

Lambeth Domestic Violence Forum Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the bi-monthly Lambeth Domestic Violence Forum newsletter. This e-newsletter will keep you updated on relevant local and national news in relation to domestic violence. Please help us to circulate this as widely as possible by sharing with your colleagues.

We would also like to use this newsletter as an opportunity to showcase the work that you are doing in relation to domestic violence so please let us know if you would like us to include information about your service in a future issue.

Best wishes,

Penny Prempeh
Domestic Violence Forum Chair

Jade Holvey
Domestic Violence Coordinator



Lambeth and London News

Lambeth Domestic Violence Local Area Agreement Update

Lambeth have successfully achieved the four indicators in the 2007-2010 domestic violence stretch target and are now awaiting for an external audit to confirm the outcome. If success in this stretch target is confirmed it will bring a reward grant of £1.1 million back into the borough. Excellent partnership working between the Council, Police, CPS and the voluntary sector was key in achieving this so a big thank you to all of those who were involved.

Lambeth Country Show

The Lambeth Country Show will be held on the 17 and 18 July 2010 at Brockwell Park. The Country Show provides a great opportunity for us to raise awareness of domestic violence amongst members of the community and for the last two years the Lambeth Domestic Violence Forum have coordinated and run a domestic violence stall. We are now starting to plan what we would like to do this year and are bringing together a working group to discuss this. Anyone interested in being part of the working group should contact Jade Holvey on jholvey@lambeth.gov.uk . For further details about the show [click here](#).

Home Office Lambeth Domestic Violence Partnership Review

The Home Office have commissioned Standing Together Against Domestic Violence to undertake a national review of domestic violence partnerships. Lambeth have been chosen, on behalf of London, as one of the local partnerships to be reviewed and Standing Together will be visiting Lambeth from the 7th to 9th June 2010. Domestic Violence Forum members will be invited to take part in the review. Penny and Jade will circulate further details once received from Standing Together.

London Mainstreaming Model accreditation -Camberwell Green Magistrates Court (CGMC)

The LMM is a mainstream Criminal Justice System model for tackling domestic violence. It has been developed by the London Criminal Justice Partnership (LCJP) and is based on the components of the Specialist Domestic Violence Court (SDVC) model which the criminal justice system is responsible for delivering.

This project will raise the standards of both the investigation and management of domestic violence cases and will ensure that we get it right first time in the support and care provided for victims. The court operating protocol has been completed and has been signed off by the London Criminal Justice Partnership. For further information contact Jade Holvey on jholvey@lambeth.gov.uk.

Lambeth Violence Against Women and Girls Summit

The first ever Lambeth VAWG summit was held in Lambeth on 26 March 2010. The summit was a great success and over 80 delegates attended from across the partnership. The summit examined the national VAWG agenda and key presentations were delivered by the Home Office, the Department of Health and the Women's Resource Centre.

Delegates then focused on how Lambeth can drive the agenda forward at a local level. Jo Cleary, Executive Director, Lambeth Adults' and Community Services, John Corrigan, Detective Superintendent, Lambeth Borough Police and Andrew Wyatt, Assistant Director, Lambeth Children and Young People's Services all spoke on the importance of working together to develop and implement a Lambeth Violence Against Women and Girls action plan.

The afternoon of the conference concentrated on workshops led by Violence Against Women and Girls specialists such as Forward, the Forced Marriage Unit and the Poppy Project

Sojourner No Recourse to Public Funds Project Extension

Eaves is currently delivering the Sojourner project, which is a pilot scheme funded by the Home Office to support women with no recourse to public funds. The project coordinates support, accommodation and subsistence for women, as well

as liaising with the UK Border Agency on their applications. The project has now been extended and will run until the August 2010. For further information **click here**.

Greater London Domestic Violence Project is now AVA

From 12 April 2010 GLDVP will be extending its geographical and thematic remit to become AVA (Against Violence and Abuse), a national second tier service working to end all forms of violence against women and girls. The new website address is www.avaproject.org.uk.

Nia Family Learning Project

The Big Lottery Fund has awarded the Nia project funding to deliver a pan-London project for Black Minority Ethnic and Refugee children and young people and their mother/carers affected by violence against women (including domestic violence). The project will provide the opportunity for mothers and their children to learn together, develop new and existing skills, improve relationships and increase self-esteem. If you would like to find out more contact the project team on 020 7683 1270.

Catharsis Counselling for Male Victims

A group counselling pilot project for male victims of domestic violence is due to start in June 2010. Groups will be available for men who identify as heterosexual and for men who identify as Gay. The aim of the group is to provide male victims of domestic violence with a space to discuss their experiences. They can be current or past victims of domestic violence. The group will be open to men from any of the boroughs of London. The project is being co-ordinated by Catharsis Counselling with the support of Islington Mind. If you would like any additional information please e-mail catharsiscounselling@yahoo.co.uk.

London Drug and Alcohol Network: Domestic Violence Network

LDAN has been funded by London Councils to deliver a four year domestic violence project that will focus on the development of a cross-sector network. The LDAN Domestic Violence project will support organisations to achieve an overall reduction in the impact and occurrence of domestic violence, abuse and repeat victimisation. The Domestic Violence project will be working with agencies who deliver services to survivors as well as perpetrators of domestic violence. The next meeting is being delivered in partnership with The Stella Project and will be looking at Risk Management and what it means for the domestic violence and substance misuse sectors. The afternoon will have presentations from The Stella Project, Coordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse, London Drug and Alcohol Network and Newham Community Drug Team (To be confirmed).

The meeting will be held on 9 June 2010 from 1pm-4pm at

London Councils Offices, 59½ Southwark Street London SE1 0AL (Lunch and networking from 1-1.30pm). For further information please contact Carlita McKnight on 020 7520 7558 or email carlitam@drugscope.org.uk.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Support Groups- Scarlet Centre

Eaves will be running new Domestic Violence Support Groups and the Sexual Violence Support Groups for women from the Scarlett Centre. The Sexual Violence Support Group will be a weekly, closed group for 6-8 women led by a counsellor. The Domestic Violence Support group will be a weekly or fortnightly group for 6-8 women led by a counsellor. For further information phone Jo Martyn on 020 7840 7145 or email her on Joanna.Martyn@eaveshousing.co.uk.



National News

Teenage Relationship Abuse Campaign Material now available

The Home Office has launched a campaign to raise awareness of teenage relationship abuse issues. NSPCC research has shown that abuse in teenage relationships is highly prevalent and that teenagers have surprisingly tolerant attitudes to violence in relationships. This campaign aims to challenge attitudes of young people and enforce the fact that abuse is unacceptable. For further information [click here](#). The campaign material can now be downloaded by [clicking here](#).

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2010 published

Working Together sets out how organisations and individuals should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people. The document provides statutory and non-statutory guidance. Practitioners and agencies will have different responsibilities that apply to different areas of the guidance and should consult the preface for a fuller explanation of their statutory duties. The document can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).



Publications and Resources

Metropolitan Police Authority Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Board

The MPA Domestic and Sexual Violence Board (DSVB) has published its first report into the Metropolitan Police Service's (MPS) response to domestic and sexual violence. The DSVB aims to monitor, scrutinise and improve the MPS response to domestic violence, rape and sexual assault, including forced marriage and sexual violence in gangs. The board reviews all aspects of the MPS response, including its role in local partnerships and borough service provision across the capital. Download a copy of the DSVB report by [clicking here](#).

CAADA Saving lives, saving money: MARACs and high risk domestic abuse.

CAADA have published a new report that shows how multi-agency support to tackle severe domestic abuse could help save lives and £740 million a year to the public purse. The publication reveals that for every £1 spent on Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs); at least £6 could be saved in direct costs to agencies such as the police, health, criminal justice system and children's services. The report is supported by data collected by the national charity on behalf of the Home Office, as well as early evaluation studies, which show that up to 60% of victims report no further violence after a MARAC. The report can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).



Funding opportunities

Comic Relief funding for Domestic and Sexual Abuse Programme

Comic Relief has released details of their grants programmes, including one on tackling domestic and sexual abuse. They are also funding work around 'Vulnerable Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women' and 'Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Young People'. To discuss the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Programme call 020 7820 5555

The closing date for bids is 14 May 2010

For more information visit:

http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/abuse

Young & Safe Commissioning 2010 – 2011-Young Women's Project

Young & Safe is Lambeth's approach towards significantly reducing serious youth violence. Young & Safe has a partnership approach, working across Lambeth Council and partners to implement short, medium and long terms measures to combat factors that contribute to and cause youth violence. Young and Safe now intend to commission seven new projects in 2010-11 in order to meet emerging

identified needs for children and young people. One of the projects that will be commissioned will focus on young women. Y&S are looking for a provider to deliver individual and group based sessions for young women who are at risk of, or are experiencing harm due to association with group offending. For further information [please click here](#). The closing date for tenders is the 26 May 2010.



Consultations

Government Equalities Office Violence Against Women and Girls Strategic Action Plan Consultation

The Government Equalities Office has developed a Strategic Action Plan with the support of other government departments to look at what the Government could be doing to support the sustainability of the violence against women and girls third sector. The GEO are keen to gather views from the VAWG third sector, commissioners and others with an interest in the work. The Women's National Commission, which successfully raised the need to address the sustainability of the third sector with government, has agreed to manage this consultation on GEO's behalf. The consultation period will run from Thursday 01 April to Friday 23 July 2010. For further information [click here](#).



Training, Seminars and Conferences

Lambeth Safeguarding Children Board Multi Agency Training

The LSCB [Training Brochure](#), giving details of free safeguarding children training from 1st April 2010, is now available. The range of courses is designed to equip staff with the skills and knowledge required to protect children from significant harm. For further information [click here](#).

Working in partnership to safeguard young people- Preventing Forced Marriage

Public Policy Exchange are organising a conference on Tuesday 25th May 2010 at One Whitehall Place, Westminster, London. Delegates will have the opportunity to debate, share vital best practice, and network with colleagues across all sectors in relation to young people and forced marriage. [For further details please click here](#).

Future Forum meetings

Wednesday 30 June 2010
Wednesday 25 August 2010
Wednesday 27 October 2010
Wednesday 8 December 2010



The Forum meetings will all be held from 10.00am-12.30 at the Lambeth YMCA, King George's House, 40 Stockwell

Road London SW9 9ES. Please see link for a map of the YMCA <http://www.citikey.com/business/10058646/>

Contact

Please let us know what you'd like us to include in future issues of Lambeth's Domestic Violence Forum Newsletter, or send us news from your organisation. Please send to Jade Holvey, Domestic Violence Coordinator on jholvey@lambeth.gov.uk or contact Jade on 020 7926 4877.

For further information about domestic violence service provision in Lambeth or to access previous newsletters please visit: <http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/domesticviolence>