

# WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

## NEWSLETTER

August 2011

**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 412417, or email [helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://www.talk2someone.org.uk).

Helen Jinks

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## NEWS

### **Are you a victim of a sexual assault? Do you know someone who has been assaulted?**

We want to *make it easier* for people to talk about sexual assault by improving and developing services in Coventry and Warwickshire. We want people to feel confident that if they need help then they will get the best possible support without the need to immediately involve the police.

We can only do this with your help. If you are a survivor of sexual assault, help us get future support and services right by sharing your views.

We can only make it easier with your help so please get involved. Your participation will be strictly confidential.

You can:

Call the survey line on 0870 2422230 between the 8th and 19th August 2011

Complete an online survey at [www.makeiteasier.info](http://www.makeiteasier.info)

Come and give your views at one of our forums – call 01926 742046 or email [makeiteasier@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:makeiteasier@warwickshire.gov.uk) for dates.

The survey closes on the 31st August 2011. You can participate if you are male or female aged 16 or over and your participation will be strictly confidential.

# PUBLICATIONS

## Home Office Report – A Review of MARACs

In July 2011 the Home Office have completed a research report on “Supporting high-risk victims of domestic violence: a review of Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARACs). MARACs are multi-agency meetings where statutory and voluntary agency representatives share information about high-risk victims of domestic abuse in order to produce a co-ordinated action plan to increase victim safety.

The report presents the key findings of a review of MARACs undertaken in order to improve understanding of how MARACs are working and the potential areas of development, including considering the case for putting MARACs on a statutory basis.

To read the full report please visit <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/horr55/>

## Frontline Workers Toolkit

The Frontline Workers Toolkit has been developed to help professionals, the public and the private and voluntary sectors as well as leaders who work with children and their families. The toolkit has got lots of information which includes topics such as:

1. Money
2. Debt
3. Parents & Benefits
4. Consumer Advice
5. Energy
6. Housing
7. Employment, Education & Training
8. Children & Young People
9. Domestic Violence
10. Community
11. Health
12. Disability

The toolkit provides professionals working on the frontline with skills and knowledge to signpost children and their families to the most appropriate service.

For further information please visit <http://www.frontlineworkerstookit.org.uk>

You may also be interested in the Child Poverty Blog which can be found at <http://childpovertybulletin.wordpress.com/>

# FUNDING

■ NIHR Public Health  
Research programme

**NHS**  
National Institute for  
Health Research

\*\*\*Apologies for cross-posting\*\*\*

**NIHR Public Health Research (PHR) programme – [new funding opportunities](#)**

The NIHR PHR programme has launched the following commissioned [call for research proposals](#):

**11/3007** - Interventions targeting children to break the cycle of domestic abuse: scoping study

**11/3008** - Interventions to prevent children and young people from becoming victims or perpetrators of domestic abuse in later life: scoping study

**11/3009** - Sexual health promotion delivered by digital media: scoping study

**11/3010** - Interventions for preventing uptake of smoking in school aged children

Applicants are invited to submit outline proposals by **1pm on 31 October 2011**. For more information and to access the commissioning briefs, application form and guidance notes, please click [here](#)

## **Please tell others about us**

We would be grateful if you could forward this email on to others within the public health field that may be interested in the funding opportunities presented by the Public Health Research programme. Where possible, please post this email on relevant websites and forums.

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# EVENTS & TRAINING

## Forced Marriage & Honour Based Violence Training

Warwickshire County Legal Services, WSCB and WSAB have jointly developed specialist training on Forced Marriage & Honour Based Violence. The programme is aimed at managers and practitioners in children's teams, the police and adult safeguarding teams and is designed to raise awareness of safeguarding issues in relation to a form of harm that is often hidden. The session will include an account of an individual who has been the subject of forced marriage. By the end of the session, participants will understand:

- The general context in which forced marriage and honour based violence occur
- The impact of forced marriage on those who have been subjected to it
- How we might identify forced marriage and best respond to it
- The policies and procedures in Warwickshire available to guide practitioners and others
- The legal provisions and processes that exist to protect victims

A 30 minute awareness raising presentation has also been developed which is aimed at all staff working with families in Warwickshire. It has been delivered as part of the WSCB Domestic Abuse full day training and is now available for single agencies to use 'in-house' to cascade the key FM&HBV information below as widely as possible:

- The Warwickshire Multi-Partnership Statement of Intent- FM & HBV
- The one chance rule: Practitioners may only have one chance to may only have one chance to speak to a potential victim and thus they may only have one chance to save a life. This means that all practitioners working within statutory agencies need to be aware of their responsibilities and obligations when they come across forced marriage cases. If the victim is allowed to walk out of the door without support being offered, that one chance might be wasted
- The Danger of Involving the Family & Community
- Referral routes

For more information on either of these training sessions please contact Linda Village at [lindavillage@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:lindavillage@warwickshire.gov.uk)