WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

NEWSLETTER

10th September 2009

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 746818, 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.

Helen Jinks

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NEWS & JOBS

Home Office announces extra help for victims of harassment

The Home Office has announced that new measures to help protect victims of harassment, including domestic abuse, will come into effect next month. From 30 September 2009 courts will have greater freedom to grant restraining orders when abusers appear before them. This will give victims immediate protection and spare them the ordeal of a separate civil action. The announcement coincides with the publication of the National Domestic Violence Delivery Plan 2008/9. Currently courts can only issue restraining orders following conviction for two types of offences: harassment or putting someone in fear of violence. Under the new rules an order can be made following conviction for any offence, and may even be made in circumstances where someone is acquitted, if they judge that this will better protect victims. Breaking the terms of a restraining order is a criminal offence punishable by up to five years in prison.

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National domestic violence delivery plan 2008-9

The government has just launched their most recent annual report outlining developments in policy and practice during the past year and summarising progress on early identification of domestic violence, capacity building to improve support for victims, and improvements to the way the criminal justice system deals with domestic violence. It also outlines aims and objectives for the forthcoming year. The report is available from the Home Office website.

Report: Every Family Matters: an in-depth review of family law in Britain presents the conclusions of the CSJ Family Law Review

Organisation: The Centre for Social Justice

Date: July 2009

Details: this report presents the conclusions of the Family Law Review. The CSJ report Breakthrough Britain documented how family breakdown was deeply detrimental to children's life chances and the wellbeing of adults.

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The Compact and Procurement Law

Guidance for commissioners and voluntary sector organisations has been issued to assist commissioners and third sector organisations. The Guide provides answers to common questions about procurement issues, grants and contracts and how procurement law and Compact principles fit with each other.

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Partner exploitation and violence in teenage intimate relationships: executive summary

Summary: Summarises findings from a survey of 1,353 young people aged 13 to 17 years and interviews with 91 adolescents. Main findings include: violence in intimate relationships is a significant child welfare problem; girls reported a greater incidence of experiencing violence; young participants were as likely as older adolescents to experience violence. Factors for experiencing and instigating violence included child maltreatment, domestic violence and aggressive peer networks. Girls with an older partner had the highest levels of victimisation. Young people either told a friend or no one about the violence.

Publication details: London: NSPCC, 2009 pp 10

Authors: Barter, Christine et al

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Saving lives. Reducing harm. Protecting the public. An action plan for tackling violence 2008-11 one year on

Summary: One year update on the progress the Home Office's action plan for tackling gun and gang violence, knife crime, particularly with young people, sexual violence, domestic violence and sexual exploitation. Includes details of proposals for the Violence Against Women and Girls strategy which includes teaching about healthy, non-violent relationships as part of the National Curriculum and a review on the sexualisation of girls and links to violence.

Publication details: Home Office, 2009 pp 54

ISBN: 9781847269683

Corporate authors: Her Majesty's Government

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New leaflet on Elder Abuse

Organisations: Age Concern and Help the Aged

Details: Age Concern England and Help the Aged contributed to World Elder Abuse Awareness day, on June 15 2009, by launching a new leaflet called 'Protecting Yourself'. The booklet is written for older people who are themselves suffering from, or are at risk of being abused. It encourages people to take practical measures to prevent harm and speak out about any mistreatment.

Click here to view the leaflet. To order one or more hard copies call the Information Resources Team on 020 7239 1845 or email adviceleaflets@helptheaged.org.uk

Eastern European Information and Referral line

Organisation: the nia project

Details: The service is available for Eastern European women affected by domestic and gender violence including women from Russia, Poland, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. Advice and information given on housing options, legal remedies, welfare benefit entitlement, child contact and safety planning. Assistance to find safe emergency accommodation in a refuge. The language specialisms are Russian and Romanian. Language Line is available.

The number is **020 7683 1210** and the line is open Thursdays from 10am – 1pm.

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Funding

The Hardship Fund is a £16.7 million grant programme that supports third sector organisations in England delivering front-line services to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in society. Grants of between £50,000 and £250,000 are available to organisations with an annual income of at least £200,000 that are in financial hardship as a result of the recession. Grants will be paid from October 2009 and need to be spent by September 2010. For more information visit the website.

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Police Promotions Team Survey

The Police Promotions team (OSPRE Part II team) at NPIA Examinations and Assessment are asking the public to fill in a survey about the issues that you consider to be both important and frequently occurring within your community. The information gathered from this anonymous questionnaire will then be used to influence the training and inform the design of assessment centre exercises for police officer teams across England and Wales

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Youth Domestic Violence Online Survey

Organisation: Broken Rainbow

Details: the survey must be completed by respondents aged 18 to 25 years old and gather data on their experience and awareness of domestic violence. At the end of the questionnaire (10 to 15 min to complete it), if they want to, respondents can be entered into a free prize draw and grab their chance to win an Apple iPod Shuffle 1GB or a pop up Quechua 2 Seconds Tent! Third prize is a £10 Amazon voucher.

This online survey is funded by Nationwide Foundation and they are working with the NUS to promote it. It will be active until the 3rd week of September only.

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Events

Please find below a selection of events taking place in the UK. Further details for any of the events below, plus the full listing of events can be found at www.talk2someone.org.uk. To add your events to this webpage please send all details to helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk

SEPTEMBER

Working Together to Safeguard Children Living with Domestic Violence 23rd September 2009, London (Click here for further details)

Supporting Women and Children from Asian Communities who Experience Domestic Violence 30th September 2009, Nottingham (Click here for further details)

OCTOBER

How should we most effectively tackle domestic violence, abuse and sexual exploitation 5th October 2009, London (Click here for further details)

Parenting following domestic violence 15th & 16th October 2009 (Click here for further details)

Effective Engagements with Domestic Violence 28th – 30th October 2009, Lancashire (Click here for further details)

NOVEMBER

Tackling Honour Based Violence and Forced Marriage: Improving Prevention, Prosecution and Support Services 9th November 2009, Central London (Click here for further details)

Prevention, Provision, Protection – A Joined Up Approach to Tackling Violence Against Women 11th November 2009, Westminster (Click here for further details)

How the Perpetrator Operates 18th November 2009, Cheltenham (Click here for further details)

Forced Marriage & Honour Based Violence Conference – Has Anything Changed? Come join the debate……. 25th November 2009, Leicestershire (Click here for further details)

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