



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

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Dear Partners

As we start to move closer to the new financial year, plans are well underway on how we will use the £700k DCLG funding to improve domestic abuse services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

From 1st April the new contract for women's refuge provision in Cambridgeshire starts. After a full tender process that started in September 2016, the contracts were awarded to Cambridge Women's Aid (Cambridge refuge) and Refuge (Fenland and Hunts refuges). We look forward to building on work that has been ongoing for a number of years with both providers and both CWA and Refuge are partners in the DCLG bid so will be fully involved with the new service developments.

The Domestic Abuse and Adult Safeguarding Conference that Peterborough Safeguarding Adults Board held at the beginning of March was really well attended with a range of senior and front line staff making up the 100+ audience. A number of issues were raised and we look forward to working with the SAB as work develops.

Finally, we were really pleased to hear of the Government's plans to make Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) mandatory across all schools, including academies (see P.8). We work closely with providers of SRE/PSHE across the county and we are all keen to see how this pledge will be moved on.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and remember that you can submit articles to Amanda.warburton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Training update

A Joint training offer for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has now been developed – Please see our website for details of levels and training available

http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/training_1/86050

Next available courses

- ❖ Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment (Level 3) – 9th May
 - ❖ Introduction to Domestic Abuse (Level 2) - 28th & 29th June
 - ❖ Managing Domestic Abuse in Families (Level 4) - 21st February, 13th June
- To book: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/learntogether/social>

Following the transfer of the Children’s and Adults Workforce Development teams to LGSS, more course dates are being planned so look out for future dates in the next newsletter.

- ❖ Introduction to the effects of Domestic Abuse (Peterborough) 21st April 2017
<http://www.safeguardingpeterborough.org.uk/children-board/professionals/training/>

The [Safeguarding Adults Domestic Abuse course](#) is 1.5 days and attendees need to have completed the half day training on Making Safeguarding Personal before they attend.

National cuts to domestic abuse services affect disabled survivors

In January, four disabled co-founders of the user-led group [Disabled Survivors Unite \(DSU\)](#) spoke about their work and their own personal experiences at a hearing on domestic violence and disabled people, in the European Parliament in Brussels. They told the hearing that disabled people were often forgotten in conversations about domestic violence and other abuse. Alice Kirby, one of the founders of DSU, told the hearing that many of the services needed by disabled survivors of domestic violence could not afford to make adaptations to their buildings or services to make them inclusive and accessible.

She said: “The UK government urgently needs to reverse the cuts that have left these services underfunded and they need to inject more money into them so they can afford to become accessible to disabled people.” Kirby said that significant cuts to social security had left many disabled people poorer, and “we know that the poorer a person is the less likely it is that they will be able to escape abuse”.

She also pointed to the closure of the Independent Living Fund and cuts to social services, which meant many disabled people were forced to rely on their abusers for care, so were less likely to be able to leave that abusive relationship. The acute shortage of accessible accommodation also “forces people to remain in abusive relationships”, she said.

Ashley Stephen, also from DSU, told the hearing that abusers often take advantage of the isolation of their disabled victim, withholding their food, care or medication.

One male survivor told DSU that he believed that the court system often discriminates against disabled survivors of abuse, “using our disability against us, framing us as unreliable witnesses because of our conditions”.

She described how one survivor of domestic violence, who was a wheelchair-user, had to be “shuffled from women’s refuge to women’s refuge”, and even carried up the stairs, because none of them were wheelchair-accessible. Eventually, she was left with no choice other than to return to her wheelchair-accessible home – where she had lived with her abuser – against police advice.

Smiddy said there was only one specialist domestic violence service for Deaf people in the UK, and only one specialist service designed to meet the needs of people with learning difficulties.

Her DSU colleague Holly Scott-Gardner said that the domestic abuse of disabled people was often not recognised by care providers, support services or even friends and family. She told the hearing: “In the last few months alone, I have talked with countless survivors whose abuse was ignored or grossly misunderstood. “They have told me about wheelchairs and other necessary equipment being damaged to prevent them from leaving the house, benefits money going to a partner, who withheld it from them, and being abused, and the physical effects of that abuse being hidden by their abuser, who blames it on their clumsiness, which is a symptom of their disability.” She added: “We are often taught that our disabilities are inconvenient, that they cause all of our problems, and it can be easy to blame terrible things that happen to us on the fact that we are disabled. It can be hard to recognise that we are not the problem, that we are not the one to blame.”

Eleanor Lisney, a founding member of the disabled women’s collective [Sisters of Frida](#), and also representing the [European Network on Independent Living](#), spoke later at the hearing about the barriers disabled victims of domestic violence face in accessing their rights. She said disabled women face even greater barriers if they are from minority ethnic backgrounds and religions, or do not speak English as their first language, and particularly if they are immigrants.

Government plans for Domestic Violence and Abuse Act

On 17th February, Theresa May announced plans to transform the plethora of different offences and procedures scattered across the statute book. This lack of clarity has led to an unacceptable diversity across the country in terms of the degree of effort put in to try and tackle it. Although the prosecution of, and convictions for, such offences have started to improve in recent years, there is inconsistency in the use and effectiveness of the various law enforcement measures across the country.

In recognition of this, the Prime Minister has announced plans for a major new programme of work leading towards bringing forward a Domestic Violence and Abuse Act. The programme of work will look at what more can be done to improve support for victims especially in the way the law, and legal procedures, currently work for such victims. Experts in this area will be invited to contribute ideas and proposals for improving the way the system works which is likely to lead to legislation – making it much easier for law enforcement bodies to find and use more consistently the measures at their disposal. The Prime Minister will also ask for any potential ‘quick wins’ in the intervening period to be identified and acted upon. The Prime Minister will directly oversee this work, which will be truly cross-governmental – but co-ordinated by the Home Office and the Ministry of Justice.

We will bring you updates on this as they are released by the Government.

Legal Aid time limits to be scrapped

Time limits preventing vulnerable victims of domestic violence from obtaining legal aid for court hearings are to be scrapped, the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) will announce.

The widely criticised rules meant victims seeking legal representation in disputed family court hearings, where they could be forced to confront their abuser, had to demonstrate that they had been targeted within the past five years.

Legal Aid Agency regulations also specified that a narrow range of official documents provide proof, such as medical reports, injunctions and social services records.

Statements from organisations working with domestic abuse victims will in future also be accepted as evidence of risk, under the changes revealed on Thursday. Letters from solicitors and information from housing officers will also be sufficient.

In other justice news it has been reported that domestic abusers will no longer be able to cross-examine their former partners in family courts in England and Wales, in an extension of a ban which already exists in criminal courts. An emergency review into the practice was ordered in January following a campaign by victim support groups.

In other reforms planned for the court system, the bill will give powers to extend the use of virtual hearings, allowing victims to give evidence without meeting their attacker face to face.

Internet Safety Strategy in the pipeline

Ministers have begun work on a new Internet Safety Strategy aimed at making Britain the safest country in the world for children and young people to be online.

A report by leading academic Professor Sonia Livingstone has been commissioned to provide up to date evidence of how young people are using the internet, the dangers they face, and the gaps that exist in keeping them safe. Ministers will also hold a series of round tables in the coming weeks with social media companies, technology firms, young people, charities and mental health experts to examine online risks and how to tackle them.

The work is expected to centre on four main priorities: how to help young people help themselves; helping parents face up the dangers and discuss them with children; industry's responsibilities to society; and how technology can help provide solutions. The focus will be on preventing children and young people from harm online and making the internet a safer place.

The round tables are also expected to examine concerns around issues like trolling and other aggressive behaviour including rape threats against women.

Call the Midwife tackles VAWG again

BBC1's Call the Midwife has been praised by viewers for tackling female genital mutilation (FGM) in the series that just ended. After running a story line around domestic abuse a few weeks ago, a recent episode featured a pregnant Somali woman who had undergone a FGM procedure as a child, leading her to go through a traumatic delivery.

Anti-FGM campaigner Nimco Ali, who runs the charity Daughters of Eve, was a consultant on the show. She worked closely with the programme makers and travelled to Somaliland, where the character of Nadifa is from, to meet doctors dealing with FGM.

Viewers called the programme's makers "brave" and praised the show for its "sensitive" portrayal of the subject.

Film showing the impact of domestic abuse

The [North-East-Hampshire Forum](#) on DA has released a video featuring a survivor of domestic abuse. This could prove a useful aid for training and generating discussion.

The story of Jane (not her real name), reveals the true nature of living life with an abuser; a 17 year old girl falls in love with an older man, who begins to manipulate and control her. He systematically isolates her from her family and friends, and when she becomes pregnant, she is unable to go to university.

She endures sexual and emotional abuse from her fiancée. She said: "I was terrified and living in fear...I tried to build a home with our two children...but he kept knocking it down. To the outside world, our family looked perfect."

<http://www.reducingtherisk.org.uk/cms/content/new-da-video-hampshire>

Guidance on No Recourse to Public Funds

The NRPF (No Resource to Public Funds) Network have just updated their guidance on [Assessing and Supporting children and families who have no recourse to public funds](#).

They have also developed a new online tool -- the Support for Migrant Families Webtool -- for practitioners supporting people with no recourse to public funds. You can [download a flyer from their website](#) or [find out more information](#).



Funding for Housing Initiative



The Home Office is funding a new online self-assessment toolkit, built by the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA), which is intended to make it easier for housing associations to assess whether they are doing enough to protect residents from domestic abuse.

DAHA is a partnership between Peabody, Gentoo and UK charity Standing Together Against Domestic Violence. Its mission is to improve the housing sector's response to domestic abuse, using an accreditation process.

The self-assessment toolkit focuses on policy and procedures, risk management, holding perpetrators accountable and training, among other areas.

One domestic abuse survivor, who asked to remain anonymous, praised her housing provider for helping her escape her abusive partner. She said: "It gave me my freedom and a safe place for me and my daughter – a new beginning."

Gudrun Burnet, co-founder of DAHA, said: "We are thrilled that the Home Office is supporting DAHA in our quest to improve the housing sector's response to domestic abuse. The funding of the online toolkit will support DAHA to disseminate this best practice across the country, helping many more families who are suffering domestic abuse."

Sarah Newton, minister for vulnerability, safeguarding and countering extremism, said: "By its very nature this kind of abuse happens in the shadows or behind closed doors, with many victims suffering in silence. Housing providers are in a unique position to help identify this hidden crime. I welcome DAHA's efforts to help these institutions and I am pleased that the government has been able to support its vital work."



Comic Relief focus on DA

Comic Relief has domestic abuse as one of its key focus areas this year. They have profiled survivors and IDVAs on their website and have also released a video by Rapman with a strong message to youngsters about classic DA issues.

Since Comic Relief began it has supported over 400 projects that together have helped over 900,000 people experiencing domestic violence in the UK, both through their funded projects and via their support to the National Domestic Violence Helpline run in partnership between Refuge and Women's Aid.

To find out more visit <https://www.rednoseday.com/the-difference-you-make/domestic-violence>

Paladin campaign for serial perpetrator register and order

Anti-stalking charity Paladin have thrown their support behind a petition created by Pam Dabney and John and Penny Clough (whose daughters Kirsty Treloar and Jane Clough were murdered by stalkers with long histories of violence and abuse) for the UK government to create a stalkers' register.

This is just one of a slate of six interconnected recommendations from Paladin which, taken together, would enable police to pro-actively identify, track, monitor and manage stalkers.

Paladin's recommendations in full:

1. The Government consider making DVPO/Ns a criminal breach to ensure effective sanctions.
2. Consideration to amend PACE to ensure police can keep the perpetrator in custody long enough to serve the DVPO on them there, rather than releasing them at a time of increased risk.
3. The Government consider creating a register for serial stalkers and domestic violence perpetrators and incorporating it into the existing framework for sex offenders.
4. The Government consider creating a new Serial Perpetrator Order (SPO) for serial stalkers and domestic violence offenders.
5. The Government consider creating a new Risk of Harm Order for serial stalkers and domestic violence offenders.
6. Ensure orders stand across European boundaries so that offending histories, behaviour and restrictions are also shared across borders.

You can [sign the petition on change.org](#) or [read more about Paladin's campaign on their website](#).

Success for the Bobby Scheme!

You may remember from the last newsletter an appeal from The Bobby Scheme to vote for them as Hopkins Homes Cambridgeshire Charity of the Year. Shirley Simpson, Bobby Scheme Manager, has been in touch to say that The Bobby Scheme won the vote and the £7000 donation.

Hopkins Homes said the scheme received over 1000 votes and they received over 2,300 votes in total. The Ely Foodbank and the Huntingdon Area Money Advice Scheme came second and third

The official announcement and cheque presentation was held on 8 March 2017 at the Hopkins Homes Showhome at Alconbury Weald.

Shirley said 'I would like to say thank you to everyone who voted for us and your acknowledgement of our charity and our work to help vulnerable people in the county. Your belief in our charity and what we do means a great deal to us – we really do value and appreciate your continued support and friendship.

The donation will go towards replacing Jeff's Bobby van which will be a great relief to Jeff!

Good news for RSE

Justine Greening, Secretary of State for Education, announced plans to put Relationships and Sex Education on a statutory footing earlier this month. The amendments that the Government will table to the Children and Social Work Bill place a duty on the Secretary of State for Education to make regulations requiring:

- All primary schools in England to teach age-appropriate 'relationships education'; and
- All secondary schools in England to teach age-appropriate 'relationships and sex education'

The amendments also create a power enabling the Government to make regulations requiring PSHE to be taught in academies and maintained schools – it is already compulsory in independent schools. Greening said 'The statutory guidance for Sex and Relationships Education was introduced in 2000 and is becoming increasingly outdated. It fails to address risks to children that have grown in prevalence over the last 17 years, including cyber bullying, 'sexting' and staying safe online.'

The Department for Education will lead a comprehensive programme of engagement to set out age-appropriate subject content and identify the support schools need to deliver high-quality teaching. Regulations and statutory guidance will then be subject to full public consultation before being laid subject to the affirmative resolution procedure. In line with this timetable, schools will be required to teach this content from September 2019.

Victims' Commissioner launches new centre for victims of sexual violence

Victims' Commissioner, Baroness Newlove was at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital in Huntingdon on 8 March to officially open a new county-wide centre for victims of sexual violence.

The state of the art facility for victims of rape and sex crimes in Cambridgeshire, known as The Elms, replaces the former facility Oasis @Rivergate, Peterborough, providing round the clock support to all victims of sexual assault. Operational since December 2016, the centre provides victims with a safe place to receive medical aftercare, forensic examinations, support, and to anonymously report sexual assaults. The facility is fully accessible and there are dedicated facilities for children and young people, including paediatric clinics.

Services at The Elms will be provided by a partnership including Cambridgeshire Rape Crisis, Peterborough Rape Crisis, Embrace CVOC, Victims Hub, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Mountain Healthcare Ltd.

Baroness Newlove said: "I am always humbled by the professionalism and commitment shown by staff at these Sexual Assault Referral Centres and I would like to thank colleagues at The Elms who have already offered support to many victims in Cambridgeshire since it opened last December.

"It will be of great comfort to victims and survivors of sexual abuse to know there is a place where they can seek help; a place where they can access support, advice and dedicated services in a safe, non-threatening environment."

Empowering women to make a change

Victims' Commissioner, Baroness Newlove was at Allia Future Business Centre, in Peterborough on Wednesday 8 March, welcoming women from across the county, to celebrate International Women's Day 2017.

Organised by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Cambridgeshire Constabulary, the event, Empowering Women, was an opportunity for women to celebrate their contribution to the local community.

Just under 100 women packed into the venue to listen to a number of inspirational stories and get the latest advice on issues affecting women today.

Temporary Assistant Chief Constable, Vicky Skeels said:

"What a fantastic opportunity for women to come together in a safe and positive environment to celebrate International Women's Day. We heard some amazingly powerful stories of **courage** and action and all left pledging to #BeBoldforChange."

Delegates were asked to make a pledge to 'make a change and make a difference', including standing up against violence, challenging bias and inequality, and championing women's education.

Presentations during the evening included a powerful message from Lorin LaFave, from Breck Foundation, whose son Breck was groomed via the internet and murdered on 17th February, 2014. There were also sessions on online safety, domestic abuse, and a session on grief recovery.

Carole Henderson, Grief Recovery (UK) said: "Recovery is possible, even after the most horrendous life events. I was thrilled to be invited to share this message during such a special evening."





Recovery is like any puzzle
you start at The Edge

The Edge Café opened its doors on 18th November 2016 followed up by a formal Grand Opening on 23rd January, 2017 where over 50 professionals, individual's in recovery and their family and friends joined us to celebrate the journey and achievement to date.

The Edge Café team consists of paid café staff and volunteers the majority of which, including the Café Manager 'Sarah' and the Recovery Coordinator 'Andy', are in recovery. They all work together with the 'Closer to the Edge' group (all members in recovery) who make operational and business decisions on a daily basis and report to the Board of Directors (recovery representation alongside local professionals). The Edge café is registered as a Community Interest Company run independently of any organisation. Despite the Café only being open for 4 months it has developed a strong customer base and commercially is on the road to independence. Sarah is passionate about food and develops a delicious and creative menu. The café works in partnership with Fareshare, which aims to reduce food waste using what we can in the café and distributing the rest to those in need. All the volunteers receive SPICE time credits for the hours they work and these credits are then exchanged for activities (swimming, cinema, cultural events etc..), one volunteer took her children to the pantomime for the first time this year, a day they enjoyed and cherished together.

As originally envisaged The Edge is the hub for recovery, with mutual aid groups and a large variety of art, craft and wellbeing groups and activities being run on a daily basis. It has been well received by the local community and has a huge amount of positive interest from the media who heard about its existence and helped to promote the project. The biggest achievement to date is how it has helped develop a grounding for the recovery community and brought a sense of ownership and achievement to so many individuals who are no longer embarrassed or ashamed of their journey and openly and proudly talk about their recovery in their local community.

The Edge Café – Recovery Coordinator Update (Andrew Ahmad-Cooke)

We currently have eight volunteers in recovery regularly working at the café. We have a further four volunteers who complete odd shifts. There are three volunteers who are waiting for their DBS forms and one more who is just about to start her place at Rehab. She will be volunteering when she has finished her treatment. We are waiting for three people to return paperwork who wish to volunteer. From the end of March, the committee, 'Closer to the Edge', will be made up solely of people in recovery. We make all the day-to-day decisions about the running of the Edge.

In May, we are planning to hold our first 'Transition to Employment' workshops, which will include tuition in CV writing, filling out application forms, and winning interview techniques, enabling our volunteers to take the first steps towards full employment.

Our program of workshops and groups are beginning to take off. Every other Monday afternoon we have a Book Club, attendance is variable but there are always one or two participants. On Wednesday afternoons, we have recently started a new fortnightly Poetry and Reading group, 'Soul Food' which is attracting interest already. On Thursday afternoon, a new workshop started last week, 'DJAM' (Dance, Journaling, Art & Music). The first session attracted three participants,

who enjoyed themselves and signed up for the next session. DJAM will also run every two weeks. Every Friday morning, we have Meditation and Mindfulness. This is currently our most popular workshop, regularly attracting ten to twelve participants. Every other Saturday we hold early morning Pilates, which always has at least eight participants.

In December, we held an 'open-mic' Poetry night which was very well attended. We have another booked for the beginning of May and plan to hold them every two months after that. In February, we held our first 'Great Clothes Swap', which was extremely successful. We also plan to hold every two months.

All our workshops are offered free of charge and are run, to a great extent, by people in recovery from addiction.

Our ambition to be Cambridge's recovery hub is also becoming a reality. Narcotics Anonymous run groups here every Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon. Alcoholics Anonymous hold a family support group here every Thursday evening. Every Friday morning, we host a community Christian Recovery Group, Thirst's meetings. This week Overeaters Anonymous are holding the first of their weekly Saturday morning meetings here. We also have regular bookings from different community Arts, Mental Health and Recovery organisations. We have a vibrant and active social media presence and have received extremely positive press attention from the BBC local news, Cambridge TV (who have filmed two pieces here), Cambridge 105 Radio, BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and we have featured in the local press and community magazines on numerous occasions. We were also identified as 'one of the 9 new places to eat in Cambridge where you soon won't be able to get a table' <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/whats-on/food-drink-news/9-new-places-eat-cambridge-12675468>. Additionally our local MP also holds his surgery out of the Edge café demonstrating his support for the project and the value he places on it in the local community.

The Edge Café is fast becoming a regular meeting point for many different people, staff from Brookfield's Hospital to community mother and baby groups. All our feedback, both verbally and on social media, comments about our delicious home-made food and cakes, the wonderful atmosphere and the positivity and friendliness of all the staff. The figures we are collating demonstrate a weekly increase of recovery based customers (including friends and families) coming to us for support. Last week we spoke to forty-two people in recovery. One of our regulars, who is in the early stages of his recovery, comes in two or three times a week and sketches. His work is being displayed on the cupboard but we hope to hold an exhibition of his work later in the year, as part of our monthly exhibition program for local artists, which is now booked until September.

Our latest exhibition is the first by an artist in recovery from addiction. When she first met us to arrange her debut exhibition she was nervous about revealing that she was in recovery. By the time we were a week into her exhibition, she came to us to tell us that The Edge had inspired her and she wanted to tell anyone who asked that she is in recovery. She subsequently wrote a biography for the exhibition at the Edge, telling her recovery story. This is not an unusual comment for someone involved with the Edge Café. Every day we hear stories of growing confidence, skills learnt and friendships made.

Susie Talbot-The Edge Café Board of Directors

<https://www.facebook.com/theedgecafecambridge/>
<http://theedgecafecambridge.org/>

HMIC EFFECTIVENESS INSPECTION – DOMESTIC ABUSE

Over recent years efforts from police, local authorities and partner agencies have been focussed on improving the service provided to protecting vulnerable people in our communities, of which victims of domestic abuse make up a significant percentage. Tackling domestic abuse is a priority for Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and we remain committed to doing the best we can to support our vulnerable people and keep them safe from harm.

All police forces across England and Wales recently underwent an inspection from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) into police effectiveness, looking at how we prevent crime and anti-social behaviour, investigate crime, catch criminals and manage offenders, whether we protect those people who are particularly vulnerable and how well we tackle serious and organised crime.

When it came to inspecting our recorded crimes where a vulnerable victim was identified, we are pleased to report Cambridgeshire fell above the national average of 14 percent, with 21 percent of our crimes identifying a vulnerable victim; a five percent increase compared to the last period of inspection, meaning we are improving in this area.

Our domestic abuse arrest rate however, for the 12 months to June 30, 2016, was slightly below the national average of 51 percent, at 45 percent. HMIC has however stated investigation of domestic abuse offences is of a high quality, with forces being clearly focused on providing an effective service for vulnerable victims, and this is an improving picture.

An area for concern with HMIC was the number of domestic abuse investigations where the outcome was 'evidential difficulties: victim does not support police action'. In Cambridgeshire just less than a third of our cases have this outcome. Work is already underway within the constabulary to improve this issue, with a regime of investigation audits being carried out of cases where no further action has been taken to explore the concern raised around cases not getting to court where victims do not want to be part of the evidential chain. The audits will take place in April, May and June, however the in the meantime the Information Standards Department (ISD) and Public Protection Department (PPD) teams are carrying out a deep-dive set of 20 case audits straight away.

A positive point from HMIC was the working relationships between police and partner organisations to ensure appropriate safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable people are in place; safeguarding is predominantly conducted through the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) located within each county. A report, commissioned by the Home Office, to collate effective practice principles for multi-agency working on domestic abuse is expected to be published in spring 2017.

Chief Constable Alec Wood said: "Demand for our services has never been higher and this is having a huge impact on frontline services, where officers and staff are showing fantastic resilience. The report identified some areas where improvements are needed but overall I am pleased with our 'good' rating. We are doing a large piece of work to review its impact and working towards developing a sustainable policing model to meet these demands within the available budget and resources. We remain focused and committed to providing victims with a consistent level of service and are already seeing improvements in this work but I want us to see this maintained. "At the heart of all of this work is protecting the most vulnerable people in our community and ensuring that when people are a victim of crime they get the best possible service from the force. "These are challenging times for policing but I have a dedicated and extremely hard working force and am confident in their ability to overcome these challenges."

Substance Use and IPV publication

A Special Issue on Intimate partner violence and substance misuse has just been published by Drug and Alcohol Review edited by Dr Gail Gilchrist (King's College London) and Professor Kelsey Hegarty (University of Melbourne)

Download papers [here](#)

This special issue provides commentaries, debate, reviews and primary research that contribute to our understanding of the role of alcohol and other drugs in intimate partner and dating violence, and desistance from violence; that identify the pathways to and factors associated with different types of IPV; and that offer solutions for responding to IPV among people who use substances. The series emphasises the urgent need for tailored integrated interventions to address different types of IPV among substance users.

Cambridge City Council re-accredited by the White Ribbon Campaign

Cambridge City Council has been re-accredited by the White Ribbon Campaign for another two years until 14 February 2019.

White Ribbon Campaign commented on the submission with:

'This a great application – it's very detailed and highlights a lot of the good work that you've done and indeed, continue to do in Cambridge with regards to ending violence against women and girls.

We very much appreciate the support of Cambridge City Council and on the basis of this application, I'm more than happy to accredit a further two years of White Ribbon Status - attached is a certificate of accreditation for you. Again, well done to you and everyone involved for your efforts!'

Cambridge City Council's re-accreditation is reflected on the White Ribbon Campaign website – www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk

and White Ribbon status on the Cambridge City Council web page - <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/advice-for-people-affected-by-domestic-abuse>



Dispelling rape myths

'I just froze' is Rape Crisis Scotland's new public awareness campaign, which aims to challenge and change common misconceptions that there is a right or wrong way for people to react during or after a rape. The website contains a range of resources, including short films, that can be used on social media or for training <http://www.rapecrisisscotland.org.uk/campaigns-projects/i-just-froze/>

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Date	Course	Venue	Time
27-Apr-17	DVRIM - Domestic Violence Risk Identification Matrix	Doddington Hospital	9.30 -11.30
13-June-17	Forced Marriages	Hunts FA	10.00 - 1.00
16-Jun-17	DVRIM - Domestic Violence Risk Identification Matrix	Cambs FA	9.30 - 11.30
20-Jun-17	Children and Young People and Domestic Violence	Hunts FA	9.30 - 4.30
13-Oct-17	Female Genital Mutilation	Hunts FA	10.00 - 12.00
05-Dec-17	Working with Child Sexual Exploitation	Doddington Hospital	9.30 - 4.30

To find out more information and to book a place please [click here](#)

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