



**Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Newsletter**  
 A monthly newsletter brought to you by the  
 Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Partnership

**May 2018**

Dear Partners

The national campaign UK SAYS NO MORE week is May 21-27, see page 2 for more information on how we are promoting this year's theme of #WhatICanDo. We're really pleased that partners are joining with us to share messages about the event throughout the week.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is on 15<sup>th</sup> June this year and Action on Elder Abuse are asking care providers, health providers, council teams, doctors, nurses, solicitors, police and firefighters, schools, colleges, voluntary groups and members of the public to sign up to a promise to protect older people from abuse. You can sign up to the promise and share pictures at <https://www.elderabuse.org.uk/Pages/Category/weaad> and share social media messages with #WEAAD and #Ipromise

The next round of DASV Champions Network events take place in July – details below – so please make sure you have signed up for a workshop by emailing [Amanda.Warburton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Amanda.Warburton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

July 2018- Children and Domestic Abuse, speakers from Embrace and Children's Social Care					
Cambridge	South Cambs	East Cambs	Fenland	Huntingdon	Peterborough
9 <sup>th</sup> July	20 <sup>h</sup> July *date changed	12 <sup>th</sup> July	16 <sup>th</sup> July	4 <sup>th</sup> July	25 <sup>th</sup> July
10.00-12.30	10.00-12.30	14.00-16.30	11.00-13.30	10.00-12.30	10.00-12.30
Arbury CC	Sackville House	Ely Library	March CC	Medway Centre	Pboro Town Hall

**Vickie Crompton & Julia Cullum**  
 Partnership Managers



## UK Says No More Week 21-17 May 2018

UK Says No More is a national organisation that aims to raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault across the UK. The campaign was launched by London charity Hestia in 2016 and seeks to unite and strengthen members of the public and organisations nationwide to actively take a stand against domestic abuse and sexual violence to make positive change.

UK Says No More Week takes place in May each year to keep the conversation going around domestic abuse and sexual violence.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership have been supporters of the campaign since the launch in 2016 and were one of the first to sign up to the organisational pledge that encourages awareness and prevention of domestic abuse in communities and workplaces

This year, the theme is **#WhatICanDo** – because each one of us can play a significant role in preventing domestic and sexual violence, promoting equality and respect in our communities, schools, universities and workplaces.

*So, how can you support the campaign?*

- Sign up to [The Pledge](#) – you can do this as an organisation or as individuals
- Add a photo to the UK Says No More [gallery](#)
- Share messages on social media using #WhatICanDo
- Follow us on social media and share messages  
- Read our leaflet '[Opening Closed Doors](#)' which explains how you can safely help a friend or family member that is experiencing domestic abuse
- Download the [toolkit](#) from UK Says No more where you can print posters, find information on events and ideas for how to raise awareness in your community or workplace.

For more information on local support, please visit [www.cambsdasv.org.uk](http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk)

## Secure Tenancies (Victims of Domestic Abuse) Act 2018

Amendments to the Secure Tenancies (Victims of Domestic Abuse) Bill are in progress. The Bill contains measures to ensure that lifetime tenants of social homes who are victims of domestic abuse are granted a further lifetime tenancy where a) they either need to leave or have left their home to escape domestic abuse and are being re-housed by a local authority, or (b) where they are a joint tenant and wish to remain a tenant of their social home after the perpetrator has left or been removed and the local authority decides to grant them a further sole tenancy in their current home.

You can read more here: <https://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/securetenanciesvictimsdomesticabuse/documents.html>

## Child Sexual Abuse Inquiry Interim Report

The [Interim Report](#) of the Public Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse was published in April. The Inquiry, chaired by Professor Alexis Jay OBE, has held five public hearings, published a number of reports about specific parts of its work – including the findings of two public hearings – and held a series of seminars to discuss issues relevant to child sexual abuse. Over 1,000 victims and survivors of child sexual abuse have shared their experience with the Inquiry’s Truth Project.

This interim report brings together the work described above and sets out the progress the Inquiry is making. It provides an overview of the public hearings that have examined the conduct of specific institutions. It also draws on the Inquiry’s analysis of existing research and discussions at the Inquiry’s seminars about key issues relating to the Inquiry’s scope.

The report also includes what the Inquiry is learning from the Truth Project. This reflects the wishes of the many victims and survivors who have participated in the Truth Project who want to have their experiences used by the Inquiry in its work.

### Training update

Please see our website for details of levels and training available in the joint training offer for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough [http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/training\\_1/86050](http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/training_1/86050)

**Please note that as the Council’s Workforce Development Team has now moved to LGSS, courses are only free to employees of Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust. LGSS charge £75 per day for all other attendees. For current courses please see <http://lgss.learningpool.com/totara/coursecatalog/courses.php>**

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Adults Board have just launched their new Training Brochure which runs up to December 2018 and can be accessed [here](#).

Against Violence and Abuse (AVA) run CPD accredited training throughout the year. There is a charge for these courses <https://avaproject.org.uk/events/>

### Spotlight on homelessness and domestic abuse

Safe Lives have released a report on their latest Spotlight, which focussed on Homelessness and Domestic Abuse. The report highlights the key changes needed in order to keep more survivors safe in their own homes including more research into the extent of homelessness caused by domestic abuse. It also highlights the barriers victims face in finding somewhere safe to live, the cycle of abuse and homelessness that some women are in and makes recommendations on how government, housing providers and domestic abuse services can work together to address the issues.

You can read the full report at

[http://safelives.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/Safe\\_at\\_home\\_Spotlight\\_web.pdf](http://safelives.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/Safe_at_home_Spotlight_web.pdf)

## Disrespect Nobody Teaching Resources launched

The PSHE Association and the Home Office have launched new and improved teaching resources which support the government's [Disrespect NoBody](#) campaign.

The campaign aims to help young people:

- understand what a healthy relationship is and;
- re-think their views of controlling behaviour, violence, abuse, sexual abuse and what consent means within their relationships

It also aims to help young people develop key skills and attributes such as empathy, respect, communication and negotiation so that they can enjoy healthy relationships as they grow up and in adulthood. By promoting healthy attitudes and behaviours at an early age, the campaign seeks to challenge damaging ones and prevent the onset of domestic violence in adults in the long term.

The resources (which are [free to download here](#)) have been developed in consultation with PSHE teachers and include:

- A campaign discussion guide
- Discussion guides, lesson plans and ready-made template slide decks on three topics: relationship abuse, sharing sexual images and consent
- Interactive classroom activities, including agony aunt responses, true or false questions and myth busting activities

Additional resources on how to use the Disrespect NoBody campaign with 8 – 12 and 16 - 18 year olds are also available. You can view and download other resources to support the campaign [here](#), including resources for LGBT young people and social media graphics. You may also order up to 10 copies of a DVD hosting the campaign adverts to use alongside the guide by [emailing](#) the Disrespect NoBody campaign team.



**The Kite Trust** are working with schools across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to help them attain the [Rainbow Flag Award](#). The Kite Trust are one of only four areas in the country that have been chosen to pilot the quality mark which encourages a whole organisation approach to LGBT+ inclusion, as well as developing strategies to combat homophobic, biphobic and transphobic, (HBT), bullying. Funded by the Government Equalities Office, via the Department for Education, the Kite Trust are supporting 23 schools through the accreditation process which involves a process of self-assessment and ongoing monitoring and feedback.

Lara Jaffey, Executive Director of [The Kite Trust](#) said 'We're really pleased to be working with schools across Cambridgeshire to help them achieve the Rainbow Flag Award. As the only organisation supporting LGBT+ young people in the county, we are looking forward to sharing our knowledge and skills to help schools to positively educate around LGBT+ people and identities.'

## New Taskforce to tackle Serious Violence

Home Secretary, Amber Rudd, has announced a coalition of government ministers, cross-party MPs, police leaders, local government and the voluntary sector will make up the Serious Violence Taskforce – which will ensure sustained, swift and decisive action against violent crime.

Together with the government, the taskforce will help design and deliver the key commitments of the [Serious Violence Strategy](#), working with affected communities to ensure immediate and real action is taken.

The taskforce's aim is to stop the recent increases in serious violence and see levels of violent crime reduce. It will hold the government and others to account, evaluate the strategy's impact and commission further work as commitments are delivered.

Chaired by the Home Secretary, the taskforce – which will meet for the first time on 26 April, when the frequency of future meetings will also be decided – will have the vital job of ensuring the strategy is effectively delivered.

The strategy identifies the changing drugs market – in particular the devastating impact of crack cocaine – as a key driver of the violence harming our communities, and announces a range of powerful actions to tackle the issue of 'county lines' and its implications for drugs, violence and exploitation of vulnerable people. That includes £3.6 million to establish a new National County Lines Co-ordination Centre.

## Forced Marriage Unit releases 2017 data

In 2018, the Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) gave advice or support related to a possible forced marriage in 1,196 cases. These figures are included in a report released in March – you can view it at this link

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/705621/2017\\_FM\\_U\\_statistics\\_FINAL.PDF](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/705621/2017_FM_U_statistics_FINAL.PDF)

Since 2012, the FMU has provided support to between 1,200 and 1,400 cases per year. Whilst the number of cases in 2017 represents a **19% decrease compared with 2016**, it does not represent a decrease in prevalence of forced marriage in the UK

Of the cases, that FMU provided support to:

- 355 cases (29.7%) involved victims below 18 years of age; and
- 353 cases (29.5%) involved victims aged 18-25.
- 39 cases in East of England
- 125 cases (12.1%) involved victims who had a learning disability

In 2017, the majority of cases 930 (77.8%) involved women; 256 cases (21.4%) involved males. These proportions are in line with previous years.

Forced marriage is not a problem specific to one country or culture. Since it was established in 2005, the FMU has handled cases relating to over 90 countries across Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and North America.

## Invitation to Participate in Research Study

### **Intimate Partner Violence and Criminal Justice Interventions in Portugal and England and Wales: A Comparative Study**

*What do victims see as an appropriate and legitimate response to intimate partner violence?*

Joana Ferreira

Despite the high prevalence of intimate partner violence, there is still strong debate on the value and role of the criminal justice system in responding to men's violence against their female partners. This is well illustrated by victims' reluctance to get involved or co-operate with criminal justice processes, as well as in the fact that there are many violent offences which remain unreported. This study aims to explore victims' personal views and experiences concerning the criminal justice processes, and thus signal their needs and expectations regarding interventions. I am looking for volunteers amongst women who have been in an abusive relationship with a male partner, and who are willing to share their views in a confidential interview – lasting up to an hour. (All views will be anonymised).

Participation is voluntary. All responses are confidential and will only be used for research purposes relating to my research at Cambridge University. (Participants will be given a token of appreciation for their time).

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