

# WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2008

WELCOME to the third 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](mailto:traceydavis@warwickshire.gov.uk). Please email Tracey any items to be included in the next issue by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November. 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.

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## NEWS ITEMS

### Warwickshire and Edinburgh Mental Well-Being Scale

Click the following link to download the WEBWBS:

<http://www.healthscotland.com/uploads/documents/3052-WEMWBS%20scale.doc>

The Birmingham Rape and Sexual Violence Project (RSVP) have been required to use the well-being scale by bWELL-the funders of their new group work programmes, and RSVP report that clients have responded really positively to WEMWBS.

Lisa Thompson, Service Development Manager has advised that, dependent on the feedback they receive from staff and volunteers, they might move to introducing it in their counselling service too. It may be a useful way in which Managers can provide more "hard" data to funders - regarding the positive outcomes of services and how clients' well-being changes as a result of receiving support. AND it is also a useful way that individual practitioners - counsellors, group workers and other support workers - can accurately assess where emotionally their clients are - when they start receiving support and when they finish receiving support.

They can also assess what kind of issues their clients face - is it a problem about how they relate to and feel close to other people - OR is it a problem of how they feel about themselves - for example in relation to confidence - OR is it both?

Thanks to Lisa Thompson and Mohinder Kaur of the Rape and Sexual Violence Project Birmingham, for forwarding this info.

### **White Ribbon Campaign**

The White Ribbon Campaign UK is the UK branch of the global campaign to ensure men take more responsibility for reducing the level of violence against women. Please order your white ribbon campaign materials for end of November.

Contact: [info@whiteribboncampaign.co.uk](mailto:info@whiteribboncampaign.co.uk) or visit [www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk](http://www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk)

Please contact Sue Ingram, Domestic Abuse Manager on 01926 746818 or email [sueingram@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:sueingram@warwickshire.gov.uk) if you are interested in taking part.

### **Adfam's Family Voices Competition 2008**

Family Voices, the creative competition for the families of drug and alcohol users, is now open. This year we are looking for poems, creative writing, art, photographs, and anything that helps families channel their emotions in a constructive way.

For more information visit: <http://www.adfam.org.uk/> - or email: Oliver French at [o.french@adfam.org.uk](mailto:o.french@adfam.org.uk)

### **Charter of rights of women seeking asylum**

The Charter is a framework of principles aimed at persuading the UK Border Agency to take both a strategic approach to the needs of women seeking asylum and to put in place the operational procedures and safeguards that will remove the discriminatory barriers they face.

[Click here for more information](#)

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## **POLICY POINTS & REPORTS**

### **Alcohol and violence: Exploring patterns and responses**

The International Center for Alcohol Policies has produced, "Alcohol and Violence: Exploring Patterns and Responses," a report that discusses the association between alcohol and violence. Given that there is no simple causative relationship between alcohol consumption and violence, the report approaches this complex topic through the disciplines of anthropology, clinical psychology, human rights law, gender, and public health.

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

### **Early evaluation of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004**

The Department for Constitutional Affairs (DCA – now part of the Ministry of Justice) commissioned research to provide an early evaluation of the implementation of some measures in the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims (DVCV) Act 2004. The research focused on the particular measures in the Act aimed at supporting and protecting the victims of domestic violence.

[Click here to access the report](#)

### **Supporting Equality Groups: an overview of support to the diverse third sector in England**

The National Equality Partnership has published a report that maps the different equalities groups in the third sector in England, their support needs, and how those needs are being met.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Gathering evidence of the sexual exploitation of children and young people: a scoping exercise**

This report highlights the various responses to sexual exploitation by agencies and recommends more resources for training and investigating cases and for a national led approach to tackling child sexual exploitation.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Behind Closed Doors: The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children**

This report examines the underlying causes of domestic violence and the impact on children of being exposed to violence in the home. It concludes with key actions that must be taken to better support and protect the forgotten victims of violence in the home.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Courts do not treat non-resident parents unfairly – report Ministry of Justice**

An independent study shows that family courts are making great efforts with considerable success to secure child contact, following divorce or separation.

[Click here for more information](#)

## A matter of life or death

### The loss of specialist services for BAMER women and children experiencing violence

BAMER (Black and Minority Ethnic and Refugee) women and children facing violence are finding themselves without routes to, and places of safety because of a series of contradictory Government policies.

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

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## RESEARCH

### An Investigation into Honour-based Violence (HBV) and Honour Killings in Iraqi Kurdistan and in the Kurdish Diaspora in the UK

The Kurdistan Regional Government is supporting a new study on 'honour'-based violence and 'honour' killings in Kurdish communities in Iraqi Kurdistan and the UK. The purpose of the research is to get a better understanding of the nature and consequences of this violence and abuse and work towards providing research assistance to the Kurdistan Regional Government.

We want to talk to agencies and professionals in Iraqi Kurdistan, divided between police/criminal justice agencies; health agencies; government officials/ministers and faith leaders.

For more information please contact: Nazand Begikhani: [Nazand.Begikhani@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:Nazand.Begikhani@bristol.ac.uk)  
Gill Hague: [Gill.Hague@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:Gill.Hague@bristol.ac.uk) or Aisha Gill: [a.gill@roehampton.ac.uk](mailto:a.gill@roehampton.ac.uk)

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## TRAINING

### Domestic Violence Training Ltd - Training DVDs

Dr. Roxane Agnew-Davies, Mental health Advisor to GLDVP and Director of DVT Ltd is developing a series of DVDs addressing common mental health problems described by women recovering from domestic violence.

Titles available to purchase now are:

***Post Traumatic Stress***  
***Injured Self Esteem***  
***Anxiety***

The DVDs are designed to empower women experiencing psychological effects of violence, by sharing the stories of survivors and their journeys of recovery. Each chapter can help a woman or a worker to recognise common psychological reactions to violence and to choose strategies that

might promote healing. Written guides for women and workers, accompanying the DVDs, cover the signs and strategies in more detail.

Order forms can be downloaded from [www.dvtltd.com](http://www.dvtltd.com)

For more information on Domestic Violence Training Limited and information on how to help fund future training DVDs please contact:

Dr. Roxane Agnew-Davies Tel: 07974 952313 Email: [RoxaneDavies@aol.com](mailto:RoxaneDavies@aol.com)

### **Public Law Training**

Women's Resource Centre is hosting a **free training session** on 4 November 2008 in London for the voluntary sector in understanding and using public law to influence public bodies.

The training is being delivered by NAVCA and the Public Law Project. I attended this training in July, and it was brilliant – gave a very clear legal overview (including a focus on the Gender Equality Duty) as well as practical tools and examples.

Contact Karen Moore to book – 020 7324 3033 or [karen@wrc.org.uk](mailto:karen@wrc.org.uk)

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## **FUNDING**

### **Community Development Foundation – 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 will run from 2008-2011.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Daphne III call for proposals**

The European Commission has announced a call for proposals for the Daphne III programme in accordance with its 2008 Work Programme. The Daphne funding programme aims to contribute to the protection of children, young people and women from all kinds of violence through funding transnational projects working directly with the target group (Action Grants) or funding organisational support activities (Operating Grants) for organisations working with at least 12 partners from across Europe.

Deadline: 20 November 2008

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If you are eligible to apply and would like more information and advice on the application process, please contact: [rosemary.m@gle.co.uk](mailto:rosemary.m@gle.co.uk) - 020 7940 1559, or Isobel Arthur on [Isobel.a@gle.co.uk](mailto:Isobel.a@gle.co.uk) - 020 7940 1522.

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## PUBLICATIONS

### [Mental Health Act 2007: Guidance on the extension of victims' rights under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 \(HTML format\)](#)

**Departments:** Department of Health

**Document type:** Guidance

**Date of publication:** 17 October 2008

**Summary:**

As a result of the Mental Health Act 2007, from 3 November 2008 victims' rights under the Domestic Violence Crime and Victims Act 2004 will be extended to victims of offenders who are detained, or on supervised community treatment, as unrestricted patients under Part 3 of the Mental Health Act 1983. This will involve new duties on hospital managers, responsible clinicians, approved mental health professionals and on NHS bodies who fund treatment of such patients in the independent sector.

[Download Mental Health Act 2007 - Guidance on the extension of victims rights under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 \(PDF, 197K\)](#)

### [Safeguarding Adults: A consultation on the review of the 'no secrets' guidance \(HTML format\)](#)

**Departments:** Department of Health

**Document type:** Consultation paper

**Date of publication:** 16 October 2008

**Deadline date:** 31 January 2009

**Summary:**

The Department of Health, the Home Office and the Ministry of Justice have launched the national consultation on the review of the No Secrets guidance. Minister for Care Services, Phil Hope MP said: 'This consultation paper is about learning. It is about how we as a society learn to empower people - both the public and the professionals - to identify risk and manage risk. It is about how we empower people to say no to abusive situations and criminal behaviour. It is about locating safeguarding in the wider agenda of choice and control. It is about recognising safeguarding as everyone's business. It is about identifying the tools we need for better safeguarding.'

The consultation is for everyone - it has questions for social workers, and housing officers, for police officers and for lawyers. It has questions for members of the public and for service users.

Page 52 contains a summary of consultation questions.

Please send your comments via email by 31 January 2009 to the No Secrets Review team.

[Download consultation document \(PDF, 56K\)](#)

[Download Impact Assessment \(PDF, 56K\)](#)

### **GLDVP (Greater London Domestic Violence Project)**

#### **Manual for men involved in / affected by domestic violence has been updated!**

The updated version of this manual is now available on our website.

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

*The Mens Health Forum are also offering a FREE box of these DV manuals. Anyone who is interested may send their delivery address via e-mail to:*

[alana.premchand@menshealthforum.org.uk](mailto:alana.premchand@menshealthforum.org.uk).

### **The impact of exposure to domestic violence on children and young people: a review of the literature.**

**Summary:** Analysis of research finds children and adolescents living with domestic violence are at increased risk of experiencing emotional, physical and sexual abuse, of developing emotional and behavioural problems and of experiencing other adversities. Highlights protective factors to mitigate this impact, in particular a strong relationship with and attachment to a caring adult.

**Publication details:** Child Abuse and Neglect Volume 32 Issue 8, 2008 pp 797-810

**Authors:** Holt, Stephanie, and Buckley, Helen, and Whelan, Sadhbh

### **Family law**

**Summary:** Considers statute and case law in respect to families and children, as well as the wider social and policy issues, and family law debates. Looks at: marriage, civil partnership and cohabitation; family property including domestic violence and occupation of the family home; divorce and its consequences; children and parents including the Children Act 1989, family breakdown, child support and financial provision, child abduction, child protection, and adoption and special guardianship.

**Publication details:** Basingstoke, Hants.: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008 pp 485

**ISBN:** 9780230537460

**Shelf mark:** QKA M

**Authors:** Standley, Kate

### [Safeguarding children abused through domestic violence.](#)

**Summary:** Presents a procedure for safeguarding children abused through domestic violence to help professionals prioritise the needs of children, assess the risk of harm to the children (taking into consideration the needs of their parents or carers) and respond appropriately in sharing information and referring on. Covers vulnerable families, substance misuse and ill health, barriers to disclosure, enabling disclosure, assessment and intervention and safety planning.

The appendix and risk assessment matrix is available online at:

[http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/files/procedures/dv/dv\\_risk\\_assessment\\_matrix\\_final.pdf](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/files/procedures/dv/dv_risk_assessment_matrix_final.pdf)

### [The cycles of violence: the relationship between childhood maltreatment and the risk of later becoming a victim or perpetrator of violence: key facts.](#)

**Summary:** A policy briefing on the public health approach to preventing child maltreatment in the WHO European Region. Looks at the consequences of child abuse and neglect especially in relation to the risk of further victimisation and later anti-social behaviour. Highlights the recurring nature of the cycles of violence across generations and the evidence-based interventions needed to break the cycle of violence.

**Publication details:** Copenhagen: World Health Organization (WHO). Regional Office for Europe, 2007 pp 12

**Corporate authors:** World Health Organization. Violence and Injury Prevention Programme

### **Child abuse in the context of domestic violence: prevalence, explanations, and practice implications.**

**Summary:** Addresses the issue of child abuse in among domestically violent families, looking at prevalence and specific patterns of abuse. Considers possible explanations for occurrences of child abuse in domestically violent families, and looks at how domestic violence can affect treatment for child abuse. Reviews research on child abuse in the context of domestic violence, and discusses implications of this research for service-delivery programmes for domestically violent families.

**Publication details:** Violence and Victims Volume 23 Issue 2, 2008 pp 221-235

**Authors:** Jouriles, Ernest N. et al

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Child Contact and Domestic Violence Conference - Presentations now available!**

Disputes over child contact continue to be a key risk indicator for the homicide of both women and children. This important conference, which took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008, explored the latest developments in this challenging area of work.

**Topics covered included:**

A critique of the law around child contact

Practical skills for supervising contact

Discussing the new domestic violence practice direction

Engaging with fathers

Issues for faith groups and communities

Showcase of new resources

Supporting children post separation where domestic violence is an issue

Risk assessment of child contact

Promoting resilience for children

[Click here for more information and to access the presentations](#)

### **Atherstone-on-Stour**

As you know we are coming up to the anniversary of the tragic events at Atherstone-on-Stour, where four brave colleagues lost their lives.

Members of Warwickshire Fire & Rescue have designed and made a "light hearted look at the service" calendar, with funny comments on the pictures. This calendar is priced at £5 each and all proceeds will be shared between The Warwickshire Fire Fighters Families Fund and the Fire Fighters Charity ( Ben Fund).

Could you please print and display the posters attached to this newsletter in your office/departments to assist in the selling of this calendar. If you would be able to assist in the distribution (within your office/organisation) and collection of monies then please e-mail Adrian Ashley at Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service: [adrianashley@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:adrianashley@warwickshire.gov.uk)

These will make great Xmas presents. Thanks for your help with this.