



Champions' Network - Domestic and sexual abuse newsletter #67 04-08-22

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.

Turning the Spotlight – are delivering a programme of intervention for high risk/high harm perpetrators of domestic abuse.

Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner news

[PCC welcomes additional funding of £783,084 for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence - Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner \(cumbria-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://cumbria-pcc.gov.uk)

[PCC commissions direct support for male victims of crime - Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner \(cumbria-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://cumbria-pcc.gov.uk)

<https://cumbria-pcc.gov.uk/pcc-supports-cumbria-victims-charitable-trust/>

Support available from Cumbria Police -Cumbria Police offer a number of schemes, which aim to help victims of domestic abuse or those at potential risk. Two schemes currently in operation are:

- **Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme - Clare's Law:** The scheme allows you to make an application to police for information about a person's violent behaviour in previous relationships. Following your application, police will consider sharing this information with you to help you make a more informed decision on whether to continue the relationship. You will also receive advice on support available to make that choice. If you make an application for information about a friend or relative's partner, police will consider sharing this information with the person you are concerned about, or relevant agencies, if appropriate. Police will talk to you and decide whether it is appropriate for more information to be disclosed, to help protect the friend or relative you are concerned about.
- **Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPO) & Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPN):** These provide immediate protection following an incident of domestic violence and give you time to consider what to do next. Local specialist services that provide advice and support will get in touch with you if a DVPN is issued.
 - Stop them from entering and being within a certain distance of your home.
 - Stop them from making you leave or excluding you from your home.
 - Mean they have to leave your home (even if you live at the same address)
 - Both DVPNs and DVPOs place certain conditions on the perpetrator

(This information from Cumbria Safeguarding Adults Board's newsletter)

Domestic Abuse Commissioner

What is the Domestic Abuse Commissioner? [Domestic Abuse Commissioner factsheet - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Who is the Domestic Abuse Commissioner? [Domestic Abuse Commissioner reappointed for a second term - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Further info [Home - Domestic Abuse Commissioner](#)

Recent comment from the Domestic Abuse Commissioner - [Today's CPS figures show a very worrying trend for domestic abuse victims - Domestic Abuse Commissioner](#)

New guidance will ensure all forms of domestic abuse are recognised - Domestic Abuse statutory guidance sets out in detail what constitutes domestic abuse, how to identify it and best practices for responding, see here [New guidance will ensure all forms of domestic abuse are recognised - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

In the news ...

[Abuse is Not Love | Marie Claire](#)

[Refuge launches digital break-up safety tool for women \(stylist.co.uk\)](#)

[How the cost of living crisis impacts domestic violence survivors \(stylist.co.uk\)](#)

[Love Island: Women's Aid confirms talks about 'controlling behaviour' | Metro News](#)

[Love Island: Why Are Women Being Punished for Expressing Their Emotions? | Glamour UK \(glamourmagazine.co.uk\)](#)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/newsbeat-62219716>

[Domestic abuse victims say cost of living crisis stopped them fleeing abusive partner | The Independent](#)

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