



Champions' Network - Domestic and sexual abuse newsletter #62 09-02-22

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.

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 Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivor Journey Research - Survey for service users – the University of Cumbria, has been commissioned by The Bridgeway (a partnership of Safety Net, G4S, Victim Support and The Birchall Trust) to undertake research on the experience of survivors of sexual assault and abuse by exploring their journey to accessing services 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. **Link to survey here**

[Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivor Journey Research - Survey for service users \(onlinesurveys.ac.uk\)](https://onlinesurveys.ac.uk)

Cumbria Safeguarding Week 14-18 March 2022

Join Cumbria safeguarding Children Partnership for **Safeguarding Week 2022**. This year's theme is 'learning from practice'

Between **Monday 14th March - Friday 18th March 2022**, partners from CSCP have come together to develop an extensive programme of learning events, seminars and interactive sessions. The [programme of events](#) will be delivered virtually throughout the week providing ease of access for all attendees.

Developed for both professional and public audiences, the programme offers a packed schedule of sessions which will be delivered by inspirational and motivational speakers, all of whom are experts in their field. The professional sessions will cover key safeguarding areas and have been designed to stimulate discussion, share best practice, spark innovation and support continuing professional development.

We begin the week with a launch event opened by Lesley Walker, Cumbria Safeguarding Children's Partnership's Independent Scrutineer. For more details please visit the CSCP website [here](#).

National charity Refuge - are calling on the government to ensure that social media companies do more to protect women. If you agree join the campaign – it takes less than a minute here [Unsocial Spaces \(refuge.org.uk\)](https://refuge.org.uk)

Domestic Abuse and Dementia Toolkit

[The Centre For Age Gender and Social Justice - Centre For Age Gender and Social Justice \(dewischoice.org.uk\)](#)

In the news ...

[Domestic abuse rises sharply as cause of homelessness in England | Homelessness | The Guardian](#)
[Mel B's daughter Phoenix Brown speaks out about growing up in abusive household | ITV News Calendar](#)

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/feb/03/child-victim-domestic-abuse-support-bill-services>

[Funding to research domestic abuse in Cumbria - cumbriacrack.com](#)

[Peers oppose plan that may stop women fleeing rape gaining refugee status | Immigration and asylum | The Guardian](#)

[Domestic abuse: average of 669 child protection referrals a day last year | Child protection | The Guardian](#)

[Women three times more likely to be abused if in pandemic-induced financial stress | Domestic violence | The Guardian](#)

[Domestic abuse survivor urges others to get police help - BBC 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