



Champions' Network - Domestic and sexual abuse newsletter #51 07-05-21

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)

Safe Lives Practitioner Survey 2020/21

Find out more here - https://safelives.org.uk/DA_demand_increases_Covid-19

Full report here -

https://www.safelivesresearch.org.uk/Comms/2020_21%20Practitioner%20Survey%20Final%202.pdf

Executive Summary here -

<https://safelives.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/Practitioner%20Survey%20-%20Executive%20Summary%20Final.pdf>

Safe Lives response to the Domestic Abuse Bill - <https://safelives.org.uk/dabill-royal-assent?fbclid=IwAR2pYk26HJ74T7UjjNc41KBdNWkan9dUwB6PsAH3eeBShifsS2g4SFwVg2k>

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 – the Bill is now an act of parliament, full copy of the Act available here <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2709> and more information available here <https://homeofficemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/04/29/domesticabuseactfactsheet/>

The Birchall Trust - a counselling / play therapy service offered to people who have been affected by rape and / or sexual abuse, with 4 offices based in South Cumbria and North Lancashire. Self and professional referrals to the service can be made through the website, www.birchalltrust.org.uk or by emailing enquiries@birchalltrust.org.uk

Home Truths – Ex-footballer Ian Wright investigates the effect growing up in a psychologically abusive and violent home has on children in the UK - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000vt7g/ian-wright-home-truths>

Galop, the LGBT+ anti-violence charity – are releasing a series of 5 short films titled ‘Not Broken, Not Silent’, you can find them on You Tube here

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmYoFLO_C1o&t=1s

Contact Galop **0800 999 5428**, National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans+ Domestic Abuse Helpline Monday to Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm; Wednesday to Thursday 10:00am - 8:00pm or email

help@galop.org.uk. Website <http://www.galop.org.uk/>

In the news ...

1. Exclusive: Universities Are Accused Of Lack Of Support For Students Facing Domestic Abuse, Despite “High Prevalence” In Age Group - <https://www.politicshome.com/news/article/universities-lack-of-support-for-students-facing-domestic-abuse>
2. Domestic abuse surged in lockdown but only three UK police forces areas have enough specialists to cope - <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/04/12/domestic-abuse-surged-lockdown-three-uk-police-forces-areas/>
3. To tackle violence against women, we must address its root causes - <https://www.politicshome.com/members/article/still-a-long-way-to-go-to-protect-women-from-violence>
4. Domestic Abuse Bill: The changes being introduced and do they go far enough to protect women? - <https://www.itv.com/news/2021-04-29/domestic-abuse-bill-the-changes-being-introduced-and-do-they-go-far-enough-to-protect-women>
5. Years in the making, the Domestic Abuse Bill receives Royal Assent and becomes law - <https://survivingeconomicabuse.org/domestic-abuse-bill-receives-royal-assent/>
6. Domestic Abuse Bill: This is the moment we stop asking 'why didn't she leave?' - <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/life/domestic-abuse-bill-moment-stop-asking-didnt-leave/>
7. ‘Ignored for too long’: Over 185,000 staff and students at universities across UK suffer ‘domestic abuse every year’ - <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/universities-domestic-abuse-guidance-b1842555.html>
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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)

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 info.

Kind regards, Steve