



## Champions' Network - Domestic and sexual abuse newsletter #57 04-10-21

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.*

**Victim Support Cumbria** - are excited and pleased to announce that their high risk domestic abuse services has been officially awarded Safe Lives Leading Lights accreditation. For those who are not aware this accreditation is the nationally recognised mark of quality for domestic abuse services. This follows on from their LimeCulture ISVA standards and Respect accreditations for Turning the Spotlight in the last 18 months.

Contact Victim Support on 0300 303 0157 lines are open 8-6pm Monday-Friday - 24 hour/7 days a week Supportline 08 08 16 89 111. Website: <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/get-help/support-near-you/north-west/cumbria>

**New research from UCLAN** – The research, published in a report today, analyses how domestic abuse support services in the UK can become more accessible to those that need them. The report is published by Women's Aid and Safelives, two charities that collaborated with survivors of domestic abuse over a period of five years to develop and deliver their Roadmap Programme across England. See here ... [New research reveals need for flexible, tailored support for domestic abuse survivors - UCLan](#)

**Safe Lives - Resource pack:** [What does healthy look like? Starting conversations with young people about relationships](#). See here - [What does healthy look like? | Safelives](#)

[Safe Lives Survey for 11-25 year olds](#) – Safe Lives and young people have co-created the #IsItOK campaign to understand toxic behaviour in young people’s relationships. Please share the survey with those in your life aged 11-25. See here [Verge of Harm survey \(snapsurveys.com\)](#)

**In the news ...**

[Police must prioritise tackling violence on women - BBC News](#)

[Police should give violence against women same priority as terrorism, says watchdog – Channel 4 News](#)

[Police chief appointed to tackle violence against women and girls | The Independent](#)

[Police urged to better protect black women who face domestic abuse | Domestic violence | The Guardian](#)

[Women’s groups speak out about slow progress to end violence against women | The Independent](#)

[Scrapping UC uplift 'devastating' for domestic abuse survivors | Metro News](#)

[At least 15 serving or former police have killed women in UK since 2009 – report | Police | The Guardian](#)

<https://bylinetimes.com/2021/09/27/114-women-died-in-the-past-decade-in-domestic-related-incidents-following-previous-contact-with-police/>

**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](#)

**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