



Champions' Network - Domestic and sexual abuse newsletter #50 07-04-21

Hello all – hope you are all keeping safe and well. Please find latest information below and attached. **If you have any information or updates you would like us to share please send them in.**

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 and of those with whom you might share some of this content – take care.

In England and Wales, 1 in 4 women experience domestic abuse during their lifetime and two women a week are killed by a current or former partner. (Source: Refuge Service Review, 2021)

Refuge's National Domestic Abuse Helpline Service Review 2020/21

This time last year this country went into lockdown. In the 12 months since, more and more women have reached out for support from Refuge's 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline and its supporting services. Read the report here https://www.refuge.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Refuge-Covid-Service-Report.pdf?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=SocialMedia&utm_campaign=NewsPress

Refuge video and #HereForHer Campaign - Lisa King, the Refuge Director of Communications and External Relations, speaks about domestic abuse myths and the importance of their [#HereForHer](#) which seeks to raise awareness of domestic abuse and the support available to survivors here <https://youtu.be/E80PcEb4Tnl>. Also see more from #HereForHer at <https://www.youtube.com/hashtag/hereforher>

Domestic Abuse Bill – this Bill is currently in its final stages, for latest and detailed information about the Domestic Abuse Bill see here <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/domestic-abuse-bill> and information about progress/stages etc here - <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2709/stages>

In the News

1. 'The time for men to step up is right now!': what all men can do to help end violence against women - <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/mar/17/the-time-for-men-to-step-up-is-right-now-what-all-men-can-do-to-help-end-violence-against-women>
2. The prevalence of domestic violence is staggering. It's time to bring it out of the shadows - <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/feb/05/evan-rachel-wood-domestic->

[violence?fbclid=IwAR1E_aqkBq1r15bcPHH_FyEg8sZF72tpHnMKJQzca1305deMute1TGfTVJM](https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/domestic-abuse-rise-lockdown-lifts-funding-b1819219.html)

3. Lack of funding leaving domestic abuse services unprepared for 'surge' of victims when lockdown lifts - <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/domestic-abuse-rise-lockdown-lifts-funding-b1819219.html>
4. Only one in six women report serious sexual assault, ONS figures show - <https://www.bigissue.com/latest/only-one-in-six-women-report-serious-sexual-assault-ONS-figures-show/>
5. Long-term funding and public campaign needed to end violence against women - <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/mar/17/policies-to-end-violence-against-women-bizarre-say-experts>
6. Domestic abuse after lockdown: controlled, confined and cut off - <https://www.gq-magazine.co.uk/gq-hype/article/domestic-abuse-lockdown>
7. Family courts are disturbingly out of touch in dealing with domestic abuse - <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/apr/03/family-courts-domestic-abuse-judges-magistrates>
8. Exclusive: University of Oxford rape accuser told she was 'ruining the Boat Race' by senior academic - <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/04/06/exclusive-university-oxford-rape-accuser-told-ruining-boat-race/>

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](https://twitter.com/AbuseCumbria) and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CumbriaDomesticAbuseChampionsNetwork) [@CumbriaDomesticAbuseChampionsNetwork](https://www.facebook.com/CumbriaDomesticAbuseChampionsNetwork)

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Kind regards, Steve