

WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

NEWSLETTER

26th March 2009

WELCOME to the 12th 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. The deadline for information to be sent for inclusion for the next edition is **Friday 3rd April 2009**.

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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Together we can end violence against women and girls - A consultation

Violence against women and girls is unacceptable, whatever the context, whatever the circumstances. This consultation is intended to raise awareness, discussion and debate on how together we can end violence against women and girls, and overcome its debilitating impact on individuals, families and communities.

The government has recently launched this national consultation, and I am pleased to invite you to these local workshops, offering you the opportunity to have your voice heard. We will be collating all the responses and submitting a Warwickshire response to the Government at the end of the consultation period.

[Download information of consultation events](#)

Let's call it what it is – Domestic Violence

A woman gets killed by her partner every three days and when the media report the story, they never call it Domestic Violence, lets call it what it is and put pressure on the media companies that when they are reporting these awful crimes to **CALL IT WHAT IT IS...DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

[Click here to add your name to this petition](#)

Virtual 1-2-1 contact centre for separated dads and kids

The new parenting website Dads Space has launched the world's first 'Virtual Contact Centre', designed specifically for fathers who have been separated from their children.

The site encourages dads to maintain and enhance their relationship with their children; enabling children to stay in contact with their dads, even in difficult circumstances.

Dads Space has been developed by the charity Respect, in partnership with the creative digital agency Atticmedia

Dads Space was conceived by Mark Weber, the social learning expert and founder of Atticmedia, who told us: "Often dads find themselves isolated as parents and many report finding their relationship with their children, difficult to maintain after separation. Support services have not always met the individual parenting needs, and specifically targeted fathers groups have not always triggered success.

"Parenting is not homogenous and Dads' Space 1-2-1 aims to bridge the gap of support services and address the problems parental separation creates for many families, dads in particular."

Like child contact in the real world, Dads Space 1-2-1 offers levels of access depending on safety and risk. Services offering support to children and families do so using a referral process and completing a risk assessment and Dads' Space 1-2-1 is no exception. There are three contact

privileges and following the completion of the assessment, Dads' Space will determine what level of contact the child and their father can have. The three levels are:

Indirect – this allows parent and child to play games and exchange preset text; cards; gifts and greetings. There will be no free-text permitted and is the most secure level.

Supervised – allowing a broad exchange of information, sharing photos and the playing of games. However, all communication is moderated before it is transmitted.

Supported – this allows free real-time communication which is sampled and post moderated to ensure that the service is being used appropriately.

Dads' Space complete their own risk assessment following receipt of a referral and the level of contact will be decided. Both the child and their father will have their own unique username and password, and once logged on to the site, can access the step-by-step guide on how to use the service.

The resident parent will also have their own username and password and will be able to facilitate the contact for younger children and monitor the contact so that they can be reassured that all exchange is appropriate.

For further information go to: <http://www.dads-space.com/Article.aspx?PageId=698&NodeId=1>

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Consultations

Stakeholder Consultation on revised Forced Marriage Multi-Agency Practice Guidelines

Organisation: Foreign and Common Wealth Office

Details: The draft revised multi-agency guidelines on forced marriage are now available on the FMU website for comment.

Deadline for comment is 3 April 2009.

[Click here to access the draft](#)

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Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women Affected by Rape or Sexual Violence: a Literature Review

Organisation: The Refugee Council

Date: February 2009

Details: This review summarises the learning from the Refugee Council Vulnerable Women's Project and situates that learning within the wider context of what is known about rape and sexual violence.

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

The Vulnerable Women's Project Good Practice Guide: Assisting Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women affected by Rape or Sexual Violence

Organisation: The Refugee Council

Date: February 2009

Details: This guide explains the Refugee Council approach to best practice in caring for women who have been subject to sexual violence, including rape

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

Domestic abuse literature review

Organisation: Legal Services Commission

Details: The LSC has commissioned an exploratory literature review to establish to what extent the numbers of applications are declining, and the factors that may be influencing the fall in the number of applications for injunctions in domestic abuse cases.

[Click here for more information](#)

Talking Therapies Explained

Organisation: Mental Health Foundation

Details: This booklet is for anyone who wants to know more about different types of talking therapy or hear the experiences of people who have used them. It advises how to find a therapist who is right for you and suggests where to look for more information.

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

Domestic violence webpage

Organisation: the Home Office

Details: This webpage contains sections on: What is domestic violence, banking, supporting victims and dealing with their abusers and what the Home Office is doing about domestic violence.

[Click here to access the web page](#)

Child Contact Research Programme conducted by the University of Warwickshire and University of Roehampton

Organisation: NSPCC

Details: The NSPCC are supporting a study of South Asian and African-Caribbean families' experiences of child contact when there has been domestic violence. The purpose of this independent research is to get a better understanding of how to make contact safe for women and children. The research will be done in the Birmingham and London areas. Experienced independent researchers from the Universities of Warwick and Roehampton will be doing the research.

For more information contact: Dr. Ravi K. Thiara or Dr. Aisha Gill at SWELL, School of Health and Social Studies, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL, UK. Call 024 76573771/07876 217918 or email R.K.Thiara@warwick.ac.uk.

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APRIL

Substance Use – Theory and Practice Level 1: for domestic workers 6 April, London
([Click here for further details](#))

Domestic Violence - Theory and Practice Level 1: for the drug and alcohol sector
21 April 2009, London ([Click here for further details](#))

MAY

Basic Mental Health Awareness Training: for domestic violence workers 6 May 2009, London
([Click here for further details](#))

Basic Adolescent Domestic Violence Training 11 May 2009, London
([Click here for further details](#))

Together we can end violence against women and girls – A consultation 11 May 2009,
Warwick ([Click here for further details](#))

Together we can end violence against women and girls – A consultation 13 May 2009,
Nuneaton ([Click here for further details](#))

JUNE

Caring for the Carers: Managing and Preventing the Secondary Effects of Working with Domestic Violence 3 June 2009, London ([Click here for further details](#))

Advanced Adolescent Domestic Violence Training: for domestic violence workers
16 June 2009, London

JULY

How to Listen So Children Will Talk 1 July 2009, Birmingham
([Click here for further details](#))

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