

# Lambeth Domestic Violence Forum Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome to the newly revived Lambeth Domestic Violence Forum newsletter. This e-newsletter will be sent to you on a monthly basis and 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

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**Domestic Violence Forum Chair**

Jade Holvey  
**Domestic Violence Coordinator**

## Lambeth and London News



### **Lambeth Women's Aid Community Group work Programme**

Lambeth Women's Aid are piloting an exciting new domestic violence community group work programme in the borough. The programme consists of 12 week group sessions targeted at children who have witnessed domestic violence. The aim of the programme is to facilitate the recovery of the children's experiences and to support mothers to understand how to support their children through the process. For further details contact Jane O'Neil, Project Co-ordinator, on [communitygroup@lambethwomensaid.org.uk](mailto:communitygroup@lambethwomensaid.org.uk)

### **Croydon Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre**

The Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre, Croydon (RASASC) has been provided funding by London Councils to extend their services to support Lambeth residents. RASASC has been in existence for 22 years serving the needs of London's survivors of sexual violence. Services offered are face to face counselling for female survivors of sexual violence, a confidential Helpline and an advocacy service. For further information call 0208 683 3311 or visit [www.rasasc.org.uk](http://www.rasasc.org.uk).

### **Nia Project Eastern European information and referral line**

The Nia Project have launched a new service for Eastern European women affected by domestic and gender violence including women from Russia, Poland, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. Advice and information given on housing options, legal remedies, welfare benefit entitlement, child contact and safety planning. Assistance to find safe emergency accommodation in a refuge. For further information call 020 7683 1210.

### **Women and Girls Network Gendered Violence Helpline**

London Councils have provided further funding to Women and Girls Network to enable them to re-launch their telephone help-line, with extended opening hours,

including Saturdays. Help-line calls are answered by women trained in working sensitively with survivors of gendered violence. The help-line offers women a safe, non-judgemental and confidential space for women to talk and explore their feelings and concerns. For further information call 020 7610 4345 or visit <http://www.wgn.org.uk/healing.html#counselling>

## National News



### **New powers to help victims of domestic violence break the cycle:**

Under new proposals unveiled by the Home Office, the Police will be able to issue 'Go Orders' to perpetrators of domestic violence. This will mean that the Police can issue 'Go orders' that prevent the perpetrator from returning home for up to two weeks. These measures will give abused partners valuable breathing space to consider their options, whilst being supported by trained caseworkers who can help them escape the cycle of violence. 'Go' orders will be another valuable tool to help protect victims and tackle perpetrators of domestic violence. New legislation will be required to implement the measures. The 'Go orders' will be piloted in two police force initially.

## Publications and Resources



### **Female Genital Mutilation**

The Government Equalities Office (GEO) has published a factsheet about Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) for frontline safeguarding and education professionals. The factsheet aims to raise awareness about FGM to help prevent this illegal and cruel practice. It explains what FGM is, who is most likely to be affected by it and why some communities wrongly justify this practice. It also provides guidance on how to identify those at risk and where to find information, services and useful organisations. You can access a version here:

<http://www.equalities.gov.uk/pdf/female%20genital%20mutilationfactsheet.pdf>

### **Forced Marriage Unit**

The Forced Marriage Unit has issued a revised set of multi-agency practice guidelines for frontline practitioners on handling cases of forced marriage.

You can access a version here: <http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/fco-in-action/nationals/forced-marriage-unit/>

This is a different to the statutory guidance issued under the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 which came into force on 25 November 08. The statutory guidance sets out the processes that agencies must have in place when exercising public functions in relation to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in cases of forced marriage. You can access a copy of the statutory guidance here:

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/fco-in-action/nationals/forced-marriage-unit/fmconsultation1>

### **Childline and NSPCC domestic violence booklets**

The NSPCC and Childline have launched two new domestic violence booklets. The first leaflet, *Feel safe at home: What to do if violence is happening around you* is aimed at children aged seven to twelve. It talks about what domestic violence is, how it can make children feel, and how and where they can get help. It explains that domestic violence is not their fault, and that there are people who will listen and understand.

*Whole women* is a new leaflet for women who are experiencing domestic violence. It acknowledges women's fears and encourages them to seek help for themselves and their children. It helps women to understand the impact of domestic violence on their children and encourages them to move on from a position of feeling powerless to being able to take action to improve the situation.

To download the booklets go to:

[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/InformNews/domesticviolence/leaflets\\_wda49543.html](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/InformNews/domesticviolence/leaflets_wda49543.html)

### **GLDVP 'Improving Safety, Reducing harm' Children, young people and domestic violence: a practical toolkit for front line practitioners**

GLDVP have launched a new toolkit in relation to domestic violence, children and young people. The toolkit is free and can be ordered from [www.orderline.dh.gov.uk](http://www.orderline.dh.gov.uk). Quote reference: 292071/Improving safety, reducing harm: a practical toolkit for frontline practitioners

### **Domestic Violence: a resource for trans people**

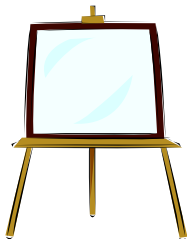
The Greater London Domestic Violence Project, the London Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual and Transgender Domestic Abuse Forum and NHS Barking and Dagenham have developed a new resource to assist trans people experiencing domestic violence. This document can be downloaded from: <http://tinyurl.com/ybax7zh>

## **Consultations**

### **London Metropolitan Policing Plans**

The policing and performance plans describe the Met Police's arrangements for policing London over the year and gives details of priorities and objectives; past performance and future performance targets; funding and use of resources and work to support continuous improvement. Public consultation plays an important part in setting the policing priorities for London. The MPA is considering the priorities for 2011/12 and would like to know what you think the police in London should be focusing on. Have your say on policing in London by taking part in this year's consultation questionnaire. This can be found at <http://www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/policingplans/>. The closing date for the consultation is the 30-11-09.

## **Training and Conferences**



### **Lambeth Domestic Violence Training**

We have developed a free multi agency domestic violence training programme. The programme will be circulated to all Forum members at the end of October 2009 and we encourage you to book onto the training and to disseminate the programme to colleagues.

### **Juggling the Balls - Managing the Risk Wednesday 11 November 2009**

On the 11 November 2009 Sutton Women's Aid in association with London Borough of Merton will be holding a domestic violence conference. This exciting event will

culminate in a performance by Geese Theatre in the afternoon.

**Click here to view the event flier** (PDF, 592Kb)

**More information:** Telephone enquiries 07904 952887

Email enquiries snls19543@blueyonder.co.uk

### **LGBT domestic abuse partnership launch**

**Wednesday 21 October 2009**

The London Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and transgender domestic abuse partnership are holding an event on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009 from 1500-1700 to launch the LGBT Domestic Abuse Partnership (DAP). The DAP is new service for LGBT victims/survivors of domestic abuse. The DAP is made up of 5 LGBT agencies who each provide different services for LGBT victims/survivors of domestic abuse. To find out about the DAP visit the Galop website.

**More information:** visit <http://www.galop.org.uk/?p=132#more-132>

## **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 6954 or email [j.davies@comicrelief.org.uk](mailto:j.davies@comicrelief.org.uk).

If the closing date for bids is 11 January 2010

For more information visit:

[http://www.comicrelief.com/apply\\_for\\_a\\_grant/uk/abuse](http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/abuse)

## **Dates for Your Diary**



### **Lambeth White Ribbon Day**

**25 November 2009**

On the 25th November 2009 the DV Forum will be coordinating a day of action to raise awareness of domestic violence in Lambeth. We will be taking to the streets to hand out information about DV, and to raise awareness about the services that we have in the borough and we would like forum members to volunteer to join us on the day of action. Further details will be sent out next week.

### **Lambeth Community Police Consultative Group**

**3 November 2009**

On the 3-11-09 the CPCG meeting will be dedicated to discussions relating to Violence Against Women. Key speakers will be attending to discuss issues such as domestic violence, sexual violence, prostitution and Forced Marriage.

If you would like to attend contact Ben on [admin@lambethcpcg.org.uk](mailto:admin@lambethcpcg.org.uk)

## **Forum meetings**



Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009 from 10.00am-12.30pm  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010 from 10.00am-12.30pm  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010 from 10.00am-12.30pm

The Forum meeting on the 11-11-09 will be held at Roots and Shoots, Walnut Tree Walk, SE11 6DN.

Please see link for a map:

[http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&source=hp&q=se11+6dn&um=1&ie=UTF-8&hq=&hnear=London+SE11+6DN&gl=uk&ei=Fy3gSu\\_8BqPajQeey\\_CkBg&sa=X&oi=geocode\\_result&ct=title&resnum=1&ved=0CAgQ8gEwAA](http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&source=hp&q=se11+6dn&um=1&ie=UTF-8&hq=&hnear=London+SE11+6DN&gl=uk&ei=Fy3gSu_8BqPajQeey_CkBg&sa=X&oi=geocode_result&ct=title&resnum=1&ved=0CAgQ8gEwAA)

The Forum meetings in 2010 will be held 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](mailto:jholvey@lambeth.gov.uk) or contact Jade on 020 7926 4877.

For further information please visit:

<http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/Services/AdviceBenefits/DomesticViolence/index.htm>