



Champions' Network - Domestic and sexual abuse newsletter #56 23-09-21

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 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.

Cumbria Police – On the 6th September, Cumbria Constabulary launched a dedicated Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO) awareness campaign. See here - [Police launch Rape and Serious Sexual Offences awareness campaign. \(cumbria.police.uk\)](https://www.cumbria.police.uk)

New Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy - [Tackling violence against women and girls strategy - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

New online tool – Streetsafe - A new online tool will allow people to anonymously flag public places where they feel unsafe – such as poorly lit walkways, or streets where they have experienced harassment.

The digital scheme called [StreetSafe](https://www.street-safe.org) launched today where anyone can make a report, but women and girls are especially encouraged. [StreetSafe | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)

Also see - [Women's Aid respond to the government's introduction of new online tool 'StreetSafe' - Womens Aid](https://www.womensaid.org.uk)

New and updated Domestic Abuse: Toolkit for Employers – see link for further resources for employers - [Resources — Employers' Initiative on Domestic Abuse \(eida.org.uk\)](https://eida.org.uk)

"You couldn't leave your husband. It wasn't done" – the story of the women behind the first domestic violence refuges

['You couldn't leave your husband. It wasn't done' – the story of the women behind the first domestic violence refuges \(theconversation.com\)](https://theconversation.com)

A Duty to Protect – report findings

The [Centre for Women's Justice](#) lodged a super-complaint against the police back in 2019, highlighting 'serious failures' by the service to use powers in order to protect domestic abuse victims. It warned that the police are putting women and girls at risk by not using protective mechanisms, such as pre-charge bail with conditions and restraining orders, when violence is perpetrated. This resulted in the HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire and Rescue Services launching an investigation, [the findings](#) of which have now been released. Report here - [A duty to protect: Police use of protective measures in cases involving violence against women and girls \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

In the News ...

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/aug/15/victims-of-femicide-are-shamefully-ignored-in-strategy-on-violence-against-women>

[More than 100 women have been killed by men in 2021 so far in the UK \(yahoo.com\)](#)

[Domestic abusers 'weaponised' Covid in England and Wales, study finds | Domestic violence | The Guardian](#)

['I thought he was going to kill me' - Survivor speaks out about domestic abuse | ITV News Granada](#)

[Online tool for women to flag unsafe areas to police launches today | Metro News](#)

[Women's Aid respond to the government's introduction of new online tool 'StreetSafe' - Womens Aid](#)

[Police are failing to protect domestic abuse victims, says report \(stylist.co.uk\)](#)

[What is 'love bombing' and how can you spot it? | Metro News](#)

[Domestic homicides are 'entrenched and enduring' problem in pandemic, police report finds | The Independent](#)

[Brave mum tells of how she escaped with her three children after domestic abuse horror - Daily Record](#)

[All victims of domestic abuse should have a safe haven in their workplace | Express & Star \(expressandstar.com\)](#)

[Concern that new laws to protect women from domestic abuse don't go far enough | ITV News Calendar](#)

[VAWG report: domestic violence should be a priority \(stylist.co.uk\)](#)

['I know what it is never to feel safe' | Grazia \(graziadaily.co.uk\)](#)

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