



Champions' Network - Domestic and sexual abuse newsletter #61 25-01-22

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. **Wishing you all a safe and peaceful new year.**

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.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivor Journey Research - Survey for service users in Cumbria

If you have been affected by rape, sexual abuse or sexual assault we really want to hear your views and opinions around, what support worked for you and also any barriers to services that you may have experienced across both the statutory and voluntary services. The survey is anonymous, will only take 15 minutes to complete. We really want your voices to be heard.

The online survey for service users is now live and will be **open until Saturday 12th February**. The survey can be accessed here: <https://cumbria.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/sexual-assault-abuse-survivor-journey-research>

Domestic Abuse Commissioner survey for survivors - a survey about peoples experience of thinking about using domestic abuse services, trying to use domestic abuse services, and what it is like using domestic abuse services. Survey closes 14 February 2022. Follow link here [Survey about domestic abuse services \(homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk\)](https://survey.aboutdomesticabuse.gov.uk)

Tech Abuse Study – Katy Brookfield is looking for survey participants for research on tech abuse, with the aim of developing a better understanding of future support needs. Please remember people should only respond if it's safe to do so. If people are still experiencing tech abuse, support is available here [Tech abuse and tech safety resources - Refuge Charity - Domestic Violence Help](#) Study/survey here - [Understanding women's experiences of abuse from a partner which involved the use of technology \(onlinesurveys.ac.uk\)](https://onlinesurveys.ac.uk/understanding-women-experiences-abuse-partner-technology)

Domestic abuse victims in England and Wales to be given more time to report assaults – find out more here <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/domestic-abuse-victims-in-england-and-wales-to-be-given-more-time-to-report-assaults>

News story here - [Domestic abuse law change shows we're on victims' side, says Raab - BBC News](#)

Women's Aid 'Spot the Abuse' video on You Tube - see here <https://youtu.be/uL70vhTySvM>

Also see here for more info [Women's Aid: Spot The Abuse - Womens Aid](#)

The VOICE programme – see information attached re: The VOICE Programme, for further information contact rachel.williams@sutda.org.uk
Website here www.voicepartnership.com

In the news ...

[Refuge chief Ruth Davison: 'We face a growing need, but there is optimism' | Domestic violence | The Guardian](#)

[Government failing to tackle violence against women, says Jess Phillips | Violence against women and girls | The Guardian](#)

[Sexual violence against gay men is not spoken about enough | The Independent](#)

[Call for law change to stop abusive partners inheriting from their victims | Domestic violence | The Guardian](#)

[Domestic abuse law change shows we're on victims' side, says Raab - BBC News](#)

[Domestic abuse: 'I stabbed my mother's boyfriend as he beat her' - BBC News](#)

['I have moments of shame I can't control': the lives ruined by explicit 'collector culture' | Sexual harassment | The Guardian](#)

[Is "don't take it so personally" the ultimate gaslighting insult? \(stylist.co.uk\)](#)

[I am a child of domestic violence, and I am breaking my silence | Anonymous | The Guardian](#)

[Home Office backing of women's safety app is insulting, campaigners say | Crime | The Guardian](#)

<https://www.whitehavennews.co.uk/news/18532054.male-domestic-abuse-focus-my-abusive-wife-sleep-deprived-me/>

['I have moments of shame I can't control': the lives ruined by explicit 'collector culture' | Sexual harassment | The Guardian](#)

[In Focus: How tech became the latest tool for abusers | Metro News](#)

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