

Isle of Wight Domestic Abuse Forum

Domestic and Sexual Abuse Newsletter

Autumn 2016

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Domestic and Sexual Abuse newsletter. This is a busy time as we prepare for the launch of our very first VAWG (Violence Against Woman and Girls) Conference to be held at the Riverside Centre on the 30th November. In tandem with our conference, we also have an Art Installation at Quay Arts, which commences on Saturday 19th November. Entitled '4.15' the exhibition created by local artist Lauren Fry raises awareness around Domestic Homicide and the 88 women murdered across the England and Wales in 2015. Lauren has created individually made birds to symbolise each woman murdered and I am certain this visualisation will have a dramatic impact on all who view the exhibition.



Lauren says:

"I hope that humanising the statistics and presenting the roll of victim's names from 2015 will inspire change and action. Reading through the 88 stories and learning about the women has been a harrowing and emotional process. Within the space I want the audience to be immersed in that harrowing reality of the situation challenging stereotypes, especially surrounding the 'kind of women' people associate with being victims of domestic violence"

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How can I get help?

If you don't tell anyone about the abuse it is likely to continue and get worse over time. By telling someone, a friend, family member or one of the organisations listed in this, you will be able to start protecting yourself and your children.

There are many different agencies you can call depending on the help you need. If you are in immediate danger you should always call 999.

Further Support:

Island Women's Refuge and Outreach team: 01983 825981 (24 hour helpline)

Police Public Protection: 01983 538707

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 07930 932249 (24 hour helpline)

Broken Rainbow (for LGBT victims): 0300 999 5428

Men's Advice Line: 08088010327

VAWG Conference

All our guest speakers are booked for the 30th November at the Riverside Centre and we hope to have 120 delegates attending the day.

Key speakers attending the day include Zoe Lodrick, a psychologist speaking about why victims don't fight or flee from abusive relationships and Nick Gazzard who speaks about the background and circumstances leading to the murder of his Daughter Hollie in Gloucester in 2014.

The day is aimed at raising the awareness of front line agencies of domestic abuse and identifying increased risk factors where perpetrators go on to harass and stalk their ex-partners.

Hollie Guard Smartphone App



A free app for smartphones has been designed to protect both men and women from possible danger.

Hollie Guard was developed by Panic Guard Ltd for the Hollie Gazzard Trust and is named after Hollie. The Hollie Gazzard Trust was set up after the murder of Hollie Gazzard at her salon in Gloucester in 2014 by her then boyfriend – Asher Maslin, who had actively stalked Hollie during an abusive relationship.

Hollie Guard turns your smartphone into an advanced personal safety device at the touch of a button. If in danger simply shake your phone to generate an alert, your location, audio and video evidence of the incident will automatically be sent to your emergency contact via text and email. Shake it again and it sends out a high pitched alarm and the flash starts to strobe, in order to attract maximum attention.

From the moment Hollie Guard is activated, your location is tracked and can be viewed in real time by your emergency contact. Evidence is not stored on the smartphone but on secure servers so that it can be used as future as evidence.

Hollie Guard is ideal for children, teenagers, athletes, lone workers, stalking and domestic violence victims.

For further details on the Hollie Guard please click onto this link:

<http://holliegazzard.org/hollie-guard/>

DASH/RIC Training

Domestic Abuse Stalking Harassment/Risk Indicator Checklist is a tool provided by SafeLives to assess the level of risk for survivors disclosing Domestic Abuse.

We are providing a 3 hour training session to develop front line service providers knowledge and confidence to complete the DASH form when a disclosure is made. The aim and objective of the session is to;

- Develop knowledge and understanding of current Domestic Abuse legislation
- Be able to identify risk
- Be able to confidently complete a DASH risk assessment
- Understand safety planning
- Understand the role and function of the MASH
- Understand legislation re information sharing
- Understand the function of the MARAC

Sessions can be adapted to fit into team meetings where required. 2 sessions have now been delivered to partner agencies including Southern Housing Group, Childrens and Adult Services, Health Visitors, NHS and Age UK.

We are currently offering the following date:

Wednesday 18th January 2017, County Hall
9:00 – 12:30
To book, please [click here](#).

Free Domestic Abuse Training

This training is for all staff, including nursing staff, voluntary sector staff, provider sector, housing, police, and mental health workers.

Tuesday 14th February 2017, 9:30 – 16:00, Westridge Centre, Ryde – to book please [click here](#).

This FREE one day course is designed to help define the impact of domestic violence on victims/survivors and understand the difficulties faced by covering the following areas:

- How to practice asking, listening and responding to domestic abuse.
- Identify how to use the DASH risk assessment and apply it to practice.
- Understand the role of the MARAC in high risk cases.
- Recognise the importance of safety planning and apply to practice.

Prerequisites:

Please complete the e-learning course before attendance. This can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Impact of Sexual Violence and Rape – 2 Day Course

This two day course is presented by CIS'ters, and will be held in early 2017. CIS'ters are a specialist service (run by survivors) providing:

- A confidential service for adult women who were raped and/or sexually abused/exploited (as girls) by a member of their immediate/extended family
- Nationally recognised training events (for workers across sectors) on how to improve response to victims/survivors (all ages/genders) of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse

The aims and objectives of the course are to work on:

- Definition and prevalence of sexual abuse
- Improved response to disclosures and improved response to victims of sexual abuse
- Working with victims of historical child sexual abuse

The intended impact is to improve the response to victims/survivors (all ages/genders) of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse.

To book a place, please [click here](#).

Bestival 2016

Isle of Wight Council Adult Safeguarding working with volunteers from St Mary's Hospital Sexual Health, Barnardo's, and Southampton Rape Crisis have again supported Bestival to raise awareness around healthy and respectful sexual relationships.

It is recognised in data available from the Ministry of Justice that only 15% of rape victims make a formal complaint to the police. Our volunteers were able to offer a counselling service to victims who may not wish to make a formal complaint to the police but still offer an opportunity to provide forensic samples should they wish to make a formal complaint to police at a later stage.

Bracelet making has proved to be an effective engagement tool over the past 2 years allowing the team to talk to hundreds of festivalgoers and raise their awareness to enjoying a safe festival.



Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA)

The ISVA (Independent Sexual Violence Adviser) provides a support and advice service to male and female victims of sexual abuse over the age of 18 years. The ISVA works in partnership with Criminal and Civil Justice agencies, health services, the voluntary sector and Victim and Witness Services in providing support and a single point of contact to both victims who access the criminal justice process and those who do not. Delivered by the Hampton Trust on the Island, 2 new ISVA's have just been recruited, and are in post to support survivors of sexual abuse.



For further information and advice, please contact the Hampton Trust.

Police News

On October 1st 2016 The Isle of Wight Investigation Team created a separate team of specialists who are all experienced in the investigation of Child Abuse. The Child Abuse Investigation Team (CAIT) is part of the bigger Isle Of Wight Investigation Team lead by DCI Nick Heelan and it works closely with Children's Services.

The team is directly managed by DI Stu Barton who has many years Child Abuse Investigation experience across Hampshire and we are delighted he has started work on The Isle of Wight at the beginning of October and has moved house to the Island so is now locally based. Det. Sgt Janet Fletcher is responsible for much of the day to day business of the team, and the whole team is based in Langley Court close to Newport Police station. The team is made up of 4 Detective Constables, 1x Police constable and a Police Staff Investigator. This team also deals with adult victims of rape on the Isle of Wight and provides a professional supportive and caring service to all victims it deals with.

For up-to-date information on the Safeguarding Adults Board, including information for professionals, training and events, please go to our sister site: www.iwight.com/SAB