

Newsletter

2013/2014

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - A POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PRIORITY

Funded by the East Belfast and Castlereagh Districts Policing and Community Safety Partnerships and coordinated by the Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership the Behind Closed Doors Conference at the Stormont Hotel was attended by 200 delegates on the 23rd March 2014 .

Speaking at the event Councillors Cecil Hall and Adam Newton Castlereagh and East Belfast District Policing & Community Safety Partnerships (Chairs) noted that **"Domestic Violence is a priority within Policing and Community Safety Partnership plans"**

Assistant Chief Constable Mark Hamilton said that **" Domestic Abuse is a policing priority and our aim is to improve the quality of engagement with, and the service we provide to victims of domestic abuse"**.

One of the highlights of an interesting and inspiring programme was the presentation by four schoolgirls from Rathmore Grammar School - winners of the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative for their presentation on Domestic Violence and Women's Aid which concluded with Hannah (front row third right) singing "Brave."

"YOUNG VOICES"

SCHOOLGIRLS AFROM RATHMORE GRAMMAR SCHOOL WITH THEIR TEACHER ,SPEAKERS AND PCSP MEMBERS



*"The presentations from the Rathmore pupils were exceptional and inspiring. A credit to them and their school."
(delegate comment)*

"Brave"
(By Sarah Barielles)

*"Don't run,
stop holding
your tongue*

*Maybe
there's a way
out of the
cage where
you live*

*Maybe one
of these days
you can let
the light in*

*Show me
how big your
brave is "*

Message from the Chairperson



Welcome to the 2014 edition of the Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership Newsletter.

I have recently been appointed to the post of Children's Services Manager in the Belfast Trust and will take up post in June including Chairing the Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership .

As you will note from the content of the Newsletter the Partnership has continued with a busy work programme including a number of events over the past 12 months.

In partnership with South Eastern Domestic Violence Partnership a conference was held in November attended by approximately 300 staff from a range of agencies . Thanks to the DHSSPS and PSNI which provided funding for the conference. Raising awareness with groups such as Dental Students and Midwives has been ongoing .

The New Year started with a focus on planning joint initiatives with the District Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs) across the greater Belfast area to raise awareness regarding Domestic Violence / Abuse with events in February and March in the North , East and Castlereagh districts . Many thanks to the District PCSP s for their funding and support with these events.

During the past year the Protection and Justice Group established a project which aims to enable staff in the community, voluntary and statutory sectors to better support victims and their children involved in Contact/ Residence Order Applications. Guidance to assist frontline staff working with families experiencing domestic violence/abuse and child contact arrangements was developed and three seminars in June, September and October were organised to promote the guidance to a range of staff . More recently the Guidance has been presented to Lay Magistrates in Belfast and Banbridge.

At a regional level work on the new draft Joint Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy was issued in January for consultation. The Partnership has continued to contribute to the process through attendance at the Regional Strategy Group and has responded to the consultation .

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has continued to contribute and support the work of the Partnership and I look forward to working with you all and continuing to progress the partnerships work plan .

Edel Mc Kenna (Chair)

Public Consultation

Stopping Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse in Northern Ireland 2013-2020 closed April 2014

The Departments of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and the Department of Justice launched the public consultation on the Stopping Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse in N.Ireland on the 15th January 2014.

The proposals aim to put in place enhanced services, protection and support for all victims and witnesses of Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse, and to ensure perpetrators are called to account. 56 responses have been received and the joint DHSSPS/DOJ team is currently analysing the responses in order to identify the key issues for consideration and these will be subject to wider discussion in the near future.

http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/consultations/current_consultations.htm

Partnership News

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

A range of speakers considered the impact of Domestic Violence on children and young people, adults and older people and appropriate services and interventions to support victims. Keynote speaker Professor Nicky Stanley, Professor of Social Work at the University of Central Lancashire said *"It is vital to emphasise the importance of front line staff listening to what children say about domestic violence and to argue for parallel group interventions that support children and their mothers who have experienced domestic violence"*



Speakers and PCSP members

James Knox, Coordinator Men's Advisory Project highlighted the barriers to male victims disclosing domestic abuse as;

- ◆ Knowledge of what constitutes abuse
- ◆ Recognizing that they are victims
- ◆ Stigma
- ◆ Fear of not being believed and losing contact with their children.

Copies of all speakers presentations are available on www.belfastdvp.co.uk

LISTENING, SHARING AND LEARNING

The Listening, Sharing, and Learning conference jointly organised by Belfast and South Eastern Domestic Violence Partnerships, and funded by the DHSSPS and the PSNI took place in the Clandeboye Lodge on the 29th Nov 2013. The conference was opened by the Minister of Justice Mr David Ford.

300 delegates heard speakers from Northern Ireland and England highlight the importance of sharing critical information across sectors and agencies, the importance of listening to victims and responding appropriately, and the lessons learnt from Domestic Homicide Reviews in England.

Following the opening address by Minister Ford, Frank Mullane shared his poignant story of the murder of his sister Julia and nephew William by Julia's husband. Frank now works to support families following fatal domestic abuse and has advised and contributed to Domestic Homicide Reviews across England.

Speaker presentations are available on www.belfastdvp.co.uk



Left to Right:
Shelia Simons Chair South Eastern DV Partnership, Minister Ford, Frank Mullane, Director AAFDA, Martin Morgan, Chair Belfast DV Partnership

Frank Mullane said....

"Do not give up on the victim. You may be their only hope."

"Findings from domestic homicide reviews tell us that public protection workers need to fully understand not only the forms that domestic abuse takes but the impacts it has"

"Victims are at the greatest risk of homicide at the point of separation or after leaving a partner"

“Listening, sharing and learning or learning to listen and share? ”

Dr Bronagh Mc Kee (below) challenges delegates to consider the importance of sharing information.



Dr Christine Kennedy Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist (below) told delegates that asking about domestic violence can:

- ◆ Increase patient's awareness of the impact of domestic violence on mental health
- ◆ Identify more victims at risk
- ◆ Create an opportunity to disclose and reduce feelings of isolation
- ◆ Provide information on services and save the health service money and time by preventative intervention.



"Every speaker was very engaging and presented extremely passionately re moving things forward for the victims of Domestic Violence"

(Delegate comment)

Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership publishes Child Contact Guidance

(August 2013)

In response to issues raised by victims and staff, members of the Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership Protection and Justice working group developed guidance which aims to assist frontline staff working with families experiencing domestic violence/abuse and child contact arrangements. In addition the guidance will support individuals who choose to represent themselves in court proceedings (self litigants).

Three seminars in June, September and October 2013 were organised to promote the guidance to a range of staff . More recently the guidance has been presented to Lay Magistrates in Belfast and Banbridge in conjunction with SET Domestic Violence Partnership.

To download a copy of the guidance go to

www.belfastdvp.co.uk

Rights of Women: A Guide to Child Contact ,
Picking up the Pieces:
Domestic Violence and Child Contact,
A Research Report 2012
www.rightsofwomen.org.uk

"It is, in my view, high time that the Family Justice System abandoned any reliance on the proposition that a man can have a history of violence to the mother of his children but, nonetheless, be a **good father"**
(Lord Justice Wall, 2006: 9)

Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership Website Updated

The partnership website was updated in March/April 2014 thanks to funding from the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership.

If you have any suggestions/ comments or news that you would like included on the website contact the coordinator.

Tel. 02890 666049 margaret.kelly@belfastwomensaid.co.uk

Please visit the website at www.belfastdvp.co.uk



"What has Domestic Violence got to do with me anyway" ?

This was the question posed at a study day coordinated by the Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership for dental students at the Centre for Dental Education at the Royal Victoria hospital site in November 2013 attended by approximately sixty second year dental students and their lecturers. Speakers from PSNI, Belfast and Lisburn **Women's Aid and the Probation Service** contributed to the programme alongside **Catriona O Hare, Clinical Dental Teaching Fellow** at QUB.

Speaking on the importance of dentists recognising domestic violence as A health issue, Catriona noted that **"Dentists form long term relationships with their patients and families and so are in an ideal position to notice changes in someone's appearance or behaviour. It is a well-known fact that the teeth, face and head are the most commonly injured sites in incidents of domestic abuse and victims will often seek dental help for these problems. In a recent study 70% of patients who sought help from their dentist wished the dentist had asked about their injuries."**

The awareness day explored the nature, extent and impact of domestic violence and abuse and the services available to support victims. The role of the dental practitioner and the simple steps dentists can take to help their patients was discussed.

For further information the website below outlines the role of the dentist in tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse. www.medicsagainstviolence.co.uk and a recently released video

"Domestic-violence-MASTER-080210" by VRU Scotland on Vimeo.

The video is available at <http://vimeo.com/81794091>

Sergeant Ailish Mc Crissican , PSNI outlines the role of the Police Service in responding to Domestic Abuse at the dental students study day.



Student feedback on the training

"Presenting domestic violence as a health issue rather than a personal problem helped me feel more comfortable with the idea of addressing it in practice."

" This session certainly did increase my awareness and I think Dentists can definitely play a vital role in helping to direct victims of Domestic Violence toward help and provide more support "

"Illustrated a new issue I hadn't considered as relevant and showed me how it fits with the clinical environment"

Domestic Violence and Abuse "Make it your Business"

Members of The Belfast Area Domestic Violence Partnership and North Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership worked together to raise awareness of domestic violence and abuse in the North Belfast area. At the seminar in NICVA on the 24th February delegates heard from speakers from a range of local agencies including Joanne Eakin PSNI, Sinead Larkin, Solicitor, Shauneen Lenzi PBNI, Denise Bradley, Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid (seconded to PBNI) and Catherine Ferrin, Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid.



7.6 DOMESTIC ABUSE INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED DAILY IN NORTH BELFAST DURING 2012 –2013.

Speaking at the event Joanne Eakin, PSNI (below) outlined the role of the police in tackling domestic abuse and provided delegates with local PSNI statistics for the North Belfast area. Joanne told delegates that 2,789 domestic abuse incidents and 958 domestic abuse crimes were recorded by the PSNI in North Belfast in 2012-2013.



Partnership News

Midwives urged to keep Domestic Violence on their RADAR



Speakers at the Midwifery study day at Ramada Hotel, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.

Left to right:
Shauneen Lenzi
PBNI.

Denise
Bradley
BLWA , seconded
to PBNI

Ailish Mc
Crissican
PSNI

Catherine
Ferrin BLWA

Domestic Violence Study Day for Midwives

The event which was sponsored by Danone and coordinated by the Domestic Violence Partnership was held in the Ramada Hotel at Shaws Bridge on the 5th November 2013. Approximately 90 midwives attended and heard speakers outline the impact of domestic violence including the indicators of abuse and the power and control dynamics in abusive relationships. Information on appropriate services was discussed and the role of the midwife in responding to domestic violence and abuse was highlighted by Sister Margaret Kennedy RJMH who stressed the importance of midwives keeping Domestic Violence on their **RADAR**

Routine Enquiry

Ask direct questions

Document findings safely

Assess woman's safety

Resources-give information
respect choices, refer if appropriate

“The RCM believes that domestic abuse is best challenged by a multidisciplinary and multi-agency approach, in which professionals work in partnership with local service providers, police, voluntary sector and the woman herself.”

MARAC Statistics N. Ireland

Month	Categories	Criteria	Month Total	Cumulative Total From Jan 2014	2013 Totals	Cumulative Total From Jan 2010
April 2014						
	Number of	Cases Discussed	146	541	1641	6736
		Repeat Cases	39	154	424	1363
		Children in Household	181	627	2069	8949

Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership MARAC working group
The Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership MARAC Subgroup continues to meet and has agreed the groups work plan. The group has been considering local practice issues and training and development needs and communicates issues raised to the Regional MARAC Operational Group.

MARAC Information Sharing Agreement (ISA)

The ISA has now been signed off by all signatories from the statutory agencies. The document will be reviewed in six months from the date that the final signatory was received and thereafter every two years.

MARAC Operating Protocol
A final version was agreed at the Regional Strategic group and MARAC Operational group meetings in May 2014. The protocol will be implemented from the 1st June 2014.

MARAC Leaflets

Two sets of MARAC leaflets have been published one for victims and one for practitioners. It is recognised that the leaflets will need amended once IDVAs are in place and therefore a limited supply has been printed initially.

NHS National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) School for Social Care Research

"The NICHHR are conducting ground-breaking research into the effectiveness of MARACs (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences) that bring together diverse public and voluntary sector agencies to focus on adults facing high risk of domestic violence"

The Project :

- ◆ **To identify, and assess the effectiveness of social care's contribution to the development** of Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) and the protection of adults facing domestic violence
- ◆ Lead: Professor Hugh McLaughlin (h.mclaughlin@mmu.ac.uk)
- ◆ Institution: Manchester Metropolitan University
- ◆ Completion: Spring 2014

<http://www.sscr.nihr.ac.uk/PDF/Insights/IN44.pdf>

News from Home...

PSNI Stats 2013 –2014 published May 2014

Incidents & Crimes with a Domestic Abuse Motivation at highest levels since 2004-2005

- There were 7 murders with a Domestic Abuse Motivation
- There were 27,628 incidents with a domestic abuse motivation - an increase of 438 (1.6%) on the 27,190 incidents recorded in 2012/13.
- There was a greater increase in the number of crimes having a domestic abuse motivation with 12,720 recorded in 2013/14 compared with 11,160 in 2012/13, an increase of 1,560 (14.0%).
- The associated crime outcome rate fell by 5.0 percentage points from 36.7% in 2012/13 to 31.7% in 2013/14.

www.psni.police.uk/quarterly_domestic_abuse_update_apr-mar_13_14.xls

Domestic violence and sexual abuse 24-hour helpline launched March 2014

The Helpline now reaches out to men and women who have experienced sexual and domestic violence.

0808 802 1414

European Conference on Domestic Violence coming to Belfast 6th – 9th September 2015...

Hosted by the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work
Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland.

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/ECDV15/>



Reaching out to older women - **The Older Women's Project**

Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid has been awarded £200,000 for a project to support older women. The grant, awarded by the Big Lottery Fund, will be used to reach out to older women who suffer domestic violence in the area.

Previous research by Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid has found that one in six women over 60 suffer from some form of domestic abuse.

Two dedicated staff have been appointed and referrals will be accepted from any agency

[Contact 90666049](http://90666049) or visit belfastwomensaid.org.uk

NICE Domestic Violence Guidance published in February 2014.....

Domestic violence and abuse: how health services, social care and the organisations they work with can respond effectively

Issued: February 2014 NICE public health guidance 50guidance.nice.org.uk/ph50

Researchers find “no evidence that screening improves access to specialist domestic violence support services or leads to a decrease in violence” May 2014

Professor Gene Feder, from the University of Bristol’s School of Social and Community Medicine, said: “Domestic violence is a crime and breach of human rights with major public health and clinical impact. Screening women in healthcare settings is national policy in some countries. By looking at research trials carried out around the world, we found no evidence that screening improves access to specialist domestic violence support or leads to a reduction of violence. This is an example of research that tells us what not to do. Yes, doctors and nurses need to ask women patients about abuse, but not all women patients. We need to shift the research focus towards developing effective care for survivors of domestic violence after they have disclosed, however they are identified.”

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/news/2014/may/domestic-violence-screening.html>

The World Health Organisation publishes new clinical and policy guidelines

“Responding to intimate partner violence and sexual violence against women”

The guidelines are based on systematic reviews of the evidence, and cover:

- * identification and clinical care for intimate partner violence
- * clinical care for sexual assault
- * training relating to intimate partner violence and sexual assault against women
- * policy and programmatic approaches to delivering services
- * mandatory reporting of intimate partner violence.

The guidelines aim to raise awareness of violence against women among health-care providers and policy-makers, so that they better understand the need for an appropriate health-sector response. They provide standards that can form the basis for national guidelines, and for integrating these issues into health-care provider education.

For detailed information see

www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/violence/9789241548595/en/index.html#

Women exposed to intimate partner violence are Twice as likely to experience depression and 16% more likely to have a low birth weight baby

38% of all murders globally were reported as being committed by an intimate partner



World Health Organization

"CLAIRES LAW" TO BE PILOTED IN SCOTLAND

"A scheme allowing people to find out whether their partner has a history of domestic violence, known as Clare's Law, will be piloted in Scotland.

First Minister Alex Salmond, who is also considering a new domestic abuse offence, outlined a planned trial of the police disclosure scheme.

It is named after Clare Wood, who was murdered by her ex-boyfriend George Appleton in Salford, Greater Manchester, in February 2009

A similar scheme was rolled out across England and Wales earlier this year.

Police recorded 60,080 incidents of domestic abuse in Scotland in 2012-13, up slightly from 59,847 in the previous year."

May 14 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-27315418>

"Domestic abuse is about so much more than any one incident, we hear from women who tell us that they and their families live in fear each and every day."

*Lily Greenan,
Manager,
Scottish Women's Aid*

North Wales Police March 2014

"In the year 2012/13, out of over 13,745 domestic incidents which were reported to North Wales Police, 4,200 resulted in a domestic crime having occurred.

Out of this number, over 35.43% were referred to the Crown Prosecution Service for advice.

Last year our conviction rate at court for domestic abuse crimes was 77% .

This year to date we have improved our conviction rate to 81.1%"

http://www.north-wales.police.uk/news_appeals/latest_news_domestic_violence_disclosure.aspx

On one day in Scotland 2013

- ◆ 341 women and 257 children and young people were living in a Women's Aid refuge
- ◆ 809 women and 319 children and young people were supported by a Women's Aid group
- ◆ 82 women and 12 children and young people contacted Women's Aid for the very first time
- ◆ 37 women and 22 children and young people asked for refuge accommodation, but Women's Aid groups were unable to find suitable spaces for 19 women and 5 children and young people.

www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk

“New guidelines are to be introduced for prosecutors handling cases of domestic abuse among the elderly and teenagers

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) advice for England and Wales says older people may face more frequent attacks because they are less independent.

It makes clear abuse may not always involve violence - warning that young people may face abuse via mobile phones and social media.

The advice will be consulted on before coming into force.”

Source <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-27400451>

May 2014

Clare's Law, which enables people to check the police record of their partners, is to be expanded to cover all of England and Wales.

Piloted in Greater Manchester, Wiltshire, Nottinghamshire and Gwent since September 2012 the scheme is expected to take effect across England and Wales in March 2014

Clare Wood's father, Michael Brown, has welcomed plans to roll out the scheme, officially known as the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme, saying the scheme "could, quite possibly, have saved her life".

Home Secretary Theresa May, issued a written statement to the House of Commons saying that there "are still too many cases where vulnerable people are let down".

"Clare's Law provides people with the information they need to escape an abusive situation before it ends in tragedy," she said.

Source BBC News November 2103

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-25077115>

Domestic violence protection notices and orders implemented across England and Wales from March 14

Domestic violence protection orders are a new power that fills a gap in providing protection to victims by enabling the police and magistrates to put in place protection in the immediate aftermath of a domestic violence incident.

A perpetrator can be banned with immediate effect from returning to a residence and from having contact with the victim for up to 28 days, allowing the victim time to consider their options and get the support they need.

Source

www.gov.uk/domestic-violence-and-abuse#domestic-violence-protection-notices-and-orders

Further afield...

Nigeria in the spotlight as nearly 300 schoolgirls are kidnapped from their school by radical Islamist group Boko Haram.

The charity Equality Now have outlined three steps that everyone can take in the campaign to #Bring Back Our Girls.

Visit their website for further information



www.equalitynow.org/3_things_you_can_do_today_to_help_bringbackourgirls

Violence against Women: every day and every where

A new report by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) presents results from the **world's biggest**-ever survey on violence against women, revealing the extent of abuse suffered by women at home, work, in public and online. As well as demonstrating the wide prevalence of violence against adult women, the report also details incidents of physical and sexual violence experienced by women in childhood .March 2014

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/press-release/2014/violence-against-women-every-day-and-everywhere>

Hidden in plain sight May 22nd BBC News

A 25-year-old woman who went missing 10 years ago in California has told police she was forced to **marry her captor and have his child**. "Even with the opportunity to escape, after years of physical and mental abuse, the victim saw no way out of her situation and lived a life under sustained physical and mental abuse," police said.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-27508752>

Publications and Resources...



Domestic Abuse and Gender
Inequality:
An overview of
the current debate
Briefing Paper 69 Aug 2013
www.crfr.ac.uk

'Everyone's business: Improving the
police response to domestic abuse'
May 2014 HMIC (2014)

www.hmic.gov.uk

Tackling FGM in the UK
Intercollegiate
recommendations for identifying, recording
and reporting
1 November 2013
Published by The Royal College of Midwives
www.rcm.org.uk

**'Domestic violence, safety and child
contact in England, hiding violent men in
the shadows of parenting'**

2013

www.clok.uclan.ac.uk/6101/

Responding to domestic abuse:
Guidance for general practices
Authors CAADA and RGGP 2012

[www.caada.org.uk/.../
CAADA_GP_guidance_manual_FINAL.pdf](http://www.caada.org.uk/.../CAADA_GP_guidance_manual_FINAL.pdf)

"Say Something"
*A Study of
Students' Experiences of
Harassment, Stalking, Violence
and Sexual Assault (2013)*

[www.cosc.ie/en/COSC/Pages/
RD13000023](http://www.cosc.ie/en/COSC/Pages/RD13000023)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PERPETRATOR
PROGRAMMES AND CHILDREN AND YOUNG
PEOPLE

The third of a series of
Project Mirabal briefing notes—December 2013

www.dur.ac.uk/criva/project_mirabal

Is this love?

An educational resource for schools.

[www.devon.gov.uk/adva-education-
pack.pdf](http://www.devon.gov.uk/adva-education-pack.pdf)

Would they actually
have believed me?

A focus group exploration
of the underreporting of
crimes

by Jimmy Saville
September 2013
www.nspcc.org.uk

Sex, Secrets and Lies

Leaflet for young people on sexual exploitation

[www.barnardos.org.uk/
sex_secrets_and_lies_brochure_-_english_version.pdf](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/sex_secrets_and_lies_brochure_-_english_version.pdf)

Quotes of note...



"I spend my time on Crimewatch appealing for criminals on the run. Domestic violence is one of the few crimes I can think of where the victim is often forced to go on the run."

Journalist, Fiona Bruce

"Our vision of zero tolerance is unequivocal"

Justice Minister Ford at the launch of the consultation on the Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Strategy
Jan 2014

"Calling gender violence a women's issue is part of the problem. It gives a lot of men an excuse not to pay attention"

Jackson Katz

"Often there is no violence until there's a homicide"

Laura Richards

"The State has a responsibility to act with due diligence to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls, and it is imperative that the best interests of all women and girls should guide the response of the UK government"

Ms. Rashida Manjoo, UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women April 2014

Contact ■■■■■



Domestic & Sexual Violence Helpline

Open to all women and men affected by domestic & sexual violence

0808 802 1414

text support to 07797 805 839

24hrsupport@dvhelpline.org

HONOUR NETWORK HELPLINE 08005999247

GET HELP NOW...

CALL OR EMAIL
VICTIM SUPPORT NI

ON 028 9024 3133

OR INFO@VICTIMSUPPORTNI.ORG.UK



The Rowan Sexual Assault Referral Centre

Freephone helpline

0800 389 4424

Calls may be charged when calling from a mobile

The Men's Advisory Project ,

for confidential support and information on -

028 9024 1929

www.mapni.co.uk

5th Floor Glendinning House
6 Murray Street
Belfast
BT1 6DN



Female Genital Mutilation

If you are worried that a child may be at risk of FGM, you can contact the 24 hour helpline anonymously on

0800 028 3550

or

email fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk.

Sexual Exploitation (N. Ireland)

NSPCC helpline: 0800 389 1701

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