



Champions' Network - Domestic and sexual abuse newsletter #46 04-01-21

Hello all – hope you are all keeping safe and well, happy new year and hope you have had a good break over the festive period. Please forward any info you would like sharing around the Network.

Content Note: some of the articles and information in this newsletter may include detailed discussion of physical, emotional and sexual abuse, please be mindful of your own triggers, safety and feelings – take care.

Local job vacancies

Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (South Cumbria) - Do you have the right attitude, empathy and skills to support victims and survivors of sexual violence? Victim Support are looking for an Independent Sexual Violence Adviser to work across South Cumbria. <https://recruitment.victimsupport.org.uk/vacancy/independent-sexual-violence-advisor-south-cumbria-432860.html>

Hub Team Leader (North Cumbria) - Victim Support are looking for a 16 hours per week job share Hub Team Leader to work in Carlisle, Cumbria. <https://recruitment.victimsupport.org.uk/vacancy/hub-team-leader-north-cumbria-432634.html>

Safer Cumbria launch Modern Slavery Pathways and Guidance

Modern Slavery Pathways & Guidance developed in consultation with Cumbria Safeguarding Adults (CSAB) and Cumbria Safeguarding Children's Partnership (CSCP). The guidance will assist and support partners, charities and persons who may come into contact with a possible victim of Modern Slavery or Human Trafficking. Modern Slavery is a heinous crime which is often hidden from sight.

This Guidance will offer the reader an overview of the indicators of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking and will advise them on the next steps to take to support, report and help a victim of Modern Slavery. The Guidance also gives an overview of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) process and helps to provide First Responders with the information they will need to help refer a victim into the NRM.

Alongside the Modern Slavery Pathways and Guidance, Safer Cumbria now have leaflets available for all to use which will help support victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking understand the National Referral Mechanism. These leaflets have been created in several languages, so it is easier for the victim to understand the information. **The leaflets are available by request by sending an email to Sandra.Radcliffe@cumbria.police.uk** Safer Cumbria Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Co-ordinator.

Hourglass – the UK charity Action on Elder Abuse has changed name to **Hourglass**, find out more here <https://www.wearehourglass.org/> The UK's only charity focused on the abuse and neglect of older people, they have a free-to-call helpline, **0808 808 8141**, a lifeline for older men, women and their families suffering from the five forms of abuse: physical, psychological, financial, sexual or neglect.

In the news

1. Rape and consent: what you need to know before you have sex - <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/love-sex/consent-rape-rape-a6718931.html>
2. 'Turmoil and distress': Reports to revenge porn helpline double during pandemic as millions go online - <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/revenge-porn-covid-domestic-abuse-b1770059.html>
3. Tough new domestic abuse tsar prepares to shape laws to protect threatened women - <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/jan/03/tough-new-domestic-abuse-tsar-prepares-to-shape-laws-to-protect-threatened-women>
4. Threatening to share intimate images must be made a criminal offence to protect victims of 'revenge porn' - <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/01/02/threatening-share-intimate-images-must-made-criminal-offence/>

Cumbria Domestic Abuse Champions' Network social media – you can follow Cumbria Domestic Abuse Champions' Network on social media for regular posts/updates. On Twitter [@AbuseCumbria](#) and on [Facebook](#) [@CumbriaDomesticAbuseChampionsNetwork](#)

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Kind regards, Steve