



**Cambridgeshire
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Domestic Abuse & Sexual
Violence Partnership

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

One year has led quickly into another and we are already heading towards the end of January – how did that happen?!

We have been covering issues around benefits, housing and people with no recourse to public funds at our DASV Champions meetings in January and have had some great support from colleagues in the County Council's Welfare Benefits Advice Team as well as from partners including Domestic Abuse Housing Accreditation and the Trailblazers. So thank you to everyone who has come along to the sessions.

As we write this introduction, the Government has released its draft Domestic Abuse Bill which has been drawn up following a consultation process in 2018. We are hopeful that the new legislation proposed in the Bill is passed and that we see a really positive change in domestic abuse support across a range of agencies in the future. You can read the consultation response and draft bill at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-abuse-consultation-response-and-draft-bill>

Sexual Violence and Abuse Awareness Week takes place from 4th to 10th February this year and we have linked with colleagues and partners across the county for awareness raising across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Keep an eye on our social media accounts where key local figures will be sharing their photos of the 'It's Not Okay' pledge. You can share your photos with #itsnotokay.

Vickie Crompton & Julia Cullum
Partnership Managers



Training updates

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Adults and Children Boards training brochure for 2019 has been published, and is available to download from the website.

<http://www.safeguardingcambspeterborough.org.uk/availabletraining/>

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Champions Network - April

The next DASV Champions Network sessions will be in April (dates and venues are below – please note that we are using some new venues). The focus of the April sessions will be on sexual violence and we will be sending out a very short survey to Champions in February to help us plan for these sessions.

April 2019 – Sexual Violence

Cambridge	South Cambs	East Cambs	Fenland	Huntingdon	Peterborough
1 st April 10.00 – 12.30 Arbury Community Centre	17 th April 10.00 – 12.30 Sackville House	2 nd April 10.00 – 12.30 Centre E, Ely <u>Note new venue</u>	15 th April 11.00 – 13.30 March Community Centre	4 th April 10.00 – 12.30 Stanton House	25 th April 10.00 – 12.30 Fleet Community Centre <u>Note new venue</u>



We are recruiting!

We are looking to fill two 18 month fixed term posts for a Business Support Officer and a Young People's IDVA. You can find out more details and apply at Public Sector Jobs East – please see links below

[Young People's IDVA](#)

[Business Support Officer](#)

New national E-learning resource about trauma, abuse and sexual violence

Some of you may have heard of Jessica Eaton who has been involved in a number of pieces of work nationally around survivors of sexual violence. Jessica has just launched VictimFocus Academy which offers evidenced training for professionals and also knowledge and understanding for survivors. Some of the training is free but other modules have a small charge. You can visit the website at <https://www.victimfocus.org.uk/e-learning-courses>

International Women's Day Lecture by Jessica Eaton

To mark International Women's Day 2019 in Cambridge you are invited to a lecture by Jessica Eaton entitled 'Victim Focus'.

Jessica Eaton is an author, speaker and specialist researcher in the psychology of victim blaming of women subjected to sexual violence. Her PhD was recently submitted and focussed on the reasons why we are so likely to blame women for sexual violence perpetrated against them, why women blame themselves for sexual violence and how professionals understand self-blame after sexual violence. Jessica is also a national specialist course writer, trainer and speaker on the topic of Child Sexual Exploitation and Modern Slavery.

The event is being organised by Anglia Ruskin University and Cambridge City Council, and hosted by Anglia Ruskin University. It will be chaired by Norah Al-Ani, an Honorary Fellow of ARU, Director of Cambridge Rape Crisis and member of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Women's Consortium.

For more details and to book please use the link below.

Thursday 7th March 2019

Doors open at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start

Anglia Ruskin University

This is a free event

Please book on link below

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/victim-focus-a-lecture-by-jessica-eaton-for-international-womens-day-tickets-53343963230>

Eastern European posters

Our three Eastern European posters are now available for the South of the county, covering Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire and South Cambridgeshire. Printed copies will be sent out to key locations and they can also be downloaded from our website

<https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/posters/305453>

New Young People posters

We have created four new posters in our 'Do you recognise yourself?' campaign that are aimed at highlighting the signs of unhealthy relationships to young people. The posters are being distributed across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to schools, youth services and voluntary organisations and you can also download them from our website <https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/posters/305453>



Walk a Mile event planned for Fenland

The Ferry Project in Wisbech are preparing for their 'Walk a Mile in Their Shoes' event which is being held on the 6 April and are seeking supporters. A supporter is simply someone backing the campaign who can promote the idea within their social circle, staff team and with loved ones. We want you to encourage others to take a walk with us and make a stand against domestic violence.

If you can't make the day or have a health issue that we cannot provide a shoe to suit (we have ladies flat sandals too!), but would still like to support the cause, we will have an online platform for you to donate from the beginning of February.

We were lucky enough to have a front page feature in the Fenland Citizen on Wednesday, in case you missed it: <https://www.fenlandcitizen.co.uk/news/ferry-project-in-wisbech-launches-walk-a-mile-in-their-shoes-campaign-to-highlight-domestic-violence-9058612/>

To register your interest visit the website and click the banner. www.ferryproject.org.uk

Break4Change Holding Programme starts in February

YMCA Trinity will be delivering another Break4Change Holding Intervention will be running in **Huntingdon in February 2019.**

Below are some of the characteristics of child/adolescent to parent violence to help recognise some of the signs:

A young person (11 – 17yrs) could be:

- Controlling in the home environment where parents are having to modify their own behaviour through fear of consequences
- Being violent or aggressive towards the parent/carer, using weapons
- Putting the parent or carer down/name calling
- Missing from home as a use of control/not attending school
- Making threats/unreasonable demands with consequences
- Hurting siblings either physically or emotionally
- Demanding/stealing money
- Any behaviour used by a young person to **control, dominate or coerce** parents/carers. It is intended to threaten and intimidate and puts family safety at risk

We have some families where there is violence at a high level, some low and some where there is no physical violence however there is a high level of coercive control. Some young people have diagnosis for ADHD, ASD, ODD, however we can still work with them as long as they are able to comprehend choice.

The next 6 week programme will start on **Thursday 28th February** between the hours of **6pm – 8pm**. This programme is for all families across the whole of Cambridgeshire to join. Young people and parents/carers groups work in parallel, however in separate rooms.

Once referrals have been submitted, we will make home visits and carry out assessments where professionals will be kept in the loop. For a referral form please contact clare.taylor@ymcatrinity.org.uk

Safeguarding Awareness Month

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Adults and Children Boards are celebrating Safeguarding Awareness Month in February and hoping to raise awareness of safeguarding with the general public, as well with partners and professionals.

A toolkit has been produced with the support of Comms leads from key agencies in the partnership that includes the messages to share on social media with #safeguardingawareness and there are also other resources that can be used for events and activities - posters and leaflets, quizzes and email banners. Further information is available at <http://www.safeguardingcambspeterborough.org.uk/home/awarenessmonth/>

Management of sex offenders report

HM Inspectorate of Probation and HM Inspectorate of Prisons released a thematic report into Management and Supervision of men convicted of Sexual offences on 24th January. The report found that work in prison with men convicted of sexual offences was poor overall, and raised concerns that the risk to the public from those released was not being managed sufficiently well. The Inspectorate also found that too many assessment tools are in use to be able to risk assess offenders adequately and underuse of accredited community programmes.

The report makes a number of recommendations to National Probation Service and the Prison Service including:

- regular and comprehensive national analyses of offending-related risks and needs of those convicted of sexual offences
- closer working between CRCs, prison staff and the NPS for effective public protection
- improving the integration of assessment tools and the quality of assessments and plans to ensure that the public, particularly children and actual and potential victims, are protected.
- all prisons have an active strategy to reduce reoffending, based on a current needs analysis, that sets out the steps to be taken with the population of convicted sexual offenders.

The full report can be read and downloaded at

<https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmiprobation/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2019/01/Management-and-Supervision-of-men-convicted-of-sexual-offences-2.pdf>

Children's experiences of domestic abuse film

Behind Closed Doors – Through the eyes of the child is a documentary showing on BB2 on Wednesday 6th February at 9pm. The programme follows children and their families as they go through the aftermath of domestic abuse. The programme will be available on the BBC iPlayer afterwards <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0002fmv>

Cambridge Women's Aid vacancies

We are currently recruiting for two roles:

Part time Project Coordinator to support the delivery of the Ask Me scheme within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The post holder will be responsible for recruiting, training and supporting community members to join us in improving local peoples understanding and response to domestic abuse.

This post is fixed term for a minimum of one year. It is mainly based in Cambridge city with some travel throughout Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Salary is paid at NJC pay scale point 28 which will equate to £20,646 p.a. plus 5% pension contribution for a 30 hour week. Some weekend and evening work will make up part of the normal working week.

Closing date for applications: 5pm on Thursday 14th February 2019

Interview date: Wednesday 20th February 2019

Full time Outreach Support Worker wanted to provide practical and emotional support to women affected by domestic abuse.

You will understand the dynamics and impact of domestic violence/abuse and how best to support survivors. Knowledge of help available to survivors of abuse is needed plus the ability to develop supportive relationships with women whilst maintaining professional boundaries.

This post is fixed term for a minimum of one year. It is based in Cambridge City with some travel across the county and is paid at NJC pay scale 26-30, £23,866 - £27,358 p.a for a 37 hour week plus a 5% pension contribution.

Closing date for applications: 5pm on Thursday 14th February 2019

Interview date: Monday 25th February 2019

CWA is committed to quality, equality and valuing diversity. We would like to encourage applications from people from minoritised and racialised communities, people under-represented in similar roles and people without university degrees, who have the skills described in the person specifications for the roles. Women only need apply under schedule 9 (Part 1) of the Equality Act 2010.

Application packs can be downloaded from the News section of our website www.cambridgewa.org.uk

Job vacancy

The Job: Young People's RSE Worker

- Based in Cambridge with the ability to travel around the county and Peterborough
- **15 hours per week** to be worked on a **Monday and Wednesday**
- Full time equivalent salary for 37.50 hours is £20,000 per annum + flexible working
- **Actual salary for 15 hours per week is £8,000**
- Fixed term to the end of September 2019

The organization

Established in 1986, we are the sexual health charity for Cambridgeshire and some surrounding areas. At Dhiverse we're all about inclusivity and equality and our aim is for everyone to have the opportunity to be equipped to make informed decisions around sexual health, healthy relationships and consent. We provide support, information, training and education around sexual health, sexuality, sexual identity, sex and relationships, sexual trauma and keeping safe.

The Young Peoples Team

At Dhiverse we believe it's important for all young people to be offered relationships and sex education in ways that reflect how young people prefer to learn and equips them with the skills, knowledge and information they need to navigate and make decisions around relationships and sex in the 21st century. We provide age appropriate relationships and sex education to young people age 11 to 25 through a range of workshops. We work with schools, colleges, youth groups, supported housing projects – in fact any young people's setting.

The person

As a Young People's RSE Worker you'll have experience of working with and supporting young people, be able to communicate with young people on their level and believe in the importance of good and relevant relationships and sex education. You will have experience of delivering trainings, workshops or lessons; be proficient in the use of Microsoft Office, social media and the Internet. Good written and verbal communication skills are essential, as is the ability to organize, manage and plan effectively. You will have an understanding of safeguarding, confidentiality and boundaries; the ability to work both on your own initiative and as part of a team and you'll have an enthusiastic, innovative and fun but professional approach to work!

PLEASE NOTE: The successful applicant will need an advanced DBS check and a full driving license and access to own transport is desirable

To apply please send your CV and a covering letter outlining the reasons for your interest in this role, to enquiries@dhiverse.org.uk . For an informal chat about the position please call **Meg Veit 01223 508805**. **The closing date for CVs is Thursday 7th February 2019**

INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY IN CAMBRIDGE

DHIVERSE is an equal opportunities employer and we welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons regardless of their race, sex, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation or age

www.dhiverse.org.uk



THE FERRY PROJECT

WALK A MILE IN *THEIR* SHOES



**"Help me never to judge another,
until I have walked a mile in their moccasins."
American Indian Proverb**



**EVERY DAY HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ACROSS GREAT
BRITAIN ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. STAND
WITH US TO HELP STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN
FENLAND.**

WALK WITH US?

The Ferry Project is organising a walk of support for victims of domestic violence on **Saturday 6 April 2019**. We are asking businesses and individuals to get involved. We will be raising funds to provide emergency support where needed.

Last year in the UK, two million people were victims of domestic violence. Two women a week are killed as a result of domestic abuse. We want to change this. We want to make a clear statement across Fenland that domestic violence is wrong. We want to provide those who have suffered domestic abuse with stability, security and financial help, to give them the courage to walk out of their situation.

For the "Walk a mile in their shoes" event, we are asking that men walk a mile wearing a pair of heeled women's shoes and women walk wearing a full trouser suit, tie and flat shoes. This is a light-hearted way of approaching a serious issue, generating conversations and raising money.

The Ferry Project supports, on average, ten people a year who are homeless as a direct result of domestic violence.

www.ferryproject.org.uk