

Newsletter

February 2013

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Children the Invisible Victims

Over 250 delegates attended a conference at New forge Country Club on the 23rd November organised jointly by the Belfast and South Eastern Domestic Violence Partnerships and funded by the Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety.



The event highlighted the nature and impact of Domestic Violence on children and the importance of listening to children and responding appropriately. Assessing the risks to children in families where violence occurs, the need to consider holding perpetrators to account and working with offenders was highlighted. Delegates also had an opportunity to hear about local initiatives which provide support to children and families experiencing abuse.

The conference was opened by the N.I. Commissioner for Children and Young People Patricia Lewsley - Mooney who told delegates that "I hate that word "domestic". It almost trivialises abuse as if it is something normal that happens in a household, as if the abuse is somehow part of married life, part of a child's life".



"Don't assume you know what is 'good for me' without asking me.

Don't assume you 'know me' without getting to know me.

And for God's sake if I manage to tell you what's wrong with me, please listen to what I have to say, don't interpret it, just listen"

*Listen to me" Research
2006 S.Holt*

"A child should not – must not – be an invisible victim; their wounds are visible, their trauma is visible, the signs are there when we take the time to look".

Partnership News



Professor Julie Taylor

Professor Julie Taylor, Head of Strategy and Development at NSPCC and seconded from the University of Dundee presented a comprehensive paper on "The Impact of Domestic Violence on babies and young children".

Julie highlighted the importance of parenting on early development and the impact of adverse early experiences on adult physical health. She discussed the importance of Promotion and Prevention by using a public health approach to child protection.

Dr. Stephanie Holt UCD discussed the impacts of Domestic Violence and highlighted the importance of a child centred and listening approach. Stephanie challenged staff to consider their attitudes when working with families in particular the use of "Why" questions such as "Why doesn't she leave", "Why does she stay". Her presentation highlighted quotes from young people involved in her research "Listen to me" in 2006.

"I felt that I had a neon sign that told everyone what was going on in my family... I felt I wasn't on the same wavelength as people...I thought that they were all happy families or whatever and I was kind of like the outcast"

Dr John Devaney QUB, presented a paper on the importance of working with perpetrators if we are to effect real change for victims and their children. John provided some stark figures in relation to the prosecution of perpetrators as follows;

"For every one hundred perpetrators of domestic violence.....twenty three are reported to the police, of which..... three are referred to the Crown Prosecution Service And one results in a successful prosecution."

The afternoon session highlighted three local initiatives which are working to improve the outcomes for children affected by Domestic Violence. Presentations included; Maddie Bell, Barnardos Risk Assessment Model, Patricia Lyness, "Our Place - Safe Space" Women's Aid Strategy for Children and Young People and Joan Hughes NSPCC, Caring Dads Project.



M. Mooney BLWA, Dr .John Devaney



Left to Right: S. Simons, Julie Taylor, Maddie Bell, Carol Diffin, Patricia Lyness, Patricia Lewsley – Mooney, Dr.John Devaney, and Joan Hughes.

Message from the Chairperson



Welcome to the February Edition of the Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership Newsletter.

As you will note from the content we have continued with a busy work programme including a number of events over the past months.

In partnership with South Eastern Domestic Violence Partnership we organised a successful conference in November attended by approximately 250 staff from a range of agencies across the province which highlighted the impact of Domestic Violence/ Abuse on children. Thanks to the Children and Young Peoples subgroup of the Regional Strategy group which provided funding for the conference and to New Forge Country Club for their support with an excellent venue.

Community awareness raising continued with an event held in the Shankill area at "Small Wonders Two", facilitated by the Support /Prevention working group. Local community, voluntary, and statutory staff attended to hear speakers from partner agencies outline their roles and services.

The New Year has started with a focus on supporting Domestic Violence / Abuse in the workplace including supporting and facilitating two events for Belfast City Council Staff and an event for members of the Local Government Staff Commission.

The Partnership has recently established a MARAC subgroup which aims to enable communication on local issues to the MARAC Operational group, while the Protection and Justice Group has 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.

At a regional level work is continuing to develop a new Joint Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy. The Partnership has continued to contribute to the process through attendance at consultation events and the Regional Steering Group. We will continue to update you as more information becomes available.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone who has continued to contribute and support the work of the Partnership.

Carol Diffin, Chair

DHSSPS and DOJ develop a Joint Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy

The Department of Justice and the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, as lead Departments in tackling domestic and sexual violence, hosted three pre-consultation events to inform the development of the new Joint Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Strategy. The draft document was discussed at the January meeting of the Regional steering group and a further meeting of the group is planned to consider on going work and the priority areas. The strategy will be in place for the next seven years, up to 2020 and associated action plans will be developed. The draft document is scheduled to go out to Public Consultation later this year.

“Working Together to Tackle Domestic Violence/Abuse”

Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership Seminar raises awareness in the community

Around 60 community and voluntary staff attended a domestic violence/ abuse awareness event on the 28th September 2012 at Small Wonders 2 on Morpeth Street in the Shankill area.

The seminar was organised by the Support working group of the Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership and members contributed to the programme including speakers from the PSNI, PBNI, Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid and Alex Wong ,Solicitor.

Thanks to Small Wonders 2 and Shankill Women's Centre for their support with the organisation and the venue and to all the speakers who contributed to the programme ensuring a very successful event.



Catherine Ferrin ,Belfast and Lisburn Womens Aid

Domestic Violence/Abuse - A Workplace Issue?

Local Government Staff Commission for N. Ireland and Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership collaborate to promote Domestic Violence/Abuse Workplace Policies.

The Commission provides human resource and organisational development advice to district councils and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. Working alongside the Commission's representative Lorna Parsons the Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership facilitated a morning event at Malone House promoting Domestic Violence /Abuse Workplace Policies.

The event was well attended by council officers from across the region and partnership members from BLWA, Rainbow Project and PSNI provided presentations on domestic violence, including the roles and responsibilities of their respective agencies and available services.

Geraldine Alexander from NIPSA outlined the legal context for employers including their duty of care under the Health and Safety at Work (N.I.) Order 1978 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work regulations (NI)1992.

Lisburn Council representative Bronagh Turley shared their experience of developing domestic abuse workplace guidance while Orla Barron from Belfast HSC Trust outlined the Trusts experience of a policy in practice.



Left to Right: Orla Barron, Patricia Lyness, Geraldine Alexander, Lorna Parsons and Bronagh Turley

Partnership News

Belfast City Council launched its Domestic Violence and Abuse Workplace Policy for staff on the 25 October 2012.



Left to Right: Patricia Lyness, BLWA. Clr Bernie Kelly, Judith Gillespie PSNI

"Domestic abuse has the potential to affect any employee of the council, whether as victims, survivors or perpetrators of domestic abuse. We have a duty to ensure the health, safety and welfare of employees at work, and we support and assist employees experiencing problems."

Clr Bernie Kelly

The new policy aims to offer support for employees experiencing domestic abuse as well as giving advice to managers on dealing with the issue.

Gender champion Councillor Bernie Kelly praised Belfast City Council for recognising that domestic abuse is a serious issue which affects all sections of society, and also the lives of many adults and children.

The launch was attended by PSNI Deputy Chief Constable Judith Gillespie as well as representatives of Women's Aid, local politicians and staff of Belfast City Council. Judith Gillespie hailed Belfast City Council for showing leadership as an employer. "Research has shown that more than one in ten victims of domestic abuse choose to confide in a manager or colleague and therefore the formal recognition by Belfast City Council that employees can experience domestic abuse and their desire to ensure that they are supported and assisted are indeed very positive developments" she said.

Speaking on behalf of Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid, Patricia Lyness added: "Belfast City Council's policy clearly illustrates the Council's awareness and understanding of domestic violence as a work place issue that can seriously affect the health, well-being, and performance of staff and that the Council has a framework to support employees who disclose violence and abuse".

Belfast City Council has 2,546 staff working at 99 locations across the city.

(Source Press release Belfast City Council 25/10/2012)

Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership supports Belfast City Council Human Resource Staff

Following on from the launch of their Domestic Violence/Abuse Workplace policy for staff the council facilitated two morning seminars in January for their human resource staff and trade union representatives to raise awareness on domestic violence and abuse.

The events were coordinated by Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership and speakers from Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid, The 24 Hour Domestic Violence Helpline, Rainbow Project and PSNI contributed to the programme.

Feedback from Council officers who attended the event included;

"Information provision; extensive. Presentations were very well delivered in a timely fashion.

Excellent and very interesting. A very good session about a very serious and widespread issue and I would like to see it rolled out as much as possible."



MARAC Statistics N. Ireland

Month Dec 2012	Categories	Criteria	Month Total	Cumulative Total From Jan 2012	2011 Totals	Cumulative Total From Jan 2010
	Number of	Cases Discussed	150	1667	1586	4539
		Repeat Cases	36	404	290	783
		Children in Household	205	2202	2200	6235

Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership establish a new MARAC working group

The inaugural meeting of the Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership MARAC Subgroup was held on the 5th February 2013.

Draft Terms of reference were discussed and a work plan for 2013.

The group will consider local issues such as practice, training and development needs and communicate issues raised to the Regional MARAC Operational Group.

The group will be chaired by Yvonne Mc Knight Adult Safeguarding Specialist, Belfast HSC Trust.

MARAC Information Sharing Agreement (ISA)

The ISA has been agreed and currently signatories from statutory agencies are being finalised. The document will be reviewed six months from the date that the final signatory is received.

MARAC Leaflets

Two sets of MARAC leaflets have been agreed, one for victims and one for practitioners. These are in final draft and will be sent to all relevant agencies in the near future.

It is recognised that the leaflets will need amended once IDVAs are in place and therefore a limited supply will be printed initially.

CAADA lunches a new report "*A Place of greater safety*" which demonstrates the value of high risk domestic abuse services.

The report is based on evidence from over 2,500 victim cases (Insights National Dataset 2011-12), collected by 60 IDVAs working across 14 specialist domestic abuse services which used CAADA Insights in the year to March 2012. Using this dataset – the largest of its kind in the UK today – together with information from focus groups with survivors, *A place of greater safety* demonstrates the best ways to invest local limited resources to keep victims and their children safe.

The research found that after receiving support from IDVAs and other high risk services, 63% of victims reported a total cessation of abuse, with professionals reporting a reduction in risk levels for 74% of cases. 69% of victims also reported that the quality of their life had improved. 66% of victims in the research had children, the majority of whom were under 5 years old. Despite being under-resourced, existing high risk services save money: for every £1 spent, £2.90 is saved. (Source CAADA Newsletter Dec 2012) For details of the full report visit www.caada.org.uk

News from Home...

PBNI TO PILOT NON COURT MANDATED PERPETRATOR PROGRAMMES

The Probation Board for Northern Ireland have agreed to lead the roll out of a new pilot intervention programme aimed at non court mandated men perpetrating domestic violence and abuse within intimate relationships.

The project development stage has commenced, the full pilot is planned to commence in June 2013 and will deliver a bespoke programme across all five trust areas. The team will include a manager, probation officers, a womens safety worker, psychologist and administrative support. Initially the project will take referrals from Social Services.

Further information in relation to systems, procedures and processes will be available from PBNI Area Manager Kerry Malone following consultation with key trust personnel. The project is a joint initiative by the DOJ and DHSSPS and is in response to research carried out which identified 756 non-court mandated perpetrators on social work caseloads across the 5 Trusts.



THE ROWAN CENTRE OPENS IN MAY 2013

The Sexual Assault Referral Centre for N.Ireland (SARC) will take referrals from the PSNI, third party and self referrals from individuals who have been victims of sexual abuse, assault and rape.

The centre will offer 24 hour access to crisis support and a forensic facility staffed by forensic medical officers.

The Rowan support team will be able to provide immediate support and signpost to other appropriate services. Victims , regardless of age will be provided with aftercare in order to minimise the risk of any subsequent physical and mental difficulties and to promote recovery.

As well as medical, nursing and administration staff it is hoped that the centre will in the future have access to Independent Sexual Advisors (ISVAs).

Initially the centre is commissioned to deal with 500 referrals per year.

REPORTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN N. IRELAND

"READ THE SIGNS" CAMPAIGN

In 2011/12, there were 33 potential victims of Human Trafficking recovered in N.Ireland , nine for forced labour and 24 for sexual exploitation.

Trafficking of women for sexual exploitation is the most detected type of human trafficking in Northern Ireland. People are also trafficked for their labour including domestic servitude.

Justice Minister David Ford launched a campaign on 21st January to raise awareness of human trafficking. The Crime stoppers campaign aims to highlight human trafficking for the purposes of forced labour and domestic servitude.

David Ford said "We want the public to know what to look out for and report what they know or suspect. Victims can then be recovered from the horrendous situation they find themselves in."

The 'Read the Signs' campaign, which will be running throughout the UK, is being supported by the Department of Justice and the PSNI.

If anyone has any information or suspicions regarding possible victims of Human Trafficking they can contact 0800 555 111 anonymously or use a secure online form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

News from Home...

PSNI urged to wear body cameras to tackle domestic abuse

Police responding to domestic abuse incidents have been urged to wear body cameras to record evidence "as a matter of routine" in Northern Ireland. The call was made by the NI Policing Board's human rights and professional standards committee which is chaired by the SDLP MLA, Conall McDevitt. He said the evidence recorded by officers who first attend such calls can be "critical" for prosecutions.



The body cameras are already in use by PSNI officers in some local districts. Following a successful trial in Carrickfergus, County Antrim in 2009, the cameras were introduced for officers working in the Lisburn area. The technology is known as a body worn digital recording system, or 'head cam'. The camera records both visual and audio footage and are positioned on a police officer's body to show what they are seeing, doing and saying during an operation. It can be used to capture any injuries or damage witnessed by the officer when they arrive at the scene of a crime.

Mr Mc Devitt said: "The law allows for a domestic abuse prosecution to proceed even if the victim withdraws their complaint or is not prepared to cooperate with the police. "In such situations the evidence gathered by police during first attendance at the incident can be can be critical and the use of 'head cams' could greatly assist in the prosecution of abusers."

He added that while the board had been advised that the technology was already being employed by PSNI officers for a range of operational duties, he said the committee "would like to see it being used as a matter of routine across all areas in domestic abuse cases".

"We know how difficult it can be for victims to give evidence against perpetrators in court so if there are ways of police helping prosecutions succeed then these must be actioned," he said.

Source BBC News N. Ireland October 12 www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-19987607

Stalking and Law Reform Campaign in N. Ireland

Laura Richards, Protection and Stalking (PAS) and Harry Fletcher, Napo spent two days in N. Ireland in October meeting politicians, PBNI, PSNI and community representatives highlighting the importance of extending the Stalking Law which was implemented in England and Wales on the 25th November to N. Ireland.

Reporting in the Campaign Bulletin on the 26th October Laura and Harry outlined the following outcomes from their meetings:

It was generally agreed throughout the two-day visit that the campaign needed to be based in Northern Ireland and needed to be grassroots up, with PAS acting as advisors.

It was therefore resolved:

- ♦ That grassroots activists would persuade MLAs to table a whole series of Assembly Questions based on the ones that were put down in England and Wales during the period March to Christmas 2011.
- ♦ To extend National Awareness Days to include Northern Ireland.
- ♦ To hold an adjournment debate in the Chamber on the issue.
- ♦ To draft legislation.
- ♦ To launch an activists' campaign in the New Year.

www.protectionagainststalking.org Bulletin15Oct2012.pdf



"Together we can stop it"

Scottish Women's Aid's winter campaign, "Together We Can Stop It", aims to highlight the devastating stories behind the statistics.

The three-phase campaign is supported by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit (VRU), domestic abuse advocacy service Assist, and by Strathclyde Police and Police Scotland.

Clips of the women's words, spoken by actors, including Scottish comedian and actress Keara Murphy, have been created for the campaign. Four of the six recordings come from case-study interviews conducted by Professor Rachel Pain of Durham University for a report she did in conjunction with Scottish Women's Aid looking at why women find it difficult to walk away from violent relationships.

They will be released in three stages starting on International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the first of 16 Days of Action to Eliminate Violence Against Women. (Nov 12 Scottish Herald)

www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/new-campaign-to-highlight-the-effects-of-domestic-abuse.19504084

"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 of Scottish Women's Aid

On one day in Scotland 1349 women, children and young people contacted womens aid for advice and support.

Scottish Womens' Aid Census Day September 2012

Highland and Islands Police target repeat offenders

Highland police are flagging up a no-nonsense approach to domestic abuse, targeting the "high number" of repeat offenders in a new campaign. Highland police will review domestic abuse incidents involving repeat offenders.

Inspector Eddie Ross of the Force's Public Protection Unit said: "Working closely with our partners is critical as domestic abuse not only affects adults but children as well. Children should not be subjected to any form of violence or abuse, nor should they ever have to witness it within their own home. Domestic abuse is a priority and any abuser will be dealt with robustly and face the consequences of their actions and the full effect of the law. We will also target repeat offenders in order to protect victims."

Anyone taken into custody for a domestic type offence will be issued with a bail warning letter. These cover certain actions that officers may carry out including unannounced visits to places where perpetrators are excluded from. Even if partners decide to get back together this may still contravene a bail condition, which may still apply.

Although levels of recorded domestic abuse are lower per head of the population in the Highlands and Islands, it is understood to be an under-reported crime. There are also a growing number of men who suffer abuse from partners, though the overwhelming majority of victims are women. (Ross-shire Journal December 12)

www.ross-shirejournal.co.uk/News/Highland-domestic-abuse-crackdown-to-target-repeat-offenders-03122012.htm

England and Wales...

Home Office implements two new offences on Stalking

On the 25 November 2012, two specific criminal offences of "stalking" and "stalking involving fear of violence or alarm or distress" came into force in England and Wales, along with additional related police search powers.

The new offences have been added to the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 and will provide extra protection for victims, highlight the serious impact stalking can have on their lives, and help bring more perpetrators to justice.

As well as introducing the new offences, the Home Office have worked with the Association of Chief Police Officers and the Crown Prosecution Service to ensure that guidance and training for police and prosecutors reflects the new offences. The Home Office have also issued a circular providing further guidance which has been circulated to wider criminal justice staff.

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/press-releases/new-action-on-stalking



"Stalking is an appalling crime that destroys lives. The impact on victims can be devastating and we are doing all we can to make sure they have the protection they need and do not have to live in fear."

*Crime Prevention Minister
Jeremy Browne*

Female Genital Mutilation -A Health Passport

In November 2012 HM Government launched a one year pilot of the cross government declaration against female genital mutilation (FGM).

The Statement Opposing FGM document, which is currently used in Holland and known as the 'Health Passport', is pocket-sized and states the law and the potential criminal penalties that can be used against those allowing FGM to take place. In Holland, it is primarily used by families who have migrated to Holland and do not want their children to be subjected to FGM, but still feel compelled by cultural and social norms when visiting family abroad.

It is also used by young girls, typically aged 13 years or over, who can access the document and carry it with them when they are abroad with their family.

A version of this tool has now been developed by the Home Office and will be piloted for one year supporting families and girls in the UK who may be at risk.

Copies and information on FGM are available to download from the Home Office website;

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/violence-against-women-girls/female-genital-mutilation/

In the UK, it is estimated that up to 24,000 girls under the age of 15 are at risk of female genital mutilation.

Girls are at particular risk of FGM during school summer holidays. This is the time when families may take their children abroad for the procedure. Many girls may not be aware that they may be at risk of undergoing FGM.

England and Wales...

10,000 Safer Lives - Improving the way public services respond to prevent instances of domestic abuse

The Welsh government's initiative "10,000 Safer Lives" has reviewed the barriers to providing a good service to victims of abuse (medium and standard risk) and identifies how the services victims receive could be improved.

The project has identified a set of 'minimum service standards' which will make a real difference to the quality of services experienced by victims of domestic abuse and provide confidence that the service they can expect will be of a certain standard. Recognising that it is particularly important for public services to get the first point of contact right and to make sure frontline staff can be confident in taking action a set of five key steps that frontline staff can easily refer to has been produced.

The full report and summary of findings, including the minimum standards and 'five steps', can be accessed at

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/improvingservices/pslg/nwp/effectservices/10ksaferlivesreport>

Last year in England and Wales.....

2,174 assaults were reported every day.

That's three women calling the police every two minutes to say they have been assaulted.

Suzanne Moore, The Guardian, Wednesday 28 November 2012

Welsh Assembly Government launches new campaign ahead of Wales' Six Nations matches as increased levels of domestic abuse happen around the time of major sporting events.

The initiative highlights the All Wales Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Helpline.

Minister for Communities and Local Government, Carl Sargeant said:
"Violence against women, unfortunately, continues to be a very real and serious problem in Wales. This heinous crime has no place in a modern society and can never be justified. The Welsh Government is determined to tackle all forms of Domestic Abuse and Violence and this campaign is further evidence of this. As part of our 'Right to be Safe' strategy we are determined to raise public awareness of some of the most damaging and often hidden forms of violence in our communities and under the 'Live Fear Free' banner, we are working with stakeholders to challenge behaviour and ensure that victims know that there is no need to suffer in silence."

Paula Hardy, Chief Executive of Welsh Women's Aid, said: *"We are proud to have worked with the Welsh Government on messaging for this important campaign, as we regularly do around the Six Nations tournament. Much of this violence is blamed on increased alcohol consumption. **But while alcohol can be a contributory factor in a relationship which is already abusive, it is not the root cause.** Domestic abuse is an ongoing pattern of abusive behaviour adopted by one partner in an attempt to exert power and control over another. It affects one in four women at some point in their lives, and kills two women every week in England and Wales."*

(Source Friday, February 1st 2013 07:00 Swansea Sound)

"When Wales played England during the Six Nations tournament in 2012, South Wales Police recorded a 76% increase in domestic abuse incidents compared to the previous weekend."

Paula Hardy
Chief Executive Welsh Women's Aid

Canada –Toronto

Walk A Mile In Her Shoes..... 4th Annual March To End Violence Against Women



"If heels were made for walking, you might as well use them for a good cause"

On September 27th 2012 at least 1,000 men took part in the annual "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" march, bringing awareness to ending violence against women and girls.

Based on the idea that, "You can't really understand another person's experience until you've walked a mile in their shoes," organizers of Canada's White Ribbon Campaign, a now-global organization helping end violence against women, have arranged the event for four years.

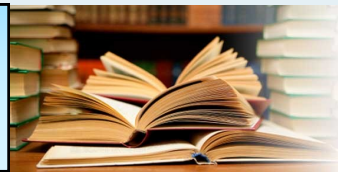
"Walk a Mile in Her Shoes' isn't simply a stunt - it's a statement about men's role in ending violence against women; an issue that is connected to strict gender roles and expectations of men. By wearing heels and acting in solidarity with women, we want to show that we'll do whatever it takes to make this a safer world for everyone," reads a statement on the White Ribbon Campaign's site.

(Source: The Huffington Post Canada By Arti Patel Posted: 09/27/2012 4:12 pm
Updated: 09/27/2012 5:36 pm)

www.huffingtonpost.ca/2012/09/27/walk-a-mile-in-hershoes_n_1919650.html#slide=more253267



Publications and Resources...



Families experiencing multiple adversities : a review of the International Literature

September 2012 www.barnardos.org.uk

Picking up the Pieces: Domestic Violence and Child Contact

Research report by Maddy Coy, Katherine Perks,
Emma Scott and Ruth Tweedale Rights of Women
2012 [http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/pdfs/Policy/
Picking_Up_the_Pieces_Report_final.pdf](http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/pdfs/Policy/Picking_Up_the_Pieces_Report_final.pdf)

Hearing Young People Talk About Witnessing Domestic Violence

Exploring Feelings, Coping Strategies and Pathways to
Recovery. [Author Susan Collis](#)

Violence against women and girls (VAWG) Newsletter

Winter Edition 2012
www.homeoffice.co.uk

Screening women for Intimate Partner Violence : a systematic review to update the US Preventative Services recommendation.

Annals of Internal Medicine Volume 156 Number11
Article available to download from <https://annals.org>

The Lantern Project - established in 2003 to provide help and support for survivors of sexual abuse

www.lanternproject.org.uk

Public Health strategy "Fit and well "

[www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/fit-and-well-consultation-
document.pdf](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/fit-and-well-consultation-document.pdf)

Everyday Terrorism: How Fear Works in Domestic Abuse

Prof R Pain Durham University and Scottish
Womens Aid
Aug 2012 www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk

"Turn a Blind Eye ".....

A new audience-edited campaign developed for
Women's Aid by the Moving Picture Company and
ad agency WCRS.

'Blind Eye' uses 3D technology playing out two
scenarios on screen - one scenario with domestic
abuse and one without.

The viewer can decide which scenario to watch
by selecting which eye to use. The campaign
highlights how easy it can be to 'turn a blind eye'
and choose not to see abuse. The advert will
run in selected cinemas across the UK to
coincide with the launch of The Hobbit in 3D.

For a preview go to <http://blind-eye.org>.

Men Affected by Domestic Abuse: Scottish Womens Aid Oct 12

[www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk/sites/
default/files/Men%20Affected%20By%
20Domestic%20Abuse_0.pdf](http://www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk/sites/default/files/Men%20Affected%20By%20Domestic%20Abuse_0.pdf)

Between a Rock and a Hard Place: How parents deal with children who use substances and perpetrate abuse

Project report Adfam and AVA,2012
www.adfam.org.uk

Quotes of note...

“ ”

“Domestic violence is the greatest cause of harm in British society”

Chief Superintendent John Sutherland of the Metropolitan Police January 2012 speaking at a conference on gang culture

“ There is no sliding scale of domestic violence..... It is all violence”.

Patricia Lewsley - Mooney speaking at Children: The Invisible Victims Conference, November 2012

“Domestic violence is an absolute cancer in this community”.

Mr Justice Gillen refusing bail to a perpetrator at a Belfast Court August 2012

‘Multicultural sensitivity is no excuse for moral blindness’

Mike O'Brien former MP and Ex Solicitor general speaking on Honour Based Violence

"Recognising the devastating impact of coercive control and also the effects of domestic abuse on younger teenagers is really important."

(Shadow home secretary and Labour's spokeswoman for women and equalities, Yvette Cooper speaking in September 2012 as the new definition of Domestic Violence is widened in England and Wales to include 16 and 17 year olds and coercive control.)

Contact



Reach out. **Help is at hand.**
24 Hour
Domestic Violence Helpline

0800 917 14 14

Email: 24hrsupport@dvhelpline.org

Text SUPPORT to 07797805839

Free phone from landline, call backs for mobiles
Translation service available

Open to **anyone** affected by domestic violence
Managed by Women's Aid Federation Northern Ireland

HONOUR NETWORK HELPLINE **08005999247**



Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid www.belfastwomensaid.org.uk

Housing Advice www.housingadviceNI.org

Children's Law Centre www.childrenslawcentre.org

Northern Ireland Assembly www.niassembly.gov.uk

Northern Ireland Policing Board www.nipolicingboard.org.uk

Northern Ireland Office www.nio.gov.uk/index/public-consultation/documents.htm

Amnesty International www.amnesty.co.uk

Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People www.niccy.org

Honour Based Violence Karma Nirvana www.karmanirvana.org.uk

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