

WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th November 2008

WELCOME to the fifth 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 Tracey Davis, Domestic Abuse Admin Assistant, on 01926 746818, or email traceydavis@warwickshire.gov.uk. Please email Tracey any items to be included in the next issue by Tuesday 16th December. Please forward this newsletter onto any colleagues you think may wish to receive it, or contact Tracey with names and email addresses of anyone to be added to the circulation list.

NEWS ITEMS

Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse launches Christmas campaign

On 25th November Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse launched a Christmas campaign aimed at encouraging perpetrators of domestic abuse to do something to change their behaviour. Domestic abuse is often seen to increase over the Christmas period as families spend more time together, and stresses about money and alcohol put additional pressure on relationships.

Please see the attached press release and poster for further information.

If you would like to order any of the campaign materials (free of charge) please contact Hazel Nicholas at Warwickshire Police: Tel: 01926 415000

Email: hazel.nicholas@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

[Forced Marriage Act and Relevant Third Parties: Written ministerial statement by Bridget Prentice \(HTML format\)](#)

Summary:

This is a written statement to Parliament by Justice Minister Bridget Prentice on 13 November 2008. She writes about the publication of the Government's response to a consultation on third-party applications on behalf of victims of forced marriages.

Julie and Will Pemberton Homicide Review released

The Homicide Review into the events leading up to and including the murders of Julia and William Pemberton and the statutory response since was released on the 24 November 2008.

[Click here to read the families response and for more information on the review](#)

A website has also been established that offers practical and emotional support after fatal domestic abuse incidents. To access this site please visit: <http://www.aafda.org.uk/Index.html>

'What's yours is mine' The different forms of economic abuse and its impact on women and children experiencing domestic violence

New research announced today by Refuge, national domestic violence charity, shows that financial abuse is a major issue facing women experiencing domestic violence. 89% of respondents who took part in a recent Refuge survey told the charity that economic abuse was a common part of their experience of domestic violence.

[Click here for more information or to download copies of either of the research reports or the financial guide for women experiencing domestic violence](#)

Third special report of session 2007-2008

House of Commons Home Affairs Committee

Domestic violence, Forced marriage and Honour based violence: Further Government response to the Committee's Sixth Report of Session 2007-2008.

On 13 June 2008 the Home Affairs Committee published its Sixth Report of Session 2007-08, *Domestic Violence, Forced Marriage and "Honour"-Based Violence*, HC 263-I & II. The Government's response to the Report was published as a Command Paper (Cm 7450) in July 2008. The Committee has received a further response from the Government on 30 September 2008. This is published as an Appendix to this Special Report.

[Click here for more information](#)

RESOURCES

Domestic Violence and Substance Misuse Resources

The Stella Project have launched an online policy bank of strategies, reports and other resources which address the dual issues of substance use and domestic violence. This includes a new briefing entitled working with perpetrators in drug and alcohol treatment.

[Click here to access the online Policy Bank](#)

You can afford to leave

Refuge has produced a free new guide called 'You Can Afford To Leave' to help women experiencing domestic violence or abuse take control of their finances.

It's designed to cover all the basics, from benefits and basic budgeting to setting up a bank account and what to do about joint debts (mortgages etc). Its aim is to help women who feel trapped with an abuser, but also to help those who have left and need help getting their finances sorted.

[Click here to download a copy](#)

Alternatively you can call them on 020 7395 7700.

Women's Aid Publish *Power to Change* Manual

The Power to Change manual provides a programme of education and support in a group setting to women who are, or have been, in abusive relationships. The manual also gives detailed information about how to set up such support groups safely including checklists for facilitators, who have a central role in making the sessions safe, supportive and inclusive. The manual has been tested through consultation with a practitioners and service users across the five countries. It will be a valuable resource for specialist staff working in existing specialist services for victims of domestic and sexual violence across Europe, as well as relevant specialists with expert domestic violence knowledge working in statutory and other organisations, such as health and social care.

[The Power to Change manual can be downloaded or ordered for free from here](#)

CONSULTATIONS

Survey for the Women's Institute on Violence Against Women

As part of its Violence Against Women Campaign, the WI has commissioned research from the University of Bristol to look at the needs of women in rural and urban areas. Melanie McCarry and Emma Williamson have produced an on-line survey which is available now and until the 14 Feb 2009. Dr McCarry said "This is an opportunity to produce the largest survey of women in the UK and we hope that all women will complete the survey to tell us their views on the issue of violence against women".

Preliminary results from the survey will be launched on International Women's Day, 8 March 2009, with a more detailed report available from the WI website by the end of April 2009.

[Click here to access the on-line survey](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Community-based treatment outcomes for parents and children exposed to domestic violence.

Summary: Treatment outcomes were examined following a 12-week, community-based group intervention programme for children and adults exposed to family violence. The study sample consisted of 106 children between the ages of 3 and 17 and their non-offending parent. Participants represented diverse ethnic backgrounds. Parents completed the Child Behaviour Checklist (Achenbach, 1991) and a measure of parenting skills, and counsellors completed rating checklists for children and parents before and after the intervention. Results indicated significant improvement for children and parents.

Publication details: Journal of Emotional Abuse Volume 8 Issue 1/2, 2008 pp 187-204
Authors: Becker, Kimberley D. et al

Effects of intimate partner violence and maternal posttraumatic stress symptoms on children's emotional and behavioural functioning.

Summary: Examines the hypothesis that a child's response to witnessing IPV is most influenced by the mother's psychological health. We examined the relationships among IPV (as witnessed by children), mother's posttraumatic stress symptomatology (PTSS), and children's emotional and behavioural problems. Analyses revealed that mothers' PTSS, and not amount of violence witnessed, predicted children's emotion dysregulation.

Publication details: Journal of Emotional Abuse Volume 8 Issue 1/2, 2008 pp 139-153
Authors: Samuelson, Kristin W., and Cashman, Caroline

Examination of sex differences and type of violence exposure in a mediation model of family violence.

Summary: Examines depression as a mediator between experiencing family violence and aggression for males and females. College students reported on experiencing family violence, including exposure to intimate partner violence (IPV) and parent-to-child aggression prior to age 18. Results indicated the relationship between experiencing family violence and aggression was partially mediated by depressive symptoms for females only. Additionally, experiencing both types of violence showed higher levels of depressive symptoms and aggression than those who had only witnessed IPV and who had neither witnessed nor experienced aggression.

Publication details: Journal of Emotional Abuse Volume 8 Issue 1/2, 2008 pp 123-138
Authors: Howells, Nicolette L., and Rosenbaum, Alan

PUBLICATIONS continued...

Proximity and risk in children's witnessing of intimate partner violence incidents.

Summary: Reports data gathered from 507 families (including 1012 children) who called 911 for an intimate partner violence (IPV) incident. The majority of children were present in the home at the time of the violent event, with older children more likely to be directly involved in the violence and to witness incidents with weapons. In order to assess the relationship between exposure to violence and subsequent short-term adjustment, data were analysed for a sub-sample of children in 66 families.

Publication details: Journal of Emotional Abuse Volume 8 Issue 1/2, 2008 pp 67-82

Authors: Gewirtz, Abigail H., and Medhanie, Amanuel

The physiological and traumatic effects of childhood exposure to intimate partner violence.

Summary: Compares the physiological functioning and trauma symptoms of a sample of adult college students who were exposed to intimate partner violence (IPV) as children to a sample physically or sexually abused as children and a sample with no history of abuse. Results indicate a strong relationship between childhood exposure to IPV and the development of diagnosable post-traumatic stress symptoms in adulthood. Those exposed to IPV as children also exhibited increased heart rates.

Publication details: Journal of Emotional Abuse Volume 8 Issue 1/2, 2008 pp 83-101

Authors: Stride, Steve, and Geffner, Robert, and Lincoln, Alan

Family violence: through the lens of power and control.

Summary: Considers how to intervene in situations falling between the fields of child abuse, domestic violence, and elder abuse. This literature review from a feminist perspective explores some theoretical issues, using the lens of power. Common themes that emerged: the complexity of power dynamics, intrafamilial patterns of abuse, and the role of psychological abuse. Practice recommendations were to distinguish between "abuse" (with power dynamics) and "mistreatment" (without), consider structural limitations of practice, and assess the role of perpetrator pathologies.

Publication details: Journal of Emotional Abuse Volume 8 Issue 3, 2008 pp 255-279

Authors: Straka, Silvia M., and Montminy, Lyse

Influence of interparental violence on children's attributions of violent and peaceful emotions in conflict scenarios.

Summary: Witness and non-witness children ages 6 to 11 responded to questions concerning emotions in violent and anger-provoking scenarios. The children watched videos of several types of conflict and attributed emotions to victims and perpetrators. Attributions of emotions varied

significantly depending upon gender, exposure to violence, victim or perpetrator role, and age, with witness children and girls attributing greater peace to victims and greater violence to perpetrators.

Publication details: Journal of Emotional Abuse Volume 8 Issue 3, 2008 pp 299-324

Authors: Ballif-Spanvill, Bonnie, and Clayton, Claudia J., and Nichols, Rebecca, and Kramer, Rachel E.

Children affected by domestic abuse while abroad on holiday

This publication explores how, for an unknown minority of children, holidays abroad may be a time of increased vulnerability caused by violence within the family unit. It discusses why children on holiday away from home are more vulnerable, and looks at where families travel abroad. Looks at the number of children visiting the UK from abroad, and how many children are affected by domestic abuse while abroad. The book considers that such abuse is both common and under-reported and examines the responsibility of countries which have ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, to ensure they are providing some degree of protection for children. Recommendations are offered on what organisations can do to highlight awareness of travel related child protection issues in the future.

Publication details: Archives of Disease in Childhood Volume 93 Issue 5, 2008 pp 362-363

Authors: Day, Fiona, and Mok, Jacqueline

[Click here for more information](#)

Early evaluation of the Integrated Domestic Violence Court, Croydon

This study provides a snapshot of the progress of the Croydon Integrated Domestic Violence Court pilot after 12 months. It explores emerging issues and offers recommendations for policy and good practice.

[Click here for more information or to download a copy of the report](#)

FUNDING

Awards for All England small grants to change

Awards for All England, the Big Lottery Fund's small grants programme, will change from a joint grants programme to one run by the separate distributors.

Awards for All England is currently a joint Lottery grants programme supported by Arts Council England, Big Lottery Fund, Heritage Lottery Fund and Sport England. Following a review of the programme, each of the lottery distributors supporting the scheme will run their own small grants programmes from 1 April 2009.

Applications can still be made under the current arrangements until Awards for All England closes on 31 March 2009.

The Big Lottery Fund says that the new system "will mean that each distributor can better address the needs of their applicants and the themes they support". It added that "it is anticipated that new money available for small grants in 2009-10 will be comparable to money that was available to community groups through Awards for All in 2008-2009".

The new separate small grants programmes are as follows:

Big Lottery Fund will launch a new small grants programme on 1 April 2009 awarding grants of £300 to £10,000 to local communities in 2009-2010.

Sport England will provide small grants for sports ranging from £300 - £10,000 from 1 April 2009.

Arts Council England will provide small grants through their existing 'Grants for the arts' programme, supporting awards between £1,000 and £100,000.

Heritage Lottery Fund small grants will be provided through the existing 'Your Heritage' (£3,000 to £50,000) and 'Young Roots (£3,000 to £25,000) schemes.

NATIONWIDE FOUNDATION'S SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

The nationwide Foundation works towards a just and caring society by enabling people to take part in building better futures in their communities.

Small Grants Programme

Grants are currently available for registered charities under the [Small Grants Programme](#), which offers one off donations of up to **£5,000** to registered charities with **an income under £500,000**. Please click on the link above for the guidelines and an application form for the Small Grants Programme.

The Small Grants Programme is part of Nationwide Foundation's Supporting Families programme and has the following aims:

To promote the well-being of young men, women and children whose lives have been affected by **domestic violence** and to reduce the prevalence of domestic violence through increased service provision, education and awareness raising

To improve the quality of life of **families with a member or members in prison**, through the provision of services responsive to their needs

To provide **young people** who are or have been involved with the **criminal justice system with a rehabilitation programme** designed to obtain the skills, confidence and personal support networks to enable them to lead fulfilled and successful lives

There is no application closing date for the Small Grants Programme.

Website: <http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/funding.asp>

Email: enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk

Parenting Fund Round 3 Funding

The third round of the Parenting Fund provides a grant fund from the Department for Children, Schools and Families (formerly the DfES) of £16 million over two years (£8 million per year). It will be for a 24-month period for projects starting in April 2009. The application period will be 15 October 2008 to 12 December 2008. Recipients will be charities and "not for profit" organisations undertaking parenting support work where parents, families and children face significant challenges.

BBC Children in Need

The BBC Children in Need provides grants to organisations working with children who may have experienced mental, physical or sensory disabilities; behavioural or psychological disorders; are living in poverty or situations of deprivation; or suffering through distress, abuse or neglect. The size and scale of the BBC Children in Need Appeal means that they are able to give grants to hundreds of different organisations, some of which are very small and don't have the resources to fundraise for themselves.

Application deadlines: four per year: 15 January, 15 April, 15 July, 15 October 2009.

Grassroots Grants

Grassroots Grants is a £130 million programme that aims to invest in a thriving community sector. It is funded by Office of the Third Sector (OTS) and delivered by the Community Development Foundation (CDF). The programme, which will run from 2008-2011 is divided into two parts: an £80 million small grants fund for community organisations; and a £50 million endowments programme to enable local funders to generate additional donations on a matched basis and invest them in endowments, thereby building their capacity to provide long-term funding for frontline community organisations.

TENDER OPPORTUNITIES

Supporting People - Housing Related Support Service Accommodation Based for Women Fleeing Domestic Abuse (Refuge) - 1967

Warwickshire County Council invites tenders to provide emergency accommodation for women and women with children fleeing domestic violence and to provide emotional support, information and practical help to families experiencing domestic violence.

Further details can be found at:

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/procurement>

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Deadline for receipt of completed PQQ documents is: **12 noon on Friday 5th December 2008**

EVENTS

Tackling Sexual Violence Conference

Investigation, Prosecution and Supporting Victims
Friday 12th December 2008 – Central London

Capita's 5th National Tackling Sexual Violence Conference will examine the ways key stakeholders can work together effectively to **increase convictions, improve support services and understand the needs of victims of rape and sexual violence**. With the apparent '**justice gap**' between the number of rapes and the number of successful prosecutions, it is clear that more can be done to prevent attrition and bring perpetrators of this crime to justice. This timely conference will provide delegates with a greater knowledge of current and future **policies** on tackling sexual violence from leading experts. It will offer the opportunity to learn from **best practice case studies** and **established professionals** who share the same commitment to increasing convictions and improving victim support.

Benefits of attending:

Gain an insight into current **ACPO policies** and **police strategies** for tackling rape and sexual violence

Find out the latest **CPS initiatives** for securing prosecutions in rape cases

Take away a learning opportunity from **a pilot police team approach** to investigating rape

Examine the work of an award-winning **Independent Sexual Violence Advisor** supporting victims through the prosecution process

Understand how to support the needs of **male victims of rape and sexual abuse**

Places can be booked on this event either by filling out and returning the booking form on the final page of the conference [brochure](#), or by e-mailing the delegate details directly to david.moffat2@capita.co.uk. Alternatively you can book online by [clicking here](#)

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