

WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

NEWSLETTER

8th April 2009

WELCOME to the 13th 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 17th 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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Warwickshire Domestic Abuse Strategy 2008 – 2011 6 month Progress Report

The Warwickshire Domestic Abuse Strategy 2008 – 2011 and accompanying annual actions plan show how partner agencies aim to improve the quality of life for people within the county by tackling the causes and effects of domestic abuse. This Report demonstrates the progress being made in delivering the outcomes identified in the strategy and identifies areas for discussion and potential remedial action.

[Download this report](#)

Warwickshire County Council Developments

As of the 1st April 2009 the Community Safety Team (including Domestic Abuse) has moved to the 'Community Safety and Localities' Division in the new 'Customers, Workforce and Governance' Directorate of Warwickshire County Council. Kate Nash, (previously Head of Community Safety) has been appointed as the Head of Community Safety and Localities.

The contact details remain for Domestic Abuse will the same:

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Helen Jinks - Domestic Abuse Administration Assistant: Tel: 01926 746818

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New Third Sector Safeguarding Unit

The NSPCC in partnership with Children England have been funded to set up a Third Sector Safeguarding Unit to develop information, training and resources across the voluntary/community/faith sectors. The Unit, to be based in Leicester, is to be launched this month. They have been commissioned to undertake some - rather speedy - preliminary research on both current need and provision in the sector, and the views of a wide variety of organisations on what the priorities for the new unit should be. They are particularly keen that the views and needs of refuges are included. They have developed a questionnaire for individual services to get the views on the needs and priorities of local services.

For more information please contact Dr Sara Scott (DMSS Research & Consultancy)

Telephone: DMSS OFFICE: 01948 880555 Email: sara@dmss.co.uk

Research appeal - book on feminism

Kat Banyard is writing a book for Faber & Faber about feminism and the key issues facing women and girls in society today, including domestic violence. Kat is looking to speak to anyone who has lived with or is still living with domestic violence, and would also like to hear from refuge workers about their experiences helping the women who come through their doors. All interviews would be strictly anonymous, and would be conducted in a sensitive way. If you think you can help, or would like more information, please contact katbanyard@yahoo.co.uk.

Additional Funding for SARCs

On 9th March, the Health Minister, Ann Keen, announced an additional £1.4 million funding to improve provision of Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) providing support to victims of sexual violence.

The Body: A Photography Project

Adam Gilbert is a second year student at the University of Portsmouth. He is undertaking a project to 'turn the tide on the typical eye opening imagery associated with domestic violence' by photographing survivors of domestic violence. The campaign draws attention to domestic abuse, by photographing survivors, showing how they have reclaimed their lives and homes. If any survivor, male or female is interested in being part of the project please [email Adam](#).

£3.7 million for victims of human trafficking

The POPPY project has been awarded £3.7 million to help victims of human trafficking to escape prostitution and domestic servitude. The investment will allow them to build on this work by:

- Providing more victims across the UK with a safe haven
- Expanding the number of support workers available to assess the needs of individual victims and offer them specialised packages of support
- Ensuring increased access to counselling, health and psychological assistance for victims
- Expanding the community outreach team and locating workers within the UK Human Trafficking Centre to work in partnership with the police, UK Border Agency and other partners to help identify victims in the community early and refer them into the appropriate support services
- Enabling more victims to access independent legal advice
- Creating a new national coordinator who will set minimum standards of support and help local areas deliver targeted support for victims.

Keira Knightley stars in ad campaign against domestic violence Atonement actor shown suffering shocking assault in TV and cinema ads for Women's Aid

Keira Knightley is shown suffering a shocking assault in a new TV and cinema ad campaign about domestic violence for the charity Women's Aid. Knightley, rarely seen on- or off-screen as anything other than polished and glamorous, is attacked by her partner in the disturbing two-minute commercial, made by Joe Wright, who directed the star in the films *Atonement* and *Pride and Prejudice*. "I wanted to take part in this advert for Women's Aid because while domestic violence exists in every section of society we rarely hear about it," said Knightley. "Domestic violence affects one in four women at some point in their lifetime and kills two women every week."

To see this story with its related links on the guardian.co.uk site, go to <http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2009/apr/02/keira-knightley-domestic-violence-ad>

HRH Princess Anne to be special guest at Annual VEV conference

The 2009 Annual visual Evidence for victims (VEV) Conference will be taking place on Tuesday 26th May 2009 in Birmingham. HRH Princess Anne will be the special guest for the conference, presenting the Annual Enith Walker Award.

For more details on the event and to book your place [click here to visit our events pages](#)

The European Parliament Says NO and Calls for a "European Year on Zero Tolerance of Violence against Women"

EU Parliamentarian Eva-Britt Svensson called on Members of the European Parliament to add their names in support of a "**Written Declaration on the Say NO to Violence against Women campaign.**" On Thursday, 2 April 2009, more than half the MPs signed the Declaration — the number needed to officially present the Declaration to the European Parliament for adoption. The Declaration calls upon the EU member states to support UNIFEM's [Say NO to Violence against Women](#) campaign and asks the Commission to declare, within the next five years, a 'European Year on Zero Tolerance of Violence against Women.'

Italian Minister for Equal Opportunities Commits to Put Violence against Women onto G8 Summit Agenda

The Italian Minister for Equal Opportunities, Ms. Mara Carfagna, signed on to the **Say NO** campaign on 3 March in New York, where she attended the [53rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women](#). During the ceremony at UNIFEM headquarters, she announced that Italy, which currently holds the presidency of the G8 forum of major industrial countries, will convene a ministerial meeting on ending violence against women prior to the 35th Summit of the G8 on 8-10 July. Minister Carfagna committed to an effort to have the issue subsequently reflected in the final Declaration of the G8 Summit.

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New DVD on forced marriage

A DVD entitled 'Honour Based Violence & Forced Marriages' has been produced by H.O.P.E and young people from Leicester. To order a copy, please [contact HOPE](#).

Updated Rights of Women information sheets

Rights of women have produced new updated information sheets, including "A guide to domestic violence injunctions", "Reporting an offence to the police" and "From charge to trial: a guide to criminal proceedings". These can be downloaded from their website or in hard copy by contacting Mina on 0207 251 6575 or mina@row.org.uk.

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Campaigning grants for small charities

The Government is to give out grants worth £750,000 to up to 30 small charities and community organisations for campaigning work.

In a statement, the [Cabinet Office](#) said the fund would be administered by sector infrastructure organisation [Capacitybuilders](#) and would offer grants over a period of two years. It will open for applications later this spring.

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Commissioning Domestic Violence Services - A Quick Guide

Women's Aid have recently promoted a new guide on commissioning at the Safeguarding Services and Survivors Regional Roadshows. It provides key information to inform the commissioning and procurement of domestic violence services. [Click here to download your copy of the guide.](#) Please use it freely and circulate through your local multi-agency networks. It has also been disseminated via Supporting People.

For any further information please contact [Nicki Norman](#)

ContactPoint and Shielding Briefing

Are you shielding children and young people in your services?

Read the briefing on ContactPoint and Shielding which is available on the [Women's Aid website](#). The media recently incorrectly reported that the ContactPoint database is being abolished. Women's Aid have been informed by the DCSF that this is incorrect and that the database implementation will continue. For further information or if you have any questions about shielding please contact [Fiona Dwyer](#).

The Protection of Children in England: A Progress Report

The DCSF have published a report following Lord Laming's enquiry into the progress being made across the country to implement effective arrangements for safeguarding children.

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

What is female genital mutilation?

[Download your copy here](#)

Summary: Booklet aiming to explain female genital mutilation (FGM), what it is, what types there are, why it is practised, when and how FGM is carried out, and, what the risks and complications are. Asks whether FGM is a form of child abuse. Considers the links between FGM and religion, and looks at governmental responses in the UK including the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003.

Publication details: London: AFRUCA (Africans Unite Against Child Abuse), 2008 pp 20

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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

APRIL

Eliminating violence against women – rhetoric or reality? Various dates and locations in April & May ([Click here for further details](#))

Feeling Safe Group facilitator training 21 April 2009, Rugby
([Click here for further details](#))

MAY

Eliminating violence against women – rhetoric or reality? Various dates and locations in April & May ([Click here for further details](#))

Domestic Violence Facing Gypsy and Traveller Women Conference 8 May 2009, London
([Click here for further details](#))

National Domestic Violence Conference 19 May 2009, London
([Click here for further details](#))

Annual VEV conference – with special guest HRH Princess Anne 26 May, Birmingham
([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](#))

Other events (listed by organisation)

GLDVP

July – Dec programme of events released ([Click here for further details](#))

Rights of Women 2009

Training programme ([Click here for further details](#))

Seminars & Workshops programme ([Click here for further details](#))

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