

# WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

## NEWSLETTER

28<sup>th</sup> January 2009

**WELCOME** to the eighth edition of the Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse newsletter. We hope you find the information and articles useful and informative. My name is Helen Jinks and I am the new Domestic Abuse Admin Assistant.

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](mailto:helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk). The deadline for information to be sent for inclusion for the next edition is **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**.

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

## NEWS

### **BBC3 documentary - can you help?**

*Dangerous Love* is a 60 minute documentary that will explore the problem of young women and teenage girls in abusive relationships. The film follows a female presenter who suffered from an abusive relationship in her teens, on a journey to find out more about this subject. She meets other young girls, finds out how widespread the problem is and what can be done to help. This film is about creating awareness and preventing further violence in young relationships. The BBC want to speak to those who work with teens and young girls to address the problem, as well as girls who have been, or still are in violent relationships. The BBC's first priority is the safety of anyone willing to be involved in the programme. All correspondence will be completely confidential and there is no obligation to take part. Support and help will always be available to anyone who requests it.

*Dangerous Love* is being supported by Comic Relief and is due for broadcast the week before Red Nose Day (14th March 09) The presenter will also make an appeal film for Red Nose Day in order to help raise money for the domestic violence sector. If you can help, please get in touch with:

Producer Joanna Grace [Joanna@truevisiontv.com](mailto:Joanna@truevisiontv.com).


Director Katy Sheppard [katy@truevisiontv.com](mailto:katy@truevisiontv.com).

T: 020 8742 7852 ([www.truevisiontv.com](http://www.truevisiontv.com))

## New Format for Newsletter

Due to the increased amount of content included in these newsletters we are trialling a new format to make it easier for readers to navigate through the sections.

Using the section categories below, readers can go straight to the sections of personal interest by clicking the relevant box below, rather than having to scroll through the whole document.

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# Consultations

## Coordinated Community Response Toolkit consultation



The Greater London Domestic Violence Project (GLDVP) is developing an online website the 'Coordinated Community Response Toolkit'. The purpose of this is to develop a practical toolkit for those involved in implementing the Coordinated Community Response Model (CCRM). This will be an online resource, accessible UK wide, rather than a hardcopy publication. There will be embedded links so updated research, practice and policy guidelines will be readily available for all organisations, practitioners and those seeking information on domestic violence or working with the CCRM.

GLDVP is looking for examples of good practice UK wide.

Please submit all examples to Fozihia Raja at: [foziha.raja@gldvp.org.uk](mailto:foziha.raja@gldvp.org.uk) or for more information you can contact Fozihia on: 020 77853861

## Consultation on Women and the Criminal Justice System - Tell Us Your Views!

The Commission is now gathering evidence for its final report and would welcome your views. We are interested in the experiences of women working within the criminal justice system, women who have experienced the criminal justice system as suspects, defendants or offenders as well as the experiences of women victims and survivors of crime. We would also welcome views from organisations working with female offenders, victims and survivors of crime or reform of the criminal justice system.



The various questionnaires for our Commission on Women and the criminal justice system are now up online - [Fawcett Society](#)

## A consultation on the CPS Policy on prosecuting criminal cases involving people with mental health problems and/or learning disabilities as victims and witnesses

The aim of this consultation paper is to seek a wide range of views to inform the policy and practice of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in dealing with cases involving victims and witnesses with mental health problems and/or learning disabilities.

Closing date: 1 March 2009

[Click here for more information](#)

## Equality and Human Rights Commission - Strategic Plan, Equality Scheme and Grants Programme

The Commission is developing its three year strategic plan, equality scheme and grants programme to be published 2009. They are looking at ways in which they can shape their grants programme in line with the strategic priorities and are seeking your views.

[Click here for more information](#)

## **Consultation on the British Crime Survey Extension to cover under 16s Response from the Home Office - December 2008**

The Home Office carried out a consultation from May - August 2008 on proposals to extend the British Crime Survey (BCS) to cover under 16s. A total of 26 responses were received. The Home Office propose to extend the BCS to cover under 16s from this month (January 2009). However, they are not proposing to include questions on witnessing domestic violence and experience of parental abuse as they consider that *'these would be problematic to include in the survey and more extensive development and feasibility work is needed before they could be considered for inclusion'*.



### **Developing National Occupational Standards**

In February 2008, in conjunction with representatives from the sector, Skills for Justice began a project to develop National Occupational Standards (NOS) for those working within the tackling domestic and sexual abuse/violence workforce.

A number of working groups were held with representatives from the sector to identify the functions carried out within the tackling domestic and sexual abuse/violence workforce and draft standards which reflect best practice for these functions.

#### **These standards are now available for UK wide consultation.**

We are inviting feedback and comments from those within the workforce and from those working in partnership with organisations tackling domestic and sexual abuse/violence. Sector feedback is vital as it is very important that these standards are fit for purpose and reflect the functions undertaken within this area of work.

#### **We need your feedback**

Please visit our website to view the draft standards and consultation guidance. You will also be able to find more information on what National Occupational Standards are and the role of Skills for Justice.

There is also an online questionnaire offering an easy way for you to leave comments and feedback on the standards. A word version of the questionnaire is also available, please use the response format which is most appropriate to you.

Attached is a consultation summary with more information on the project and consultation.

#### **The deadline for comments and feedback is Thursday 5th February 2009**

Please could you distribute this information to your colleagues and associates within the tackling domestic and sexual abuse/violence workforce who you feel may be interested in providing feedback on these standards.

**Your feedback on the suitability of these standards is vital for ensuring that they are fit for purpose and appropriate for use by individuals working within this field.**

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# Publications

## **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.

For more information or to download a copy of the report please [click here](#)

## **CPS Violence against Women Crime Report 2007- 08**

This is the first Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) annual Violence against Women performance report. This report covers a range of Violence against Women (VAW) strands for 2007 - 08: domestic violence; forced marriage; so-called 'honour' crimes; female genital mutilation; rape and sexual offences; human trafficking; prostitution; child abuse; and pornography.

To download a copy of this report visit: [The Crown Prosecution Service](#)

## **CPS Hate Crime Report 2007- 08**

This is the first Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) Annual Hate Crime Report, and brings together information on CPS performance in prosecuting racist and religious hate crime, transphobic and homophobic crime, disability incidents and domestic violence.

To download a copy of this report visit: [The Crown Prosecution Service](#)

## **Findings and recommendations from the CPS pilot on forced marriage and so-called 'honour' crime**

Findings from the CPS pilot on forced marriage and so-called 'honour' crime, and recommendations on future work. Published December 2008.

[Click here to download a copy of this report](#)

## **Critical masses: Social campaigning, a guide for donors and funders**

*Critical masses* explores the role of campaigning charities and highlights the significant part they can play in changing legislation and shifting attitudes. The report looks to address common concerns donors and funders have about campaigning, and shows that it is not only effective and measurable but also critical for tackling some of society's biggest problems.

[Click here for more information](#)

## **New Policing Priorities**

**Author: Home Office 08.12.08**

New policing priorities include the reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour and tackling the problems caused by drug and alcohol misuse.

[Click here to download this report](#)

## **Delivering the Government response to the Corston Report**

**Author: Ministry of Justice Dec 2008**

An update on the Government's response to the Corston recommendations on meeting the needs of women with particular vulnerabilities in the Criminal Justice System.

[Click here to download this report](#)

## **Towards healthier, fairer and safer communities – connecting people to prevent violence: a framework for violence and abuse prevention – latest draft**

**Author: Department of Health 20.11.08**

The Framework for Violence and Abuse Prevention outlines the impact of violence and abuse upon health and inequalities. It takes a life-course perspective in understanding why violence and abuse happens and makes links between the different forms of violence and abuse. The latest draft has been published and can be accessed at [Click here](#)

## **The WAVE Country report for 2008**

The 2008 Women Against Violence Europe Country report *A Reality check on European services for women and children victims of violence: A right to protection and support?* has just been issued. This report - which appears annually - provides a check on support services for women experiencing violence in each of 44 European countries. Information was provided from questionnaires sent to 91 NGO "focal points" (which in UK included Women's Aid, Northern Ireland Women's Aid Federation, Welsh Women's Aid, Scottish Women's Aid & others) and supplemented by phone interviews. The information given for UK is, however, somewhat confusing as it is collected under the heading "England" but inconsistently includes statistics from Wales, Scotland and/or Northern Ireland at various points.

## **Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Forced Marriage Unit**

**The right to choose: multi-agency statutory guidance for dealing with forced marriage**

Following the results of the consultation that closed on 15 October, we are pleased to issue [The Right to Choose: multi-agency statutory guidance for dealing with forced marriage](#) [PDF].

This statutory guidance is issued under the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 and came into force on 25 November. It sets out the processes that agencies must have in place when exercising public functions in relation to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in cases of forced marriage.

Please note that this guidance is not intended to be used in case handling by front-line practitioners - go to our [info for professionals](#).

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## **He Drove Me Mad - a dramatised documentary about domestic violence and mental illness/substance use**

An innovative resource consisting of a DVD, CD and booklet that explains the problems experienced by women who are living with mental health problems as a result of surviving domestic violence and provides strategies for how organisations can respond in a positive and constructive way.

Contact Debbie Hager, Homeworks Trust at [debbie.neil@paradise.net.nz](mailto:debbie.neil@paradise.net.nz)

[www.hedrovememad.com](http://www.hedrovememad.com)

## **NEW POLICY BANK – over 30 new documents added**

If you would like to get hold of copies of any reports from the UK which address substance misuse and dv or would like examples of alcohol strategies or dv strategies which address the dual issues please visit our policy bank at

[http://www.gldvp.org.uk/C2B/document\\_tree/ViewACategory.asp?CategoryID=177](http://www.gldvp.org.uk/C2B/document_tree/ViewACategory.asp?CategoryID=177)

If you would like any of your reports or information added please contact

[karen.bailey@gldvp.org.uk](mailto:karen.bailey@gldvp.org.uk)

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## **Tesco Charity Trust** **Community Awards Scheme**

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £1,000 and £4,000. The funding they give goes towards providing practical benefits, such as equipment and resources for projects that directly benefit children, the elderly and adults and children with disabilities, living in the local communities around their stores in the UK.

There are two categories of Community Awards:

1. Grants to support children's welfare and/or children's educations (including special needs schools)
2. Grants to support elderly people and/or adults and children with disabilities

Applications can be made via their Website

Contact Details:

Add: Tesco Charity Trust, New Tesco House, Delamare Road, Cheshunt, Herts, EN8 9SL

Tel: 01992 646768

Web: [Tesco Charity Trust](#)

## **Fund to help small charities bid for public contracts**

By David Ainsworth, Third Sector Online, 23 January 2009

### **Futurebuilders pot is first in a series to aid small voluntary organisations**

A £220,000 grant fund to help small voluntary organisations tender for public sector contracts has been launched by [Futurebuilders England](#) and the [National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning](#).

Futurebuilders said the fund, which organisations can use to cover tendering costs or build capacity, will be the first of a series of programmes intended specifically to help small organisations land contracts.

"This new fund offers a great chance for smaller third sector organisations to realise their potential," said Jonathan Lewis, chief executive of Futurebuilders. "It is just another way we can assist more organisations, regardless of size or stature, to win public sector contracts and develop long-term sustainability."

The new fund is open to organisations that have been trading for one year and have turnovers of less than £250,000. Organisations can receive grants worth up to 10 per cent of the value of the contracts they want to bid for, up to £15,000. Contracts must have a minimum value of £30,000.

Grants will be distributed only to organisations that can show they stand "a good chance of success" in their bid. There is no closing date for applications.

For more information, visit the Futurebuilders [website](#), email [info@futurebuilders-england.org.uk](mailto:info@futurebuilders-england.org.uk) or call 0191 261 5200.

## Support for survivors who contact justice agencies

The Home Office has identified that there are a wide range of procedures and practices used by justice agencies (mainly police and Crown Prosecution Service [CPS]) in different areas to provide victims with referrals to a range of different support services. The Home Office are developing best practice guidance for this and have asked us to canvas local services for information to inform a new national protocol. This is an opportunity to influence the protocol being developed. Women's Aid is looking for models of good practice, as well as issues of concern about local protocols or practices.

Does your service take referrals from the police or CPS to provide support for survivors in the justice system?

Do you have a local protocol to ensure that survivors who report to the police or are involved in a prosecution for domestic violence are referred to a WA or other appropriate specialist support service? Does the protocol address the different support needs of diverse survivors at different stages of the process of seeking help and getting free from abuse? If you have any comments or information or examples of protocols, please send these to [Deborah McIlveen](#), Policy & Services Manager or phone 0207 022 1815.

## Research into The Impact of Domestically Violent Fathers on their Children

Bristol University PHD student, Rebecca Barnes is conducting research approved by the Bristol University Ethics Committee. The main aim of the research is to look at how children perceive their domestically violent father and whether this relates to their adjustment. The research will involve interviewing children and one or more of their carers about the fathers' parenting behaviour and the child's adjustment. Fathers will only be asked to participate when it is safe to do so. Practitioners are needed to identify potential participants and disseminate information. This research may provide evidence to develop more services. For information contact [Rebecca.Barns@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:Rebecca.Barns@bristol.ac.uk).

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## **GLDVP Training Programme 2009**

The New 2009 training programme from the Greater London Domestic Violence Project is now available at [www.gldvp.org.uk](http://www.gldvp.org.uk) with new courses on adolescent domestic violence, mental health and caring for carers. Other courses include:

- Disabled women and gender violence
- Risks and responsibilities in safeguarding children
- Forced marriage: the new law
- Working with perpetrators within a substance misuse agency
- Substance use – theory and practice level 1 (for domestic violence workers)
- Domestic violence - theory and practice level 1 (for substance misuse workers)
- Alcohol and domestic violence (for domestic violence workers)

For further information please contact Sophie Taylor, Training and Events Coordinator,  
Tel: 020 7785 3860; email: [sophie.taylor@gldvp.org.uk](mailto:sophie.taylor@gldvp.org.uk)

## **Parents Who Kill – understanding and trying to prevent parents from killing or seriously injuring their children**

**Dates and Locations: 3 Feb 2009 (London) & 5 Feb 09 (Glasgow)**

This conference is organised by the British Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (BASPCAN). Keynote speakers include Professor Jack Levin (USA), Professor of Sociology and Criminology Co-Director, the Brudnick Centre on Violence and Conflict, Northeastern University Boston USA. Dr Kate Cavanagh, a senior lecturer in Social Work at the University of Stirling, Scotland. Barry Raynes, the executive director of Reconstruct; a company dedicated to improving services for children; and Jim Wild who convenes the Unit on Critical Studies in Men and Masculinities at Nottingham Trent University. For more detail and to book visit <http://www.baspcan.org.uk/events.html>

## **Forced Marriage: is legislation the answer?**

**Dates & Locations: 11 Feb (London); 4 March (Manchester); 11 March (Birmingham); 25 March (Cardiff)**

Keep up to date with the very recent developments of the law on forced marriage with this half day seminar delivered by Rights of Women. For further information or to book contact 02072516575 or email [mina@row.org.uk](mailto:mina@row.org.uk)

## **Save the Date! Safeguarding Services and Survivors - Regional Roadshows**

### **Achieving value for money and quality in service provision within a co-ordinated community response to domestic and sexual violence**

A Women's Aid initiative in partnership with the Home Office, and in consultation with regional government offices and the Audit Commission.

Make sure that you book your place at your nearest regional roadshow.

Come and discuss implementation of the National Service Standards for Domestic & Sexual Violence, Commissioning Guidance, and the Government Co-ordinated Community Response to Domestic & Sexual Violence.

### **Locations and dates**

- Cambridge - 12th February
- Birmingham - 19th February
- Newcastle - 20th February
- Manchester - 18th March
- Sheffield - 19th March
- Nottingham - 20th March
- London - 25th March
- Taunton - 26th March
- Reading - 27th March

Please contact [Katie Ross](#) (or 01179 837 121) for more information or to book your place. More information will be available on [our website](#) shortly.

## **Regional Roundtable events on the future delivery of housing support and Supporting People - have your say**

SITRA are holding a series of eighteen half day events designed to bring commissioners and service providers together to discuss the recently announced changes to SP funding and how this might impact in the region. These are intended to be practical events where delegates can discuss regional and local issues in an open environment and take away clear local action plans. Delegates will have an opportunity to input into the national and regional agenda for action and support in the coming transitional period.

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