

NOVEMBER 2016

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE THE DOMESTIC ABUSE CHAMPIONS SURVEY FOR ALL CHAMPIONS TRAINED MORE THAN THREE MONTHS AGO: [HERE](#)



CHAMPION TRAINING EVENTS:

11th & 18th January South Norfolk Council, Long Stratton
8th & 15th March North Norfolk Council, Cromer

Contact da.change@norfolk.gov.uk for further details. Further Champions training courses will be advertised as and when they are arranged.

CHAMPION NETWORK EVENT:

Come along to our Norwich/Broadland Domestic Abuse Network Event. A chance to meet with other DA champions, hear talks from guest speakers, promote your service, and eat mince pies (it is also on NCC Christmas Jumper Day).

Where:

Broadland District Council – Council Chamber

When:

16th December 9:30am – 12:30pm

With Guest Speakers:

Judi Lincoln - NCLS - Child Contact

Bal Kaur Howard – Independent Trainer - Forced Marriage

James Brown – Detective Inspector – MASH - Operation Encompass (see below)

Email da.change@norfolk.gov.uk to request a space

We are currently recruiting for a Domestic Abuse Change Coordinator for North Norfolk, East Norfolk and Broadland. This is a temporary contract until 31st May in the first instance. Secondments will be considered for this post. Find out more and apply [here](#). Feel free to contact us to find out more about the role.

We need your help! As there are currently only two co-ordinators covering Norfolk, it can sometimes be challenging for both of us to deliver all the champions training. We already have a few volunteers who co-deliver with us, however, if this interests you please contact us for more information. You will be able to choose which parts you want to deliver, and we will provide support before, during and after.



LOCAL NEWS



On 25th November we held White Ribbon Day, to mark the Elimination of Violence against Women. This was a great success and many of our Champions have already emailed us to tell us how they have raised awareness. We are collating all of these (including pictures) to publish in our December

Newsletter issue. So please continue sending us information and pictures about what you have done. Read more about the events that took place across the county [here](#)

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The Domestic Abuse Change Coordinators are working in partnership with South Norfolk District Council to deliver Community Ambassador Training to members of the public on Tuesday 6th December in Costessey (6pm). Email us to find out more.

Since 19th September 2016, Norfolk Police and Norfolk Children's Services have been working in partnership with 19 schools in the East to pilot Operation Encompass. This is where Norfolk Children's Services will inform



a nominated Safeguarding Lead at a school when one of their children has been involved in a domestic abusive incident that the police are aware of. Schools will be informed before 9am so that they are aware of any additional support needs the child might have. Between 19th September and 21st October there have been

40 disclosures in the pilot areas. There are now plans to roll this out county wide and schools are currently being briefed on the operation. Anyone who wants further information please contact Daniel Halls (Daniel.halls@norfolk.gov.uk 01603 729198) Or James Brown (BrownJ@norfolk.pnn.police.uk 01603 276051).

Adele Bellis, who was subjected to an acid attack by her former partner, is taking her domestic abuse awareness campaign into schools in Waveney. She hopes to reinforce the seriousness of domestic abuse and controlling behaviour to young people, in the hope it will prevent them getting into unhealthy relationships. Adele is campaigning to get education about DA put on the National Curriculum for all schools. Adele released her autobiography, Brave earlier this year. Read more [here](#).



There is a conference on **Coercive Control** on Monday 6th March at Theatre Royal in Bury. Tickets are £60 (£40 for concessions). More information can be found on their website [here](#).

Leeway are hosting a Christmas Quiz on Thursday 17th December at 7pm in the Ringland Swan pub. It is £10pp, teams of up to 6 with a meal included. All proceeds will go to Leeway charity. If you are interested please email fundraising@leewaynwa.org.uk or call 0300 561 0077.



Ormiston are running - The Community Group Programme for Children and their Mothers - The 12 week programme is an integrated community group programme for children (age 6-8) and their mothers who have experienced domestic abuse. To be held at a venue in Kings Lynn in Feb 2017. For more information contact 01553 769666 or email:

nicky.hampson@ormistonfamilies.org.uk

One Voice – Have Big Lottery Funding to run a Free Domestic Abuse service for Gypsy, Traveller and Roma women and girls raising awareness of DA and supporting victims. This service is free and has options of one to one and/or group work services. Email Onevoice4travellers@hotmail.com or call 01945 430 724 for further details.

4women Centre are having an open day on Tuesday 6th December to inform people of the Domestic Abuse Services they provide. The open day will be from 4pm-7pm at 18 Colegate, Norwich, NR3 1BQ, please email Laura Harvey if you would like to attend: laura.harvey@homegroup.org.uk **UPDATE: UNFORTUNATELY THIS EVENT HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED**

NATIONAL NEWS

Funding for Local Authorities - The government is providing Local Authorities with a £20m fund for domestic abuse victims which is part of the wider £80m fund from the Violence Against Women and Girls strategy. This funding will help to provide accommodation, employment and skills training for women fleeing abuse, the Communities Secretary, Sajid Javid states “no victim [should] be turned away”. The funding will be open for Local Authorities to apply for from December 2nd. Read more [here](#).

If you would like to apply for the funding (above) click on this [link](#). It will take you to the Prospectus and the Application form. The closing date is the 16th December.

Research shows us that people who harm animals are much more likely to commit further crimes such as domestic abuse. Children who witness domestic abuse are more likely to harm animals as they are acting out abuse they have witnessed at home. Labour MP Anna Turley is pressing the government to increase the penalties for animal abusers, subsequent to the sentencing of Frankish brothers earlier this year. Read more [here](#).

Currently 76,000 children are flagged by social services as living “in the shadow” of domestic abuse, and this is believed to be an underestimate of the true figures. [Watch this account](#) on Channel 4 news, of a mother and her two teenage daughters talking about their experience of living with DA and how it has affected them to this day. BBC News also highlight that domestic violence and poor mental health are the biggest issues facing children with social service involvement – read more [here](#).

Nurses, midwives and healthcare assistants are three times more likely to experience domestic abuse than the wider population according to research from a nursing support charity the Cavell Nurses’ Trust. Read more [here](#).



Security Dogs – In Spain, a new approach to safety planning has been rolled out with the use of guard dogs. The charity, Security Dogs have been training dogs to protect victims of domestic abuse. They are initially assessed for suitability by a psychologist and spend 200 hours together before being left. The dogs are not trained to be aggressive or bite. Not only do they protect, but they provide victims with new confidence and self-esteem. Read more [here](#).



Safelives have recently released Report: A Cry for Help which highlights the necessity of having domestic abuse services within hospitals. It also recognises the need for mandatory domestic abuse training for all staff, and the importance of a robust domestic abuse policy. Read more [here](#).

Reducing the Risk of Domestic Violence have highlighted additional risk of coercion and control which can be perpetrated through modern technology. Smart metres are being introduced across the UK – which can be easily used to monitor energy usage in homes, allowing individuals to communicate directly with their suppliers and change services and tariffs. This could pose further risk to victims as perpetrators could monitor and control energy more easily within the home. Read more [here](#).

Read this article which highlights the need for HR staff to have an understanding of the dynamics of domestic abuse and how it can affect employees. This links into Health and Safety at work and the duty of care that employers have for their staff.

Whisper App allows people to anonymously share information about themselves and receive replies. [This article](#) displays a few of the Whispers from male victims of domestic abuse and highlights the impact that emotional abuse has had on them. Many feel trapped, unsupported and fearful of losing their children.



Women's Aid are asking individuals to write to their MP's and encourage them to attend the debate regarding the Istanbul Convention Bill. This was the first international treaty to illegalise Violence Against Women and Girls – the UK government signed it in 2012 but are yet to ratify it. Read more [here](#).

Labour MP Emma Husar recounted her personal story of domestic violence in the House of Representatives last week. She shared how she grew up in an abusive household with her father who perpetrated abuse, she recounts moving from hotel to hostel for her own safety. Whilst Emma Husar recognised she should not feel ashamed, she states that she still does. Listen to Emma's story [here](#).

RESOURCES

The **Royal College of Nursing** have developed new resources for nurses and midwives to support patients who are victims of domestic abuse. The resources have been compiled by a panel of experts, and also support professionals who are either victims or perpetrators themselves. Read more and access the resources [here](#).



CAFCASS have developed a Practice Pathway to provide practitioners with a structured, focussed and stepped framework for assessing cases where domestic abuse is a predominate feature. It highlights the importance of effective early intervention when working with these cases. The PDF of this is available online if you search for CAFCASS Practice Pathway.

Men's Health Forum have developed a free booklet to support men who are both victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse. This can be ordered from the Living Well Norfolk Website [here](#).



The **NSPCC** have compiled and published 6 tips for engaging fathers who have a history of perpetrating domestic abuse. These tips have been developed by practitioners who have run the programme: Caring Dads: Safer Children. Read more about engaging with fathers [here](#).

The **Armed Forces** have released a document to support victims of domestic abuse. It highlights what domestic abuse is, and helps victims recognise if they are in an abusive relationship. It also has a comprehensive list of support services that are available throughout the Armed Forces Worldwide. Read more about this [here](#).

Leeway have written a blog on their website about the impact of domestic abuse within the workplace. The blog outlines 10 actions that businesses can take to manage domestic abuse at work. Leeway also deliver courses to businesses to support them in recognising and responding to abuse. Read more [here](#).



Domestic Violence London have published a resource on domestic abuse which is aimed at health care professionals. The guidance includes subsections on; Teen abuse, male abuse, elder abuse and LGBT abuse. This resource can be accessed on [this website](#).

Please send any news about domestic abuse from your organisation for inclusion in next month's newsletter to da.change@norfolk.gov.uk. If you would like to be added to the distribution list for this newsletter, please email da.change@norfolk.gov.uk with "Newsletter" in the title bar.

