



## **Domestic abuse and general support during Coronavirus/Covid-19 outbreak – newsletter #23 29-04-20**

Hello all – please find latest information, news and updates below and attached. Hope you're all staying safe and well. Take care, Steve

**Covid-19 and Modern Slavery** - Modern slavery is a harmful and hidden crime and its victims may be especially isolated and hidden from view during the Covid-19 outbreak. However, help and support is available for victims of modern slavery. Please see the leaflet below and here [file:///C:/Users/steven.robson/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/IAU8YP6Y/31887-COVID\\_19\\_and\\_Modern\\_Slavery\\_Flyer\\_145530%20\(003\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/steven.robson/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/IAU8YP6Y/31887-COVID_19_and_Modern_Slavery_Flyer_145530%20(003).pdf)

**UK lockdown: calls to domestic abuse helpline jump by half** – calls rose by 49% and domestic homicides doubled a report to MP's revealed, see more here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-52433520>

**Revenge Porn Helpline sees rise in contacts** – see more here <https://www.bbc.com/news/stories-52413994> Please note the helpline is operating an email only service at present - [help@revengepornhelpline.org.uk](mailto:help@revengepornhelpline.org.uk)

What should you do if you're a victim of intimate image abuse?

- Keep evidence - make a record of what has been posted online, even if legal matters are not your first thought
- Report the photos or videos to the website (if you can)
- Tell friends and family

Find out more here <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsbeat/article/42789294/revenge-porn-what-to-do-if-youre-a-victim> and <https://revengepornhelpline.org.uk/> The helpline/email is open from 10-4pm Mon-Fri (excluding Bank Hols)

**Covid-19/Coronavirus: Safety and support resources** - resources for survivors, friends, families and community members here <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/covid-19-coronavirus-safety-and-support-resources/?fbclid=IwAR3i5IdtJukQIirKWICTm3gvRV63qtq-TiVPjk2MXSbAaJZRQIrksEchxEA>

**Springfield, South Lakes** – please see information below from colleagues at Springfield. Please contact Springfield direct for further info. [cs@springfieldsupport.org](mailto:cs@springfieldsupport.org) / [refuge@springfieldsupport.org](mailto:refuge@springfieldsupport.org)

Here - <file:///C:/Users/steven.robson/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/IAU8YP6Y/support%20tiers%20springfield.pdf>

**Cumbria Police, Domestic Abuse Question and Answer session on Facebook** – Cumbria Police Q and A session will be held today, **Wednesday 29 April 2020 from 3-5pm** on the Cumbria Police Facebook page which can be found here <https://www.facebook.com/cumbriapolice/> If you need to speak to someone regarding domestic abuse or would like to make a report please call 101, or use the online reporting form here: <https://www.cumbria.police.uk/Report-It/Report-a-Crime/Non-Emergency-Crime-Online.aspx> **Always call 999 in an emergency.**

**Second reading of the Domestic Abuse Bill in Parliament** – news articles

SEA welcomes second reading of domestic abuse bill - <https://survivingeconomicabuse.org/sea-welcomes-second-reading-of-domestic-abuse-bill/>

Dig down to the root causes of domestic abuse - <https://www.standard.co.uk/comment/comment/dig-down-to-the-root-causes-of-domestic-abuse-a4426101.html>

**Latest Domestic Abuse related news**

I was a child victim of domestic abuse and our voices need to be heard too - <https://metro.co.uk/2020/04/28/domestic-violence-worse-ever-cant-keep-silencing-victims-like-12616098/>

Coronavirus lockdown will have ‘devastating consequence for a generation’ unless domestic abuse tackled - <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/coronavirus-domestic-abuse-lockdown-priti-patel-home-office-a9484826.html>

**Cumbria Police Safeguarding Q and A** - There will also be a **Safeguarding Children Q and A** every Thursday, 3-5pm during the lockdown period on Cumbria Police Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cumbriapolice/>

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**Champions’ Network newsletters** - You can find all the previous copies of these newsletters in PDF format at <http://www.womenscommunitymatters.org/cumbria-domestic-champions/> just in case you lose/misplace any of the info.

Kind regards, Steve



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### **SPOT THE SIGNS OF MODERN SLAVERY**

It can be challenging to identify a potential victim of modern slavery and potential victims may be reluctant or unable to come forward themselves. **That is why it is important for frontline staff to look out for signs of modern slavery.**

#### **A potential victim of modern slavery may:**

- Show signs that their movements are being controlled
- Show fear or anxiety
- Allow others to speak for them when addressed directly
- Look malnourished, unkempt or have untreated injuries
- Not be in possession of their passports or other travel documents, as these documents are being held by someone else
- Not have control of their own money or bank accounts
- Believe they must work against their will
- Be subjected to violence or threats of violence against themselves or against family members and loved ones

### **HELP AND SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS**

- **Adults** can access a range of support across the UK if they give their consent to enter the National Referral Mechanism.
- **Children** receive support through Local Authorities. Any potential child victim must be referred to local children's services urgently, and a referral made to the National Referral Mechanism, once the child is safeguarded.



The Modern Slavery Act 2015 [Statutory Guidance](#) gives full details of the support available and how it can be accessed.

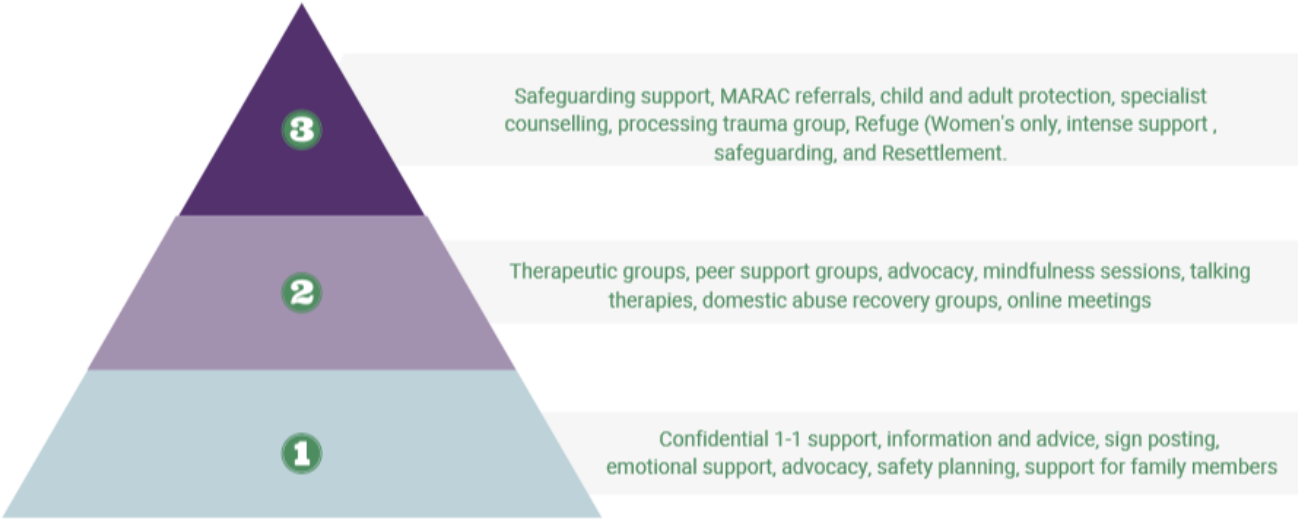
Only First Responders can refer potential victims to support. First Responders Organisations include the police, Local Authorities, UK Visas and Immigration, Border Force, Immigration Enforcement and specified non-governmental organisations (NGOs). **If you are not a First Responder, you can contact a First Responder Organisation, such as the police, or visit the QR code for a full list of organisations.**



**Have you encountered someone who may be a potential victim of modern slavery? You don't need to be sure that modern slavery is taking place or fully understand the types and definitions to report your concerns. Call the police on 101 if you suspect modern slavery, or 999 if there is an immediate risk of harm. The Salvation Army's confidential 24/7 referral helpline on 0800 808 3733 will provide advice on getting support to potential victims.**



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