



Domestic abuse and general support during Coronavirus/Covid-19 outbreak – newsletter #26 11-05-20

Hello all, latest news and info below and attached. Take care, Steve

Domestic abuse support in Copeland – see two items attached detailing how to access services in Copeland, services are still available to offer support to victims.

Women's Aid Live Chat extended hours – from today, Mon 11 May, the Live Chat service will be extended to 10-4pm weekdays and 10-12noon weekends chat@womensaid.org.uk

Domestic abuse and rail travel - The Women's Aid Rail to refuge scheme means that **survivors with a refuge space can travel for free across England, Scotland and Wales.** <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/rail-to-refuge-faqs/> see also here <https://media.raildeliverygroup.com/news/train-companies-to-offer-free-travel-to-those-fleeing-domestic-abuse-during-coronavirus-lockdown>

CADAS (Cumbria Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service) update - Call us! We're back to business as usual. We are thrilled to announce that the CADAS countywide number is now operational again and ready to answer your questions and take referrals as usual, despite the offices continuing to be closed as staff support clients from home over the telephone and internet. See more here <https://cadas.co.uk/call-us-were-back-to-business-as-usual/>

General Enquiries: 0300 111 4002 (Mon–Thu 10am–5pm) info@cadas.co.uk

Addiction Helpline: 0800 2 54 56 58 (Mon–Sat 11am–8pm) contact@cadas.co.uk (for immediate call back requests, advice and guidance Mon–Fri 10am–5pm)

Domestic abuse charities can apply for vital funds - Charities can bid for a share of £10 million funding to support victims of domestic abuse. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/domestic-abuse-charities-can-apply-for-vital-funds>

Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance – shaping policies and strategies that change the housing sector's response to domestic abuse <https://www.dahalliance.org.uk/>

Modern Slavery webinar - This webinar will provide an overview of modern slavery and the current national picture and the impact of the Covid-19 crisis, providing guidance on how to identify and support victims and those at risk. See information attached.

Latest news articles re: domestic abuse

1. https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/domestic-abuse-bill_uk_5eb3f231c5b646b73d2873a5?ncid=tweetInkukhpmg00000001&utm_campaign=share_twitter&gucounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly90LmNvLzJBdndkT0psVU0_YW1wPTE&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAACJpXDeoLLAaCQh-dGiwLT2yOx4j_TTDD9FaPSuAX8oIXKTbVwylowZrLkf98tSZ99AhT-t3Trm-fCxYnqFzJdh-2Ea71u3FjMHwpXp04hj-QfLC1j2lkmVAMW7BnT6VkRdhALX7bwsb5COobf-QZ0Alx5yo2r-YGeGIDkf24zOH
2. <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/domestic-abuse-violence-lockdown-recession-uk-economy-police-a9502806.html>
3. <https://www.independent.co.uk/independentpremium/domestic-abuse-violence-doctor-iris-women-support-a9501696.html>

Kind regards, Steve

West Midlands Anti-Slavery Partnership

Is holding a **Webinar: Modern Slavery, Homelessness, and Covid-19**

Thursday, 14 May 2020 Online | 2.30pm-3.45pm | Free

<https://www.homeless.org.uk/training-events/online-events/webinar-modern-slavery-homelessness-and-covid-19>

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Event overview

Human trafficking is the fastest growing international crime and there are clear links between trafficking, modern slavery and homelessness. Traffickers use services that support vulnerable individuals, such as homelessness services, to target people for exploitation, and people may become homeless when escaping exploitation.

During the Covid-19 crisis victims of modern slavery will be especially isolated and hidden from view, whilst the social and economic disruptions give rise to greater risk of exploitation. It is vital that homelessness agencies work together with partners to ensure that vulnerable people are not put at increased risk while accessing their services.

This webinar will:

- Provide an overview of what modern slavery (or human trafficking) is and the current national picture
- Offer guidance on recognising the indicators of modern slavery and supporting those identified as victims
- Outline the National Referral Mechanism and the victim's journey in support
- Discuss the current impact of COVID-19 on modern slavery

Speakers:

- Chair: Steven Barkess, Partnership Manager, Homeless Link
- Robin Brierley, Chair, West Midlands Anti-Slavery Network
- Amber Cagney, Development Manager, West Midlands Anti-Slavery Network

The West Midlands Anti-Slavery Network connects the various agencies involved in tackling modern day slavery, human trafficking and exploitation in the West Midlands and beyond. They work to identify gaps, influence change and facilitate solutions in order to protect and advocate for the vulnerable in society.

Bookings:

<https://www.homeless.org.uk/training-events/online-events/webinar-modern-slavery-homelessness-and-covid-19>



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Support for Victims of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Exploitation

The Coronavirus pandemic is a worrying time for everyone, but for those living with domestic abuse it can be a terrifying and potentially dangerous time. However, no one should ever have to suffer abuse from anyone or made to feel unsafe where they live.

Victims of domestic abuse in Copeland are being urged not to suffer in silence and should be reassured that the council is on hand to support people who have left, or need to leave, their homes because of it.

Copeland's Housing Options Team is here to support individuals in need of help and emergency accommodation.

The Council has a Prevention and Crisis Support Officer to provide confidential advice and support for those who need it.

If you believe you are in immediate danger at any time please call the police on 999 or 101 for non-emergency assistance. If calling from a mobile, and are unable to speak, press 55 to make yourself heard and this will transfer the call straight to the police.

Copeland Borough Council
Crisis Support, Emergency Housing & Prevention Services
01946 598300 /01946 427070 (out of hours)
Housing.Options@copeland.gov.uk
www.copeland.gov.uk

Victim Support
0300 3030 157 Out of hours 08 08 16 89 111
Cumbria.admin@victimsupport.org.uk
www.victimsupport.org.uk



NEED A SAFE SPACE?

If you're experiencing domestic abuse, support is available.

You can use the consultation room in your local Boots pharmacy to call a support service.



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