

WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

NEWSLETTER

30th April 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 412417, 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

ASHRAM to deliver work in schools

Warwickshire's BME Women's Refuge has been asked to deliver work in 2 sixth forms on Forced Marriage and Honour Based Violence.

For further information please contact Tracy Palmer:

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Crime and Security Bill

The Crime and Security Bill has received Royal Assent. Provisions in the Act include domestic violence protection orders requiring an alleged perpetrator to leave the home and a mandatory parenting needs assessment when young people aged 10-15 years are considered for an antisocial behaviour order (ASBO).

Source: [Home Office press release](#) 08 April 2010

Further information: [Crime and Security Act 2010](#)

News from Greater London Domestic Violence Project (GLDVP)

Dear Colleagues

We have now extended our geographical and thematic remit to become AVA (Against Violence & Abuse), www.avaproject.org.uk. This will mean that we are able to provide our training, advice, information and consultancy services to organisations based across the UK who wish to improve their responses to issues relating to ending violence against women and girls.

Building on the success and achievements of the GLDVP the key aims of AVA are:

- To challenge, enable, encourage and support all agencies and communities to contribute to achieving our vision of a world free from violence against women and girls
- To offer a range of high quality and expert services to facilitate specialist and generic agencies to contribute towards our vision
- To identify and fill gaps in the field, find innovative solutions to current and emerging situations and inspire an effective strategic approach to reducing and preventing violence against women and girls.

Those currently on our mailing lists will continue to receive our monthly newsletter and we will continue to provide a forum for organisations to advertise jobs and training via our new website www.avaproject.org.uk.

Our email addresses are now operating in the following format: Firstname.surname@avaproject.org.uk, please update your contacts.

We look forward to working with you in our new capacity and encourage you to visit our new website to access further information on how we can help support your organisation.

Best wishes

AVA staff

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"Meet & Eat!" Networking Event

Thursday 17 June 2010

Coventry TechnoCentre, Puma Way, Coventry CV1 2TT

We are planning a "Meet and Eat" networking event for domestic abuse services on Thursday 17th June 2010 from 12 noon - 2pm. The event is designed to provide professionals with the opportunity to showcase their services and network with others working in the field. Organisations will be receiving an invitation to exhibit at this event in due course.

If you would like to have a stand at this event or would be interesting attending then please contact Helen Jinks, Domestic Abuse Admin Assistant

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Results of NUS survey on violence against women students

A survey conducted by the National Union of Students (NUS) (published on 18th March 2010) indicates that 1 in 7 women students (14%) has been the victim of serious sexual assault or serious physical violence while at university or college. The NUS' *'Hidden Marks'* survey, which gathered over 2,000 responses from women students in the UK, also found that:

- 1 in 4 women students (25%) has been subjected to an unwanted sexual experience while at university or college;
- 12% have been stalked while at university or college;
- in 60% of these cases of sexual assault or stalking, the perpetrator was also a student;
- only 4% of women students who have been seriously sexually assaulted have reported it to their institution;
- only 10% of women students who have been seriously sexually assaulted have reported it to the police;
- of those who did not report serious sexual assault to the police, 50% felt ashamed or embarrassed, and 43% thought they would be blamed for what happened.

[Download a copy of this survey](#)

FUNDING

Summer activities grants available

Each year the Trustees of the LankellyChase Foundation set aside funds for a summer small grants programme. This year they have decided to concentrate these funds on summer activities organised to benefit children and young people aged 5-17 years who are living in refuges for families escaping domestic violence or who are young carers. More information, guidelines and an application form can all be downloaded from the [LankellyChase website](#). The closing date for application is Friday 14th May 2010.

Soroptimist International of Rugby Charitable Trust

The deadline for the major grants programme of the SI of Rugby Charitable Trust is 12noon Wednesday 30th June 2010. The minor grants programme is open all year round. For information and to view the guidelines, visit www.siofrugbycharitabletrust.org.uk

PUBLICATIONS

Vetting and Barring

The Home Office has published guidance to assist employers and voluntary groups in implementing the Vetting and Barring Scheme. From July 2010, new employees can apply to become ISA registered.

Source: [Independent Safeguarding Authority press release](#) 07 April 2010

Further information: [Vetting and Barring Scheme guidance](#)

Report from the sexual violence against women sub-group: responding to violence against women and children - the role of the NHS

Summary: Addresses the impact of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse against women and how it affects victims in terms of physical and mental health, and also how it affects their families, communities, the wider society and economy. Estimates the prevalence of sexual assault and rape against women, acknowledging that, due to under reporting, the figures are likely to be much higher. The findings and recommendations from this report have fed into the overarching report from the Taskforce on the health aspects of violence against women and children. Includes the views health professional and of victims of sexual abuse and/or assault, and recommendations on: interventions; prevention and identification; the provision of services; workforce attitudes and training; and information sharing.

[Download the report here](#)

Publication details: [London]: Department of Health (DoH), 2010 pp 55

Corporate authors: Taskforce on the Health Aspects of Violence Against Women and Children

CONSULTATIONS

Strategic Action Plan Consultation

The Government Equalities Office has developed a Strategic Action Plan with the support of other government departments to look at what the Government could be doing to support the sustainability of the violence against women and girls third sector.

We are keen to gather views from the VAWG third sector, commissioners and others with an interest in the work.

The Women's National Commission, which successfully raised the need to address the sustainability of the third sector with government, has agreed to manage this consultation on GEO's behalf.

The consultation period will run from Thursday 01 April to Friday 23 July 2010. If you are unable to download the documents or complete the questions on Survey Monkey please contact us on 030 3444 4083.

[Download](#) the Strategic Action Plan (PDF)

[Download](#) the consultation document (PDF)

Click [here](#) to complete the consultation questions

Teenage Relationship Abuse – Home Office Marketing Campaign

Evaluation

The Home Office are now in the process of putting together an evaluation of their Teenage Relationship Abuse Campaign, which will be shared with stakeholders in a few weeks' time.

The campaign was part of the Home Office Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy and used TV ads, radio, press and posters, postcards in schools and online.

The campaign also included online forums with representatives from Refuge and Women's Aid responding to questions about domestic violence and NSPCC responding on issues around general abuse in relationships.

TST was invited to participate to respond to increasing numbers of questions posed by young people on the subject of male victims and abuse not always happening to girls. Michael May of Survivors UK took part in an online forum to respond to these questions.

Positive or Negative Impact of Campaign on Your Service?

The Home Office is keen to find out whether the campaign affected any of those involved in providing services in the field. In particular, they are concerned to find out whether this type of campaign puts pressure on others and their services. This information will be valuable if they are to run similar campaigns in the future.

The Home Office is not looking for concrete stats – which makes it much easier to respond to their request for feedback – and welcome any anecdotal information about the campaign. They particular want to know if there were any increased calls to helplines or enquiries for services.

For more information on the campaign see:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news/teenage-relationship-abuse.html>

Virtually Helping?

An exploration of the use of the internet and online resources by adult male survivors of childhood sexual abuse

A research project for the degree of MA in Counselling Duncan Craig PG Dip Couns. MBACP 2009 – 2010

The Internet, Online Support Services and specialist Websites are playing an important role in the healing process for many male survivors of childhood sexual abuse and rape. I personally found it useful during my own disclosure and healing and I have met many other guys that have used and continue to use these sites.

But just exactly what role cyberspace is playing is under researched... and that's where I come in!

I want to find out how big or small of a role the internet has played in men's healing; what was helpful and what wasn't; why guys used internet services in favour of traditional services; what guys would like to see in the future.

So I am placing this notice on the virtual pin board of cyberspace in the hope that male survivors will see it and may like to contribute. All participants will remain anonymous, as will their answers and opinions. More information is available by logging onto:

www.virtuallyhelping.co.uk

EVENTS & TRAINING

Relate (Rugby & N E Works) Ltd: Certificate in Therapeutic Play Skills

FREE training. For further details and an information pack call 01788 565675, e-mail rugbyrelate@relaterugby.plus.com. Alternatively visit www.rugbyrelate.org.uk

Closing Date for applications - Wednesday 5th May 2010.

New qualification: 'Effective responses to domestic and sexual violence/abuse'

Women's Aid is now accepting applications for the first stage of the new, OCN accredited, qualification 'Effective responses to domestic and sexual violence/abuse' for Durham, Birmingham and Bristol. This first stage of the course is suitable for anyone whose work brings them into contact with domestic and sexual violence for example, specialist support staff, including refuge workers, refuge managers, outreach workers, anyone carrying out an IDVA role, specialist children's workers and also professionals working in related fields.

Applications can be downloaded [here](#) and also from the [training area](#) of the website, where you can find more information on the course. If you have any queries please contact [Angela Lecomber](#) (Training co-ordinator) on 0117 9447190.

Save the date! Women's Aid Annual National Conference Taking place on the 15th and 16th July 2010 and is moving to a new venue - The University of Warwick in Coventry

This year's conference promises to be a unique event providing a forum for professionals to debate and learn about current issues within the field. As with previous years, there will be up to 30 workshops and plenary sessions on both days covering a whole range of policy and practice issues. Please [click here for the 2009 programme](#) to see last year's conference and workshop programme to give you an idea of what you can expect. **The cost of conference has been held for the last four years** - please click here for details on the [2010 conference prices](#).