

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

Caroline Murphy
Domestic Violence Forum Vice Chair

Jade Holvey
Domestic Violence Coordinator



Lambeth and London News

New Detective Inspector of the Lambeth Police Community Safety Unit

Nicky Arrowsmith has taken over responsibility as the new DI for the Lambeth Police CSU. Nicky will be attending meetings over the coming months to introduce herself but in the meantime Nicky can be contacted on Nicky.J.Arrowsmith@met.pnn.police.uk.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank DI Neil Paton for all of his work and support whilst he was in charge of the Community Safety Unit and to wish him success in his new role.

Lambeth Sanctuary Scheme website launch

Victim Support have recently developed a new website to raise awareness of the scheme. The website address is www.lambethsanctuaryscheme.org.

New Lambeth domestic violence forum vice chair

At the June 2010 domestic violence forum Caroline Murphy was elected as the new vice chair of the forum. Caroline will be working in partnership with Penny and Jade on the

coordination and development of the forum.

Lambeth domestic violence floating support have moved

The Lambeth floating support team have now moved offices. Their new address is Unit 6, Euro Link Business Centre, 49 Effra Road, London SW2 1BZ.

Lambeth Eaves Independent Sexual Violence Advisor

The ISVA service is new to Lambeth and is jointly funded by Lambeth Council and the Home Office. The role of the ISVA is to support women who are living in Lambeth and who have been raped or sexually assaulted at any point in their lives.

The support ranges from liaising with the Police, the Crown Prosecution Service, courts and other agencies, offering emotional support, addressing safety issues, providing counselling opportunities and helping women to access other services and/or education and training.

Referrals or appointments can be made via the Scarlet Centre by phoning 020 7840 7142, or women can drop in to the weekly specialist surgery at the Scarlet Centre, every Thursday from 1pm - 5pm.

For further information about the service please contact Lynne Tooze, Lambeth ISVA, on 0207 840 6707 or email on lynne.tooze@eaveshousing.co.uk

Lambeth Women's Aid job opportunities

LWA are seeking to recruit three new Family Support Workers. Two support workers on 35 hour per week contract and one support worker on a 28 hour per week contract. The salary ranges from £22,086 to £26,025 (pro rata). The closing date is 2 September 2010 with interviews held on the 13th or 14th September 2010.

For further information or for an application pack email info@Lambethwomensaid.org.uk.

Lambeth Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) referral update

The MARAC continues to operate effectively in Lambeth and partnership commitment continues to be very positive. As part of the coordination of the MARAC, the Lambeth Domestic Violence Team monitors the demographics in of the referrals received on a monthly basis. We have provided a breakdown in relation to the demographics of referrals to the MARAC in the last 12 months below.

In the last 12 month period (up to July 2010) there have been 350 new referrals to the MARAC, of which 76 have been repeat referrals. Of these 350 referrals, 210 (60%) were for victims from black and minority ethnic communities, 331

(95%) were for female victims. 22 (6%) of the referrals were flagged as having a disability and 5 (1.5%) were flagged as being from LGBT communities.

If you would like to make a referral to the MARAC or would like to find out more information please contact Sandra Anlin on sanlin@lambeth.gov.uk or phone on 0207 926 7163.

Lambeth Country Show

The Lambeth Country Show took place on the 17 and 18 July 2010 at Brockwell Park. The Country Show provided the domestic violence forum with a great opportunity to raise awareness of domestic violence amongst members of the community. There was a lot of interest over the two days from members of the community and we distributed over 250 free panic alarms and white ribbons.

Success for Solace Anois at the Lambeth Country Show

Congratulations to staff from Solas Anois refuge who won the “design a scarecrow competition” at the Lambeth Country Show. The prize for the winning scarecrow was £250 and the team will be using this money to contribute towards their children’s projects over the summer holidays.

Lambeth Women’s Aid Update

Lambeth Women’s Aid is a domestic violence project providing refuge accommodation and family outreach service for women and their children, supported by Lambeth Council.

Despite the challenges LWA face in the current climate, Lambeth Women’s Aid are as committed as ever to have a presence in the community. Each year at the Lambeth Country Show, LAW provide fun activities for children and young people to take part in. This year LWA offered t-shirt painting for the young people, which was a huge success.

LWA also handed out DV information leaflets and found that a significant amount of men were making enquiries on behalf of women they knew who were experiencing domestic violence.

Lambeth Domestic Violence Publicity

We have now uploaded copies of the domestic violence publicity material, which was developed by the Lambeth domestic violence partnership, onto the Lambeth Council website.

We would encourage you to download this material and to use it to raise awareness of domestic violence and of the specialist services available in Lambeth. [Please click here for further details.](#)

YUVA Project

Yuva is a new service for young people (11- 25 years of age)

who use violence or who are victims of violence in their personal and/or family relationships. The service is provided by the Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP), with the primary aim of increasing safety and supporting positive relationships for all involved.

Yuva's services include 2 separate integrated services:

- The Programme, which works directly with young people who are perpetrating violence and abuse
- and an integrated support service to assist survivors of violence to increase their safety and access support.

The project is free of charge. For further information or to discuss a referral please contact Shem on 020 7928 2322 or email shem@dvip.org.

Bernardos Sexual Violence Project for Young People

Bernardos have been funded from April 2010 to March 2011 by London Councils to deliver a specialist sexual exploitation service in Lambeth. The is targeted at young men or young women (aged 11-17 years) who are believed to be at risk of sexual exploitation in Lambeth and involves a one to one casework and support service.

For further information or to discuss making a referral, please contact Katherine Barnes, Barnardos Coordinator on 0207 700 2253 / 07534 287 631 or email on Katherine.barnes@barnardos.org.uk



National News

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 March 2011. For further information **click here**.

Refuge achieves prestigious ISO9001:2008 certificate

Refuge has become the first organisation to be awarded the internationally recognised ISO9001:2008 certificate for its specialist services for abused women and children. The BSI has judged that Refuge operates a quality management system for its special cultural services, refuges, outreach and independent advocacy services, which complies with the high standards of the ISO9001:2008.



Publications and Resources

Roll out of national forced marriage e-learning tool

The Forced Marriage Unit has developed an e-learning tool to support professionals dealing with forced marriage cases. The tool has been designed to compliment the multi-agency practice guidelines that the FMU launched last summer. The e-learning tool can be accessed by clicking here www.fmelearning.co.uk. If you have any queries then please contact Suzelle Dickson from the Forced Marriage Unit on 020 7008 8759

Refuge launch domestic violence resource manual for employers

Refuge has launched a domestic violence resource manual for employer. It includes practical information on how to recognise and understand domestic violence, how to deal with abuse in the workplace and how to develop and implement an organisational domestic violence policy. It is accompanied by a CD-Rom, which includes printable posters, stickers and a directory of domestic violence services, as well as video testimonies from public and private sector employers, survivors of domestic violence and trade unionists.

To find out more, or to order a copy of the manual for your organisation, please visit www.refuge.org.uk or email info@refuge.org.uk

Against Violence and Abuse

AVA has published a report which documents the views and experiences of women in London who have experienced domestic or sexual violence. The material is drawn from a number of different focus groups carried out on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service, the Home Office, LB Hounslow and the Victims' Champion. The report is attached to this version of e-news.

'For Honour and Love' DVD Launch Report

'For Honour and Love' DVD, a specialist training resource on honour-based violence has been launched. The training resource includes a DVD and a training manual. The short films were produced in collaboration with Eighteen and Under and the Nationwide Foundation. Each short film explores a different aspect of 'Honour'-based violence; the threat of 'honour' killing, forced marriage, female genital mutilation and issues relating to isolation and control.

The report is now available to view at http://www.womenagainstviolenceuk.org/documents/For_Honour_and_Love_DVD_Launch_Report.pdf



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 17 September 2010

For more information visit:

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



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](#).

Future Forum meetings

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>