



Domestic abuse and general support during Coronavirus/Covid-19 outbreak – newsletter #32 16-06-20

Hello all – please see latest news and information from the domestic and sexual abuse field below and attached. Take care, Steve

<u>Domestic abuse – Live surgery with Cumbria Police</u> – on the Cumbria Police Facebook Wednesday 17 June 11-12noon, all welcome. See image below.

<u>Keeping children safe – Live surgery with Cumbria Police</u> – on Cumbria Police Facebook Thursday 18 June 11-12noon, all welcome. See image below.

<u>Online domestic abuse training</u> – Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership still has a range of excellent online training, including domestic abuse training at https://www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/LSCB/training/domesticabuselearningevents.asp

Two new reports from Women's Aid

- 1. The *Nowhere to Turn, 2020* report provides an insight into what happens to those women who are unable to access refuge services after having to give up their homes to escape abuse. Summary report and full document available here https://www.womensaid.org.uk/no-woman-turned-away/
- 2. The Domestic Abuse Report 2020: The Hidden Housing Crisis Domestic abuse is by its very nature a housing issue. This report examines the housing experiences of survivors of domestic abuse using evidence from Women's Aid Survivor Voice Survey 2019. Summary report and full document available here https://www.womensaid.org.uk/research-and-publications/the-domestic-abuse-report/

<u>LGBTQ+ Survey</u> - The I Am ... Project is a new initiative created to promote healthier relationships within the LGBTQ+ community. Supported by SafeLives, Stonewall and UK Black Pride, they are conducting a ground-breaking survey focusing on intimate partner relationships to try and identify the prevalence of domestic violence and abuse within the LGBTQ+ community. Find out more and complete the survey here https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=159052428899

<u>Surviving Economic Abuse Survey</u> (for victims and professionals) - This questionnaire explores the economic safety needs of victim-survivors who are <u>currently experiencing economic abuse from a current or former intimate partner</u> during the coronavirus outbreak in the UK. It is run by UK charity <u>Surviving Economic Abuse</u> (SEA). They are looking for responses from both victim-survivors and frontline professionals who support them. Find the survey and more support info here https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FGVQH52

<u>Latest news articles</u> - Content Note: some of these articles include a detailed discussion of physical, mental and sexual abuse, please be mindful of your own triggers, safety and feelings.

- 1. 'He was carrying two knives looking for me': Women cooped up with violent partners during lockdown recount horror https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/domestic-abuse-coronavirus-lockdown-refuge-a9551476.html
- My locked front door offers me safety but for domestic abuse victims it can feel like a prison https://metro.co.uk/2020/06/09/front-door-reassures-victims-domestic-abuse-can-prison-12824374/?fbclid=lwAR1w-3RqHa10hXZBgLWnf1Kmw3TSuqtzHiXx69PemnZEGdEnn-Ve9jjB4do
- 3. Domestic violence victim denied legal aid seeks judicial review https://www.theguardian.com/law/2020/jun/09/domestic-violence-legal-aid-judicial-review-cross-examine-partner-court

- 4. What they don't tell you about abuse https://www.varsity.co.uk/lifestyle/19373
- NSPCC helpline receives record number of calls during lockdown https://t.co/hjFFTugP5D?amp=1
- 6. This Is How Pharmacies Are Being Turned Into 'Red Telephone Boxes' To Help Domestic Abuse Victims https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/domestic-abuse-pharmacies-victims-safe-spaces-telephone-boxes uk 5ee36efdc5b6f2cb034f9c6d?guccounter=1
- 7. Domestic abuse charities condemn The Sun for front page on JK Rowling's ex-husband https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/jk-rowling-sun-front-page-domestic-abuse-charity-a9562901.html

<u>Cumbria Domestic Abuse Champions' Network social media</u> – you can follow Cumbria Domestic Abuse Champions' Network on social media for regular posts/updates. On Twitter <u>@AbuseCumbria</u> and on <u>Facebook</u> @CumbriaDomesticAbuseChampionsNetwork

<u>Champions' Network newsletters</u> - 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 info.

<u>Women's Community Matters, Barrow receives Queens Award for Voluntary Service</u> – see full story here http://www.womenscommunitymatters.org/womens-community-matters-barrow-receives-the-queens-award-for-voluntary-service/

Kind regards, Steve







If you are concerned about someone please report it and help end the abuse.

TO REPORT:

In an emergency call 999 Call 101 or report online at www.cumbria.police.uk



