • Promoting wellbeing | New experiences       |

By ISVA, PWA, Refuge Outreach, IDVA and PRCCG therapeutic referrals only.

Please send a completed referral form to [joanne@prccg.org.uk](mailto:joanne@prccg.org.uk)

# FLEXIBLE FUNDING

Cambridgeshire, September 2019

## SINCE ITS LAUNCH,

Flexible funding has received

**59 REFERRALS**

and has awarded funding to

**50 CLIENTS**

And 77 dependent children



The scheme has awarded:



**£27,770.79** in total



An average of **£555.42**  
per referral

Ranging from

**£120**

to



**£1,669**

## We've paid for:



Rental deposits, to  
enable survivors to  
move quickly

Rent, utility and council  
tax arrears to be  
cleared



Moving costs,  
including van rental  
and storage



Home essentials,  
including furniture and  
white goods



And other needs...

## Support workers and their clients say that the funding has:

*made an invaluable  
difference to our  
lives*

*improved her (client's)  
mental health*

*[done] an amazing job. It's times like this, when you know you're  
making a difference to someone's life, that it makes me proud to be an  
IDVA*

## FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FLEXIBLE FUNDING

By emailing [v.crompton@standingtogether.org.uk](mailto:v.crompton@standingtogether.org.uk)

Referrals are open to Cambridge Women's Aid, Refuge in  
Cambridgeshire, and Cambridgeshire's IDVA service

# Domestic Abuse

## Cambridgeshire Police Recorded Crime and Incidents



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### Domestic Abuse-Related Crimes and Incidents Cambridgeshire: 2014/15 - 2018/19

Total Yearly Police Recorded Domestic Abuse-Related Crimes and Incidents\*



\*Incidents refer to all recorded reports to police

The number of crimes reported increased by 84% between 14/15-18/19, whilst incidents only increased by 16%, indicating that the rise in offences is linked to higher levels of reporting and improvements in crime recording.

Domestic Abuse Crime Rate\*

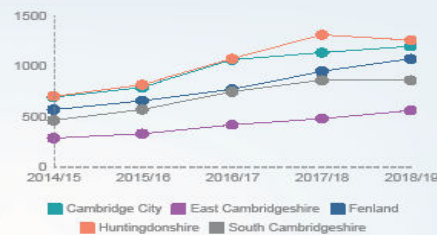
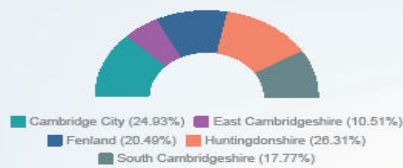


\*All crimes marked with a domestic abuse flag per 1,000 population

The rate of domestic abuse-related crime in Cambridgeshire increased from 4.2 to 7.6 between 2014/15-2018/19. During the same time period the national prevalence rate\* remained stable at 6.1%.

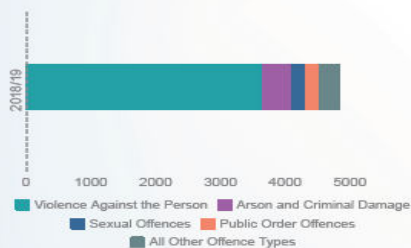
\*Crime Survey for England and Wales - percentage of adults 16-59 who experienced domestic abuse in the previous year

### Domestic Abuse-Related Crimes by District (2014/15 - 2018/19)



### 2018-2019 Domestic Abuse-Related Crimes - Cambridgeshire

Crime Type



Crime Sub-Type of Violence Against the Person Offences



### Domestic Homicides (2009-2018) - Cambridgeshire



Victim - Suspect Relationship



### Domestic Homicides (2014-2017) - National

Nationally between 2014/15 and 2016/17 just 71% of domestic homicides were committed by a partner or ex-partner with 29% committed by a family member.