

WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

NEWSLETTER

15th February 2010

WELCOME to the latest edition of the Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse newsletter. We hope you find the information and articles useful and informative.

If you have anything you would like us to include in a future edition please contact me directly on 01926 412016, or email helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Please forward this newsletter onto any colleagues you think may wish to receive it, or contact me with names and email addresses of anyone to be added to the circulation list. This newsletter is also available to download from the "Professionals" page of www.talk2someone.org.uk.

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NEWS & JOBS

Can you spare a minute to help Swanswell win the 'HubCapp Most Useful Project Award 2010'?

Swanswell has three projects in the running and the public vote is now open. Entry details can be found at the links below. You can vote for up to three projects so please make ours your projects of choice. **In particular the Domestic Abuse Project!!!! Also if you think that any of your colleagues may be interested please forward the message on.**

To vote simply click 'Vote' at the links below:

[Hospital Liaison](#)

[Netmums](#)

[Domestic Abuse](#)

Thanks for taking the time to vote, we appreciate your support.

For further information about the Domestic Abuse and Alcohol Project please contact Jo Woods on telephone 02476 385688 or email: joanne.woods@swanswell.org

The Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (Commencement No. 13) Order 2010

THURS 04/02/2010 - This Order brings into force on 1 February 2010 sections 48 to 53 and the remaining provisions of section 54 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (c. 28), and Schedule 9 to that Act.

Those provisions require the Secretary of State to appoint a Commissioner for Victims and Witnesses, provide for the functions of the Commissioner, and make related provision. Some of those provisions were amended by section 142 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (c. 25) immediately before their coming into force by virtue of this Order.

The functions of the Commissioner include: promoting the interests of victims and witnesses; taking such steps as the Commissioner considers appropriate with a view to encouraging good practice in the treatment of victims and witnesses; giving advice in certain circumstances and keeping under review the operation of the code of practice for victims issued by the Secretary of State under section 32 of the 2004 Act.

The Ministry of Justice has announced a review of the family justice system in England and Wales

Further information: [Family Justice Review: terms of reference](#)

An expert panel will examine reform of the current family justice system in England and Wales so that it better supports children and parents under a wide-ranging review announced by the Ministry of Justice.

The review will look at the best methods for avoiding confrontational court hearings, and encouraging the use of mediation to deliver fairer and less acrimonious settlements that place the needs and interests of children at the heart of the system.

New Debt Support for Families affected by VAW

Organisation: UK Insolvency Helpline Debt Advice Service

Details: the new debt advice unit is designed to increase the capacity of staff working with families around issues of financial welfare where there has been violence in the home. The advice provided is designed to increase skills and confidence with money matters so that families can survive. The service is free and open to all women and families affected by domestic violence. The service is being funded by contributions from lenders, including banks and building societies and the credit industry.

0800 074 6918 - Opening Hours: Monday to Sunday 9am -9pm For more information visit:
<http://www.insolvencyhelpline.co.uk/>

Helena Bonham Carter launches Valentine's Day Domestic Violence campaign

Refuge, national domestic violence charity, is launching a new campaign to educate women about some of the signs of abuse.

Research shows that many women aren't aware of the ways in which abusive men control their partners. Yet understanding the signs earlier could help save them from a lifetime of abuse, or even death. It is a shocking fact that 12 women a week in this country die as a result of domestic violence*.

The campaign, which launches today (10th February, 2010) in time for Valentine's Day, will ask women to think about whether their partner's behaviour is caring or controlling.

For further details of the campaign please use the link below:

<http://www.talk2someone.org.uk/professional/news-press-releases/helena-bonham-carter-launches-valentines-day/edit>

Domestic Abuse Counselling Service Vacancy

Post: Counsellor

Hours: 16hrs per week Mon- Fri (Suitable for Job share)

Hourly Rate: £10.00

Description

Must have extensive counselling experience.

Duties to include one to one counselling therapy to perpetrators of abuse from our head office in Nuneaton and outreach offices throughout Warwickshire

Please Note CRB check necessary

This position is funded by the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund Registered Charity No 1125103

How to Apply

Post CV : FAO. Kate Farmer DACS, 72 High Street, Nuneaton, Warwickshire. CV11 5DA

Email CV to: kate.farmer@dacs.service.org.uk

Phone for application pack: 0845 00 44 075

Closing Date for applications: Friday 5th March 2010

FUNDING

BBC Children in Need Grants

Organisation: Children in Need

Deadline: 15 April (and 15 July, 15 October)

Details: Children in Need distributes the funds raised each year as grants to organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. Grants are aimed at helping those who are affected by: illness, distress, abuse or neglect.

For more information visit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/>

Funding to assist young victims of domestic and sexual abuse

Organisation: **Comic Relief**

Deadline: 21 May 2010

Details: this programme aims to provide support for young people aged 11-25 who have witnessed or directly experienced domestic and sexual abuse. The Funders criteria includes:

- young people who have grown up in homes where they witness violence and harm
- young people directly affected by abuse caused by a family member, by an outsider such as a stranger or family friend

There are two strands to the open programme:

- Crisis Support
- Young Voices

Comic Relief is especially keen to encourage applications for work with young people from black and minority ethnic communities as well as hard to reach groups of survivors such as young people excluded from school and young people at risk of homelessness.

For more information visit: http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/abuse

PUBLICATIONS

Tackling Violence against Women and Girls: a guide to good practice communication

Organisation: Government Equalities Office

Date: January 2010

Details: the Government Equalities Office has developed a communications guidance and toolkit: Tackling Violence against Women and Girls: a guide to good practice communication, in order to support and inform government communication in the area of violence against women and girls.

Available at: http://www.equalities.gov.uk/news/vaw_guidance.aspx

Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2008/09 (Supplementary Volume 2 to Crime in England and Wales 2008/09).

The Home Office has published the latest homicide statistics, Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2008/09 (Supplementary Volume 2 to Crime in England and Wales 2008/09).

The report features specific sections on intimate partner violence and domestic homicides.

Further information:

[Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2008/09 - Supplementary Volume 2 to Crime in England and Wales 2008/09](#)

Violence against Women crime report

Organisation: the Crown Prosecution Service

Date: 2008 - 2009

Details: this is the second Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) annual Violence against Women (VAW) performance report, and covers the following strands of Violence against Women for 2008-09: domestic violence; forced marriage; 'honour' based violence; female genital mutilation; rape and sexual offences; human trafficking; prostitution; child abuse; and pornography.

Available at: <http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/equality/vaw/index.html>

Men who buy sex: who they buy and what they know

Organisation: Eaves

Date: December 2009

Details: a research study of 103 men who describe their use of trafficked and nontrafficked women in prostitution, and their awareness of coercion and violence.

Available at:

http://www.eaves4women.co.uk/Documents/Recent_Reports/Men%20Who%20Buy%20Sex.pdf

CONSULTATIONS

Sex and Relationships Education Guidance

The DCSF have launched a consultation **on sex and relationships education (SRE) guidance for schools**. Deadline for responses is 19 April 2010.

Source: [Department for Children Schools and Families \(DCSF\) press release](#) 25 January 2010

Further information:

[Consultation: Sex and Relationships Education Guidance](#) 25 January 2010

Mainstreaming the Commissioning of Local Services to Address Violence Against Women and Girls

Organisation: the Home Office

Deadline: 15 March 2010

Details: this consultation seeks views on draft guidance to help local commissioners develop the best approach to commissioning services to prevent violence against women and girls, protect victims and potential victims and provide services to victims and perpetrators in local areas.

For more information visit: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/cons-2009-mainstreaming/index.html>

RESOURCES

Leaving - new DV resource from Social Film Drama

Organisation: Social Film Drama

Date: 2009

Details: award winning film 'Leaving' is now available to purchase through a series of license packs. Leaving, tells the story of one woman's attempt to escape an abusive relationship. Starring BAFTA nominated actress Kierston Wareing, the film has received numerous awards and has had screenings across the world. The licensed pack is available from £100.00 per year, and gives both individuals and organisations the right to view and use the film for screening and training purposes. All proceeds from sale of licenses goes into further development of training and awareness raising material including the development of a feature length drama.

For more information on Leaving and the license packs, please contact Darren Finch at Social Film Drama on 0117 954 7170

or email darren.finch@socialfilmdrama.com

For further information visit the <http://www.socialfilmdrama.com/licensingpacks/leaving-licensing-pack/>

Teenage Relationship Violence - Home Office Campaign Feb - March 2010

On November 25th 2009, the Government published a ten year strategy to end Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). A national Home Office consultation (more than 5,000 respondents) has helped to shape the strategy and through this, many respondents requested a national attitude changing campaign. As a first step towards this aim the Home Office is planning a Teenage partner violence campaign to challenge the attitudes of teenagers towards violence in relationships.

Home Office consultation and other research shows that young people have surprisingly tolerant views on the acceptability of violence in relationships and that violence is shockingly prevalent in teenage relationships. These views, whilst worrying, are potentially less entrenched and there may still be time to influence teenagers. Evidence also shows that coercive and controlling behaviour is more likely to escalate into violence and lead to repeat instances of violence, so it is important to try to break this pattern before our girls become repeat victims and our boys repeat offenders.

Communications objective of campaign

To challenge perceptions of teenage boys and girls that violence in relationships is acceptable.

By: 'De-normalising' violent and abusive behaviour in a relationship.

Showing teenage **girls** that they do not have to tolerate violence in a relationship.

Showing teenage **boys** violence against their girlfriends (or their friends girlfriends) is unacceptable.

Parents and carers:

To raise awareness of the issue of teen partner violence.

To encourage them to try and talk to their teenagers about their relationships and help them to understand that they do not have to tolerate violent, controlling or abusive behaviour or what the consequences of such behaviour are.

All advertisements and messages have been tested with teenagers, key Home Office partners and 3rd sector agencies using an independent qualitative research agency, to ensure that they empower the audience and convey the intended message.

Timings

The Teenage Violence Campaign launches on the 15th February 2010 and will run for four weeks.

Campaign Materials

New materials for this campaign including leaflets for parents will be available to order by partners to use and distribute from the Home Office Crime Reduction catalogue. www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/publicity_catalogue

For further information/queries

For further information regarding the campaign please contact Sylvia Rosochowicz Sylvia.rosochowicz@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk or 0207 035 3920.

EVENTS

Further details for any of the events below, plus the full listing of events can be found at

<http://www.talk2someone.org.uk/professional/events-training>

To add your events to this webpage please send all details to helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk

MARCH

WSCB Level 2 Domestic Abuse and Child Protection: Exploring links between Domestic Violence and harm to children 18th March, Bulkington ([Click here for further details](#))

Improving Your Working Relationships with Service Users through Counselling Techniques 22nd March, London ([Click here for further details](#))

APRIL

WSCB Level 1: Raising awareness of Domestic Abuse and its impact on children 19th April, Warwick ([Click here for further details](#))

JUNE

WSCB Level 2 Domestic Abuse and Child Protection: Exploring links between Domestic Violence and harm to children 22nd June, Leamington Spa ([Click here for further details](#))