

MARCH 2017



CHAMPION TRAINING EVENTS:

12 th & 20 th April	Great Yarmouth Town Hall
24 th April & 2 nd May	South Norfolk District Council
25 th & 26 th April	Purfleet Trust, Kings Lynn

DA CHAMPIONS NETWORK EVENTS

Come along to our Domestic Abuse Network Events. A chance to meet with other DA champions, hear talks from guest speakers, and promote your service.

West Norfolk Domestic Abuse Champions Network Event (for champions only).

Where: Queen Elizabeth Hospital – Lecture Theatre, Gayton Road, Kings Lynn PE30 4ET

When: Tuesday 18th April 9:30am – 12:00pm

With Guest Speakers:

Samantha Allen will be discussing the findings from the most recent Domestic Homicide Review summaries.

Nicky Hampson has an extensive background working with perpetrators of domestic abuse. She will focus on work with perpetrators of domestic abuse; what methods and models are used to challenge beliefs and behaviours.

Shirley and Janie manage the organisation One Voice for Travellers. They will be talking about their project and the work they do with the Gypsy, Traveller and Roma community.

Breckland Domestic Abuse Champions Network Event (for champions only).

Where: Breckland Council – Committee Suite, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham NR19 1EE

When: Tuesday 9th May 9:30am – 12:00pm

With Guest Speakers:

Samantha Allen will be discussing the findings from the most recent Domestic Homicide Review summaries.

Katy Went is an inspirational speaker who talks about various things including equality and diversity. Katy will be exploring domestic abuse and sexual violence and the issues experienced from a lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, intersex and questioning (LGBTIQ) perspective.

***** Please [follow this link to Eventbrite](#) to confirm attendance, these events are open to all Norfolk Champions but priority will be given to West Norfolk and Breckland Champions.*****

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South Norfolk Domestic Abuse Network Event took place earlier this week – there was a fantastic turn out of champions (40 of you!). A big thank you to our guest speakers; Sam Allen, Nicky Hampson and James Stephens, we've had some really positive feedback.



LOCAL NEWS

NSCB Training – Serious Case Review (SCR) Roadshow

Research indicates that domestic abuse is a factor in over half serious case reviews (where a child has died or suffered significant harm). Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board are delivering Serious Case Review roadshows to disseminate lessons learnt from recent SCR's. Training is targeted at front line practitioners and managers. [Click here](#) to book your place.



International Women's Day

Around 300 people came to meet and talk to others and pledge to support the elimination all forms of violence against women and girls on International Women's Day in Norwich Cathedral.

Norfolk Federation of Women's Institutes (Norfolk WI) convenes Norfolk Women Reaching Women: a coalition of over 25 organisations including the Mothers' Union and the Sorooptimists. The keynote address was given by Aneeta Prem, President of the Freedom Charity, which aims to raise awareness and prevent child abuse affecting girls in the UK; especially forced marriage and female genital mutilation. This was just one of thousands of events taking place around the world on International Women's Day 2017.



The Wonder Project - In a ground-breaking initiative led by Police and Crime Commissioner Lorne Green, women who find themselves in police custody will be offered help to turn their lives around thanks to a new partnership. The Project will seek to divert female detainees eligible to take part in the project from police custody facilities in Wymondham and King's Lynn. The women participating in WONDER will be those who receive a conditional caution or those who voluntarily refer themselves on to the project. [Read more here.](#)

Catton parkrun took place on 4th March, 2017 (pic of Laura, who competed). A total of 286 individuals partook in the run, despite the bad weather, and many volunteers supported. One of our DA champions Dan, used this opportunity to raise awareness about domestic abuse and invited the white ribbon along (it did not take place in the run). They reported: You may have spotted the 10 foot white ribbon totem in the corner of the lodge this week. We were proud to be one of the sporting events around Norfolk hosting the Norfolk WI white ribbon. It was made using individual pieces of white ribbon as a commitment from everyone involved saying #NoToDomesticAbuse. Their aim is to challenge all forms of domestic abuse and break the silence. If you took a photo next to the ribbon, please post it to our Facebook or Twitter page with the hashtag #IWalkedAway.



Pandora Project is the lead agency for the new King's Lynn Women's Centre. This service will be open to all women for information, advice and support **10-4pm every Thursday at KLARS, 41 Old Hospital Mews, King's Lynn, access is by Seven Sisters Close.**



In the morning they will be running groups sessions including Freedom Programme, confidence courses, money management, getting back into employment, literacy and numeracy classes and more. The afternoon will be focused on specialist services and signposting, so people can either drop-in to access one-to-one support or agencies can refer them. They will be a one-stop-shop for women, providing information, support and advice to enable women to make informed decisions and offer easy access to local services.

Contact: womenscentre@pandoraproject.org.uk for more information and to offer your views on the most appropriate courses to run.

Leeway are recruiting two Domestic Abuse Additional Needs Case Workers. The closing date is on April 3rd 2017 – for more information and details about how to apply follow this [link](#).



Bal Kaur Howard, has developed full a one day training course that focus on the Toxic Trio. This course looks at the problems families face when parenting capacity is affected by mental health, domestic abuse and also substance misuse issues; either just one or all three issues. For more information click [here](#).

NATIONAL NEWS



One of the five issues focused upon for this year's red nose day is domestic abuse. In 2003, they helped to set up the National Domestic Violence Helpline and have continued this funding. [Take a look here](#) and see how you can get involved.

The Istanbul Convention passed its third reading on 24th February and has now gone to the House of Lords. The "Istanbul Convention" is an international Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, which creates a strong, practical basis to prevent violence, protect women and girls from violence, and prosecute perpetrators. The UK signed it in 2012 but has yet to ratify it -- that means the Convention currently has no legal status and while the Government is taking action to meet some of its requirements it can pick and choose which parts of the Convention it wants to focus on. Read more about it [here](#).



[Read](#) about the recommendations that Paladin are suggesting to better enable the protection of stalking victims. Suggestions include creating a Serial Perpetrator Order and creating a register for serial stalkers. This will make it easier to track stalkers as they move across the country (similar to how MARAC's can track victims).



The Forced Marriage Unit recorded 1,428 cases of forced marriage in 2016, which is an increase of 200 cases compared to 2015. The unit also stated that they received the highest number of calls last year, since the helpline started in 2012. However, due to the hidden nature of the abuse, campaigners are still stating that this is the tip of the iceberg. Read more [here](#).

RESOURCES

The NRPF Network have developed a new online tool to support practitioners working with destitute families.



The tool was designed following a major study by the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) at the University of Oxford completed in July 2015 - **Safeguarding children from destitution: Local authority responses to families with 'no recourse to public funds'** – which found that assessing eligibility under section 17 is a complicated and challenging experience for local authorities and advisers in voluntary services. For more information, and to access the tool, click [here](#).

Childline, OMD UK and Don't Panic have launched their new campaign #listentoyourselfie which enables children to recognise the signs of Child Sexual Exploitation. The campaign includes two videos, which supports children to know what steps to take if they are victims of CSE. Read more and access the resources [here](#).

NICE has launched an online learning tool that uses interactive activities and case studies to support the implementation of NICE guidance. The tool sets out how the guideline can be applied in a practical way to support children and young people who may have attachment difficulties, as well as their carers and families. [Click here](#) to find out more.



Department
of Health

Click [here](#) to access **Responding to Domestic Abuse: A Resource for Health Professionals**. Drawing on the NICE multiagency guideline on Domestic Violence and Abuse, this resource looks at how to support adults and young people over 16 years old who are experiencing domestic violence and abuse, and dependent children in their households. It replaces *Domestic Violence: A Resource Manual for Health Care Professionals* (2006) and *Improving Safety, Reducing Harm: Children, Young People and Domestic Violence – a Practical Toolkit for Front-line Practitioners* (2010).

The resource will help practitioners identify potential victims, initiate sensitive routine enquiry and respond effectively to disclosures of abuse. There is a new section on dealing with perpetrators of domestic abuse and violence.

The resource is for all NHS staff, including staff in NHS commissioned services. Staff in partnership agencies who work with adults and children will also find it helpful.

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.

