SEPTEMBER 2017

DA CHAMPION TRAINING EVENTS:
Education Staff only
30th Nov & 7th Dec 2018  
Norwich Professional Development Centre

Healthcare staff only
30th Jan & 6th Feb 2018
15th & 21st Feb 2018
9th-10th July 2018

Contact da.change@norfolk.gov.uk for further details and to book a place.

DA CHANGE CHAMPIONS CONFERENCE/MEGA NETWORK EVENT – 28th November 2017!
The conference/mega Network event will take place on Tuesday 28th November at the Green Britain Centre, Swaffham 10-4. The following guest speakers will be attending:
A DA survivor
David Ashcroft – SCRs and Learning
Jon Shalom – DHRs and Learning
Julia Sandell & Amanda Murr – Coercive Control in Norfolk
Mark Osborn – Caring Dads
Further guest speakers to be confirmed!
We will shortly be sending out an email so that champions can book on. This conference is open to DA Champions only on a first come first serve basis.

Great Yarmouth Network Event
When: Tuesday 17th October at 9:30 – 12:30 (arrive from 9:10)
Where: Shrublands Youth and Adult Centre, Magdalen Way Gorleston, NR30 7BP
With talks from:
Leeway on Adolescent to Parent Violence
Victim Support – Supporting medium risk victims
SARC Harbour Centre – Sexual abuse and what service is available
Leeway on “a day in the life of an IDVA”
To book your place please email da.change@norfolk.gov.uk with “GY Event”

Sexual Abuse Awareness Workshop
When: Thursday 2nd November, 10-12
Where: South Norfolk District Council – Council Chamber – Long Stratton
What: The Sexual Assault Referral Centre, will be running a workshop for domestic abuse champions, raising awareness on sexual abuse.
This is open to ALL domestic abuse champions, but we will be booking more in across the county at a later date. To book your place please email da.change@norfolk.gov.uk with “Sexual Abuse Workshop” in the subject.
Welcome back Paula - For those of you who aren’t already aware, Paula DeVaux has returned from maternity leave, and is back on a part time basis covering the City. Paula’s email is paula.devaux@norfolk.gov.uk and NEW number is 07342 084432. We are in the process of recruiting a part time worker for South Norfolk, and Christen Williams will move to the North, East and Broadland locality.

We’ve won an OSCA (Outstanding Contribution Award) for collaborating effectively with partner agencies, and inspiring other teams and organisations! This is a fantastic reflection of how committed our champions have been with raising awareness of DA and embedding successful policies and procedures within their organisations. The award goes to the DACC’s, Pascal Fallas, Samantha Allen, Jon Shalom and Dawn Jessett who have all played a pivotal role in implementing and embedding the two year pilot in Norfolk. Yay!

Welcome to Kelly Semper, who is an Advanced Public Health Officer in the Community Safety Team with NCC. She has been appointed to support and implement the work informed by the Domestic Abuse Sexual Violence Board, here’s what she’s got to say: “I have a varied background, including a PhD in Health Psychology, 2 years’ experience working within the Indigenous and Migrant communities of New Zealand to reduce health inequities, and most recently in the Vulnerable People Team at Norfolk County Council on services around Drug and Alcohol treatment. I am looking forward to working closely with the DA Coordinators, and the existing network of Champions to continue to build on the hard work already completed to raise the profile of Domestic Abuse within Norfolk”.

LOCAL NEWS

In July we trained our first internal champions at James Paget University Hospital. During Adult Safeguarding Awareness week they launched the champions network, with a stand in their cafeteria. They even made some fantastic cupcakes and posters to advertise their new roles. A big thank you to Jane Oldman for being such a committed and enthusiastic champion, and bringing the network into James Paget (and making delicious cupcakes!)

Open the Box - Pandora Project are now able to offer a service to male victims of domestic abuse. The male service will cover the same geographic area as their female support - West Norfolk and Swaffham. They accept referrals from other agencies, no self-referrals. They have a referral form process so people can contact info@pandoraproject.org.uk for either a referral form or more information.

Victim Support are hosting a Mascarade Ball on 28th November at 7pm in The Assembly Rooms, Great Yarmouth. Tickets are £35pp and include; a welcome drink, two course seated carvery, table for the night, live music and a disco. There will also be a raffle to raise money for victims of crime. For more information and details on how to book please contact Jan or Yvette on 01493 330600.

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**Norfolk Constabulary** have released a new video which highlights the impact of domestic abuse. The video was produced by students from the City College Norwich Media and Learning Company. This video is aimed and encouraging victims of domestic abuse to seek help around coercive behaviour. This is the first video in a series of videos which will be produced by the students. To watch the video, click on this [link](#).

**Safeguarding seminars with Dr Adi Cooper 5/6 October 2017** - Dr Adi Cooper is a leading national safeguarding adult’s academic and co-editor of the recently published Safeguarding Adults Under the Care Act 2014. She will be delivering two free seminars in Norfolk covering national developments (including self-neglect and making safeguarding personal) as well as other themes. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. Seminar one will be on 5 October from 3-5pm at Park View Leisure Centre, Kings Lynn and seminar two will be held on 6 October from 2.30-4.30pm at County Hall. To book click on this [link](#).

### NATIONAL NEWS

**Check out** this new, innovative and creative project that has been piloted in Scotland to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse. The Recounting Women Project developed work from Women’s Aid groups in Scotland to map the impact of austerity on women and children who are affected by domestic abuse. The victims and survivors had weekly group sessions to discuss issues most important to them, and to develop photography skills to use photos and images to tell their story. Have a look at the amazing images they have developed on the [Recounting Women website](#).

A senior social worker in Merseyside has been struck off as he alerted a domestic abuse perpetrator to the whereabouts of his pregnant victim, who had recently jumped out a bedroom window to escape threats of boiling oil being poured over her. The social worker did not recognise the seriousness of the concerns of the victim, referring to her as a pathological liar. The social worker not only alerted the perpetrator to his victims’ whereabouts, but also advised him how to breach his bail conditions undetected. Read more on this case [here](#).

According to new guidelines for judges, children should not have contact with a parent if there is risk of psychological or physical abuse. This is following a campaign by domestic violence groups in response to a series of cases in which children were killed or harmed during contact with a parent (29 Child Homicides). Following this, judges and magistrates are due to have compulsory training to ensure that they follow the guidance properly. Courts should also put in place better protective measures to ensure the safety of victims and children when they are accessing court. Read more [here](#).

In our training, we often discuss how religious and cultural beliefs can provide additional barriers to victims leaving abusive relationships. The Australian Broadcasting Corporation have recently published an essay “Domestic Violence and the Christian church in Australia”. They state that research indicates high levels of abuse within the church. Whilst religious leaders in Australia condemn it, they do little to address it, both concealing and enabling it. Read this though provoking essay [here](#).

The Government are planning on simplifying the process for survivors of DA to vote. Currently DA survivors must provide a court order to be able to appear anonymous on the electoral register. This court order must be supported by a senior witness, such as a police superintendent. This often mean that survivors do not choose to register to vote. The government changes will increase the amount of people who can act as witnesses, including health care professionals and refuge workers. Read more [here](#).
What is the impact of stalking and harassment? In 2016/17 HMIC, and HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate (HMCPSI) carried out the first inspection into the CPS’s response to harassment and stalking crimes. They commissioned the University of Worcester to carry out a qualitative study on the experiences and perceptions of victims. Access and read the report here.

Currently there is no existing framework which tracks or monitors serial stalkers and domestic violence perpetrators. Campaigners are urging that as a MARAC can follow a victim around the country, a register should be available to monitor perpetrators. Read more and find a link to sign the petition here.

RESOURCES

The Telegraph recently released an article “Coercive Control: How can you tell whether your partner is emotionally abusive?” They interviewed Polly Neate, former CEO of Women’s Aid around coercive control, and what this means in relationships. This resource can be used in many different ways, as a tool for recognition with victims, with young people as discussion points or to help inform debates in training. Read the article here.

Teenagers in Worcestershire have designed a new app to teach young people how to be safe on the internet and on the streets. They have named this The Choices app, and it covers themes such as, bullying, unhealthy relationships and hate crime. You can read more about this here, and go onto the Apple or Andriod App store to download it.

In SafeLives third spotlight, they look at young people experiencing domestic abuse, both in their own relationships and those who harm their parents. They have interviewed Helen Bonnick from ‘holes in the wall’ and released the podcast “Understanding Child to Parent Violence”.

SafeLives has also released a fifth spotlight on Homelessness, with 32% of homeless women stating that domestic abuse was a contributing factor. Within this spotlight, SafeLives have held webinars and interviewed professionals for podcasts. These are all accessible on their webpage here.

Every 30 seconds in England and Wales someone dials the RSPCA’s 24 hour cruelty line for help, meaning nearly 150,000 animal cruelty complaints were investigated in 2016 alone. Virtual College has worked with The Links Group to produce a FREE online course on Understanding Animal Welfare in Violent Homes. This course is of interest to anyone concerned about animal welfare or safeguarding of children and will help them recognise those at risk of physical and mental abuse. Access this free course here.

The University of East Anglia have worked together with the Centre for Research on Children and Families to develop the iCAN framework. The iCAN framework helps staff to understand abuse from the child’s perspective, and has three areas; recognition, telling and help. To access this framework, click here.

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