

WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

NEWSLETTER

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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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Empowering Women Awards

Avon and Women's Aid have come together to create the Empowering Women Awards as a platform to celebrate the amazing achievements and incredible bravery of women who have either been affected by domestic violence themselves, or who are working tirelessly in the field to support those who have experienced abuse.

The Awards aim to empower women by recognising their achievements, and are open to inspirational women from all walks of life who are affected by domestic abuse.

The Awards categories are:

[Woman Survivor of the Year](#) – awarded to a woman survivor of domestic violence who has inspired others.

[Marie Claire Campaigner Against Domestic Violence](#) – awarded to a woman who is committed to campaigning against domestic violence and is working to make a difference for the future.

[Grass Roots Hero](#) – a volunteer who goes beyond the call of duty to help survivors in need of support. The winner will be able to nominate a charitable project, of their choice, that makes a difference to those who have suffered or are suffering from the effects of domestic violence, to receive a £10,000 donation. The nominated project must demonstrate how the cash injection donation will be utilised.

The winners will be chosen by a specially selected panel of judges made up of some of the most high-profile and inspirational women in the country.

[The Judging Panel](#)

Sarah Brown ~ Tana Ramsay ~ Reese Witherspoon ~ Trish Halpin ~ Anna Segatti ~ Nicola Harwin CBE

Applications are open to nominate yourself or a woman you think deserves to be recognised for her achievements. **Applications close on 30th April 2010.**

For further information go to:

<http://www.womensaid.org.uk/page.asp?section=0001000100100014§ionTitle=Empowering+Women+Awards>

Support for Victims with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) Pilot Project extended to the end of March 2010

Women's Aid has partnered with Rights of Women to provide free legal advice to support women with No Recourse to Public Funds. Rights of Women offer a dedicated legal advice telephone helpline for services supporting women with NRPF on the Sojourner Project (The Home Officer NRPF Pilot Scheme). This legal advice project is funded by Women's Aid and will be available every Friday until the end of March 2010.

<http://www.eaves4women.co.uk/Sojourner/Sojourner.php>

Over the last year, Women's Aid Trustees have been reviewing the mission and focus of the charity, in the context of widespread changes in the sector and in the policy landscape.

At local level, many members are delivering a wider range of domestic, sexual, and other violence against women and children services. At the same time, at national level, we now have major cross-party changes in addressing violence against women.

In the light of these changes and the challenges facing our members for future service delivery, Women's Aid Trustees have decided to consult members on the organisation's future directions. There will be a particular focus on how we best reflect and enhance our joined up approach to violence against women and children; and any implications that this may have with respect to our charitable objectives and services. The consultation will take place over the next few months and at our national conference in July.

Sexualisation of girls

Mumsnet has launched a campaign entitled, *Let girls be girls*. 'The idea is to encourage retailers to sign up to a simple pledge that commits them to selling only products which do not sexualise children.' The Mumsnet campaign offers retailers a positive course of action - to pledge that they will only offer products which don't play upon, exploit, or emphasise children's sexuality. And we hope that many of them will take this opportunity to show parents that their company believes that children should be allowed to be children.

http://www.mumsnet.com/campaigns/let-girls-be-girls?dm_i=674,3TQN,KIR2J,BWAT,1

A Safe World Say NO to Violence against Women – support the 2011 campaign

Support The Safe World for Women Campaign and demand that governments act NOW to:

- pass and enforce laws addressing all forms of violence against women and girls.
- ensure an effective range of support is available for victims and survivors.
- undertake research to find out the scale of violence against women and girls.
- in conflict situations, put in place special policies to address sexual violence
- explain to the public the reason for the 16 year delay in acting on the 1993 resolution.

To find out more about the campaign visit:

http://www.asafeworldforwomen.org/endorsement/sw_endorseform.html?dm_i=674,3TQN,KIR2J,BWAS,1

Warwickshire Probation Trust: Directory of Women's Services

Warwickshire Probation Trust and Warwickshire CAVA, are working in partnership to develop a directory of services focusing on interventions that will support socially excluded groups, specifically women, across the county. The idea is to scope the available services and to work in partnership with Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations to develop activities which will divert women from custody.

Warwickshire Probation Trust is aware that the third sector has an important part to play in supporting them to meet their objectives and is therefore asking as many organisations as possible to complete the information request form, in order to produce a comprehensive guide that can be used by offender managers and support staff in probation.

To include your organisation in the directory visit <http://www.wcava.org.uk/warwickshire-probation-trust-directory-women-s-services> and complete the information request form. Alternatively contact Owen or Maxine on 01926 477519. Deadline to guarantee entry in the first issue of the directory is **Friday 19th March 2010**.

NHS to better help victims of violence

A new group has been set up to help the NHS provide improved healthcare for women and children who are victims of violence, Health Minister Ann Keen announced today.

The Department of Health will raise awareness of the roles and responsibilities of NHS staff in treating victims of violence and call for increased vigilance of the variety of health issues that may be a direct result of sexual violence against women and children, domestic violence and harmful traditional practices and human trafficking.

The announcement is part of a cross-government drive to tackle violence against women and girls and is the interim response to an independent taskforce report – 'Responding to violence against women and children – the role of the NHS.'

This report sets out a series of recommendations for the NHS to better support victims of violence. It stresses that increased awareness, training and education is necessary for NHS staff to be able to apply the same rigorous, systematic approach to this issue as has been applied to other areas of NHS work, such as diabetes and stroke.

In a bid to help the many thousands of women and children who experience violence and abuse every day across England, the Department of Health will also publish guidance to help the NHS provide appropriate local services. The Department is also sponsoring a diploma for clinicians who work with victims of sexual assault.

This is in addition to £1.6 million of funding which the Department recently announced for Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs).

Health Minister Ann Keen said: 'Compared to the police, schools or social services, the NHS spends more time dealing with the impact of violence against women and children and although the Taskforce report identifies many examples of excellent care across the country, it is clear that we need to do more to help victims.'

'As a nurse, I am determined that NHS staff are made fully aware of the range of violence and abuse that women and children are subjected to, the health issues related to this and what the NHS can do to ensure that victims receive the very best of care to help them through such difficult times. That is why we are setting up an Implementation Group to drive forward work in this area and to help raise awareness of this terrible issue.'

Professor Sir George Alberti, Chair of the Taskforce, said: 'More women suffer rape or attempted rape than have a stroke each year, and the level of domestic violence in the population exceeds that of diabetes.'

'It's a public health issue of great concern and the NHS has a clear duty to help and contribute to the multi-agency efforts to increase the safety of women and children in our society and provide much greater support.'

Copies of the Taskforce report, the four sub-group reports, the findings from focus groups with women, children and NHS staff, and the Interim Government Response are available at the link below.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publichealth/Healthimprovement/ViolenceagainstWomenandChildren/DH_113753

Floating Support Worker £20, 240 pro rata

Section 7(2)(e) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 allowing for this role to only be open to females.

32 hours weekly – 6 months temporary contract, consider secondment/placement.

Location: 2 positions; 1 for the North Warwickshire and 1 for South Warwickshire

You will be helping clients that are experiencing domestic abuse move towards independent living and preventing homelessness.

You will visit clients in their own homes and provide practical and emotional support

Applicants will have previous relevant experience of either voluntary or paid work with vulnerable people together with a non-judgemental and flexible approach.

You will have the ability to organise own time and workload together with excellent written and verbal communication skills with people at all levels.

Full driving licence and car owner essential

Computer Literate essential

For an application pack please call Rachel Dempsey or Corinne Dale on 01788 537112 or e-mail corinne@warksdvss.org.uk .

Application Closing Date: 26th March 2010

Interview Date: TBC

Start Date: TBC

Stern Review of Rape Reporting in England and Wales

Baroness Stern CBE has today published the report of her review of rape reporting in England and Wales.

The Stern Review terms of reference are:

- to examine the response of the public authorities to rape complaints and examine how more victims can be encouraged to report;
- to explore ways in which the attrition rate in criminal cases can be reduced, and how to fairly increase the conviction rate;
- to identify how to increase victim and witness satisfaction, and confidence in the criminal justice system in addressing rape;
- to explore public and professional attitudes to rape and how they impact on outcomes;
- to utilise findings and information available from other relevant work, particularly the work on victims' experience being led by Sara Payne and the Department of Health Taskforce led by Professor Sir George Alberti, avoiding unnecessary duplication; and

- to make recommendations, with particular reference to improving the implementation of current policies and procedures.

Download the [The Stern Review](#)

Download the [Interim Government Response to the Stern Review](#)

FUNDING

Warwickshire County Council: Equality Budget 2009/10

Grants of up to £5,000 available. The fund is aimed particularly at organisations who support equalities work within communities, but applications from other organisations will be considered so long as the intended project fully meets the criteria for the fund.
Completed bids to be returned by Wednesday 19th March 2010.

If you need advice or help with an application, contact Tejay de Kretser on 01926 412497. Alternatively seek advice from the local WCAVA team or WREP. For criteria and application details visit: <http://www.wcava.org.uk/wcc-equality-budget-2009-10>

PUBLICATIONS

Home Office launches Independent Sexualisation Review

Dr Linda Papadopoulos was commissioned by the Home Office to look at how sexualised images and messages may be affecting the development of children and young people and influencing cultural norms. She also examined the evidence of a link between sexualisation and violence. The review forms part of the government's strategy to address 'Violence Against Women and Girls' (VAWG).

The recommendations include:

- launching an online 'one-stop-shop' to allow the public to voice their concerns regarding irresponsible marketing which sexualises children;
- all school staff to have training on gender equality. Specialist training should be given to those who teach Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education and citizenship;
- requiring broadcasters to ensure music videos featuring sexual posing or sexually suggestive lyrics are only broadcast after the watershed;
- a schools campaign to be developed which promotes positive role models for young men and young women and challenges gender stereotypes;
- the content of outdoor advertisements to be vetted by local authorities as part of their gender equality duty to ensure that images and messages are not offensive on the grounds of gender.

Download the review at: http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/Sexualisation-young-people.pdf?dm_i=674,3TQN,KIR2J,BW9Q,1

CONSULTATIONS

What do survivors think about women only services?

The Women's National Commission have recently launched a consultation on single sex services in response to concerns raised by partner organisations that women's services are under threat. They would particularly like to hear about women's experiences of using women-only services, so that they can express the importance of these services to the government.

Take the survey at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7BGXQLQ?dm_i=674,3TQN,KIR2J,BWAZ,1

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

APRIL

- [Women in Islam, 13th April, Coventry](#)
- [Forced marriage: gaining protection through the law 29th April, Leeds](#)

MAY

- [School's Out! One day training on the effects of domestic abuse on children 21st May, Essex](#)

SEPTEMBER

- [Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse and its impact on children 20th September 2010, Warwick](#)
- [Domestic Abuse and Child Protection: Exploring links between Domestic Violence and harm to children 27th September 2010, Stratford Upon Avon](#)

OCTOBER

- [Enforcement: Making domestic violence injunctions work 13th October, London](#)