



GLDVP Newsletter February 2010

Welcome to the first GLDVP Newsletter of 2010!

Best wishes
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POLICY POINTS & REPORTS

Violence against Women crime report

Organisation: the Crown Prosecution Service

Date: 2008 - 2009

Details: this is the second Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) annual Violence against Women (VAW) performance report, and covers the following strands of Violence against Women for 2008-09: domestic violence; forced marriage; 'honour' based violence; female genital mutilation; rape and sexual offences; human trafficking; prostitution; child abuse; and pornography.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/yabfhay>

Men who buy sex: who they buy and what they know

Organisation: Eaves

Date: December 2009

Details: a research study of 103 men who describe their use of trafficked and non-trafficked women in prostitution, and their awareness of coercion and violence.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/yl47erc>

Getting Women into Local Strategic Partnerships: knowing your community, improving public services

Organisation: Oxfam

Date: December 2009

Details: research commissioned by Oxfam in 2007 revealed that on Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs), increasingly responsible for much decision-making on local issues, women are underrepresented and that, where they are represented, women are not able to participate effectively. The research also found that gender is insufficiently embedded in the monitoring, target setting, strategic planning, and service delivery of LSPs.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/yemrcf6>

Domestic and Sexual Violence Board Annual Report

Organisation: the Metropolitan Police Authority

Date: 2009 - 2010

Details: the Metropolitan Police Authority's Domestic and Sexual Violence Board (DSVB) set up in April 2009 to monitor, scrutinise and support the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) response to domestic and sexual violence, publishes its first Annual Report. The DSVB aims to secure continuous improvements in the MPS response to domestic violence, rape, and sexual assaults, and forms part of the MPA mission to fight crime across London, Met Forward. It functions by reviewing individual Borough Operational Command Unit's (BOCU) practice, in conjunction with the practice of the local Sapphire units and the MPS role in local partnerships and borough service provision across the capital. The intention of this year's Annual Report is to identify and collate all the issues which presented and were discussed at a number of meetings and were therefore identifiable as regional, rather than local issues.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/y8cgs2e> and for further information on the DSVB please go to <http://tinyurl.com/ydd9pxk>



PUBLICATIONS

Leaving - new DV resource from Social Film Drama

Organisation: Social Film Drama

Date: 2009

Details: award winning film 'Leaving' is now available to purchase through a series of license packs. Leaving, tells the story of one woman's attempt to escape an abusive relationship. Starring BAFTA nominated actress Kierston Wareing, the film has received numerous awards and has had screenings across the world. The licensed pack is available from £100.00 per year, and gives both individuals and organisations the right to view and use the film for screening and training purposes. All proceeds from sale of licenses goes into further development of training and awareness raising material including the development of a feature length drama.

For more information on Leaving and the license packs, please contact Darren Finch at Social Film Drama on 0117 954 7170 or email

darren.finch@socialfilmdrama.com

For further information visit the <http://tinyurl.com/yapzepak>

Guide to Focus Groups

Organisation: Ontario Women's Health Network

Details: this handbook is founded on our experiential learnings from conducting focus groups over the years. It is intended as a guide to help you strategize, plan, implement and analyze focus groups in your community. While the focus groups that OWHN conducts are centred around the health of women who are marginalized, i.e. women living in poverty, immigrant women, women with disabilities, women who experience racism, violence and other factors that limit their access to the social determinants of health, this guide can be used as a template to develop focus groups for any population and on any topic.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/yafu7c6>

Tackling Violence against Women and Girls: a guide to good practice communication

Organisation: Government Equalities Office

Date: January 2010

Details: the Government Equalities Office has developed a communications guidance and toolkit: Tackling Violence against Women and Girls: a guide to good practice communication, in order to support and inform government communication in the area of violence against women and girls.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/yaqfa7c>

CONSULTATIONS

Proposed Civil Protection Orders and Access to Justice Bill

Organisation: the Scottish Government

Deadline: 26 February 2010

Details: the Bill seeks to improve access to protection and justice for anyone subjected to abuse and ensures that if a protection order is breached then it is



treated as a criminal offence.

For more information visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ybz74tb>

Mainstreaming the Commissioning of Local Services to Address Violence Against Women and Girls

Organisation: the Home Office

Deadline: 15 March 2010

Details: this consultation seeks views on draft guidance to help local commissioners develop the best approach to commissioning services to prevent violence against women and girls, protect victims and potential victims and provide services to victims and perpetrators in local areas.

For more information visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yd6stzb>

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS AND DEBATES

Corston Report - Oral Answers to Questions - Solicitor-General

House of Commons debates

21 January 2010

Julie Morgan (Cardiff North, Labour) *asked what contribution the Law Officers' Departments are making towards the implementation of the recommendations of the Corston report on meeting the needs of women with particular vulnerabilities in the criminal justice system.*

To view the response visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ybxgtl3>

Violence Against Women

Westminster Hall debates

21 January 2010

To view this debate visit: <http://tinyurl.com/y9xqc3u>

Housing: Women

Written answers and statements

14 January 2010

Jim Cunningham (Coventry South, Labour) *asked the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government*

(1) what steps the Government have taken to provide sufficient accommodation for women who have been subject to domestic abuse or forced marriage;

(2) what steps the Government have taken to provide sufficient accommodation in Coventry for women who have been subject to domestic abuse or forced marriage; how much funding is being provided for such accommodation in 2009-10; and what steps the Government are taking to re-integrate such women into the community.

To view the response visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ycrg7g2>

Honour-related Violence – Question

House of Lords debates, 14 January 2010

Baroness Cox (Crossbench) *asked Her Majesty's Government what is their response to recent reports of an increase in honour-related violence in the United Kingdom.*

To view this debate visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yeylz9h>

Domestic Violence - Home Department

Written answers and statements



12 January 2010

Don Touhig (Islwyn, Labour) asked *the Secretary of State for the Home Department what research his Department has commissioned to uncover the extent of domestic violence against women.*

To view the response visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ydvtc9z>

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Written answers and statements

12 January 2010

Don Touhig (Islwyn, Labour) asked *the Secretary of State for the Home Department what recent steps his Department has taken to support women who are subject to domestic violence.*

To view the response visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yarxsxf>

Human Trafficking - Home Department

Written answers and statements

12 January 2010

Anthony Steen (Totnes, Conservative) asked *the Secretary of State for the Home Department what training and guidance first responder agencies have received on how to make a referral to the national referral mechanism on behalf of a potential victim of trafficking; and who has provided it.*

To view the response visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yqsq9c>

Media Images (Women and Girls)

House of Commons debates

11 January 2010

To view this debate visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yb7k7pa>

Policing and Crime Act (Section 14)

Home Department - House of Commons debates

14 December 2009

Fiona Mactaggart (Slough, Labour) asked *David Hanson (Minister of State (Crime and Policing), Home Office; Delyn, Labour) what plans he has to publicise the change in the law contained in section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009.*

To view the response visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yc2ab2b>

Rape - Domestic Violence

Written answers and statements

9 December 2009

Margaret Moran (Luton South, Labour) asked *the Secretary of State for Justice how many of those convicted for offences related to domestic violence had been issued with at least one caution prior to conviction in the last three years.*

To view the response visit: <http://tinyurl.com/y9t46t3>

Courts - Domestic Violence

Written answers and statements

7 December 2009

Paul Holmes (Chesterfield, Liberal Democrat) asked *the Secretary of State for Justice how much funding the Government has allocated to specialist domestic violence courts in England and Wales in each year since 2006.*

To view the response visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ydftlnb>



NEWS ARTICLES

Gay Muslims made homeless by family violence

BBC News, 11 January 2010

A UK charity is dealing with an increasing number of young gay Muslims becoming homeless after fleeing forced marriages and so-called honour violence.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/y8eg8zg>

Man guilty of meat cleaver murder

BBC News, 11 January 2010

A man has been convicted of murdering a Nepalese student and dismembering her body with a meat cleaver in Glasgow.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/yddhhub>

Sex website row led to wife murder, Swansea trial told

BBC News, 13 January 2010

A husband killed his wife and dumped her body by a motorway in a suitcase after they rowed over his use of casual sex websites, a court has heard.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/y97832o>

Women challenge Irish abortion ban in European court

Guardian.co.uk, 9 December 2010

Law is discriminatory and breaches right to life, European court of human rights told.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/yky2ej9>

Why men use prostitutes

Guardian.co.uk, 15 January 2010

The reasons why many men pay for sex are revealed in the interviews that make up a major new piece of research.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/yh5dtky>

Rape survivors speak out about funding

Guardian.co.uk, 6 January 2010

Rape survivors speak out about how support from a rape crisis centre in Cornwall helped them move on. But centres across the country are threatened with closure because of a shortfall of funding.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/ya44k8b>

Drunk men who demand sex from partner should be 'treated as rapists'

Guardian.co.uk, 14 December 2009

Head of government's review of rape laws says alcohol should be regarded as aggravating factor when case comes to court.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/yeeh4t3>

'Honour killing' father given life for Tulay murder

BBC News, 17 December 2009

A father has been jailed for life, with a minimum tariff of 22 years, for murdering his 15-year-old daughter in a so-called honour killing.



Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/yeu86g6>

See what you made me do - On secular 'honour' killings
The Stump, 17 December 2009

Women who are murdered are overwhelmingly murdered by their male partners, and the relationships and the crimes have a fairly common pattern - angry, narcissistic man, fairly beaten down in working or public life, but with a talent for psychological control, and women with deep need to attach - often damaged themselves - who cannot break-away.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/ya3onaj>

The risks of women drug mules in Brazil
BBC News, 21 December 2009

The number of foreign women detained for drug trafficking in Brazil in the past three years has soared. The BBC's Gary Duffy examines the increase and speaks to two British women who are currently in jail awaiting sentencing for smuggling cocaine.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/y9n6wmk>

NOTICE BOARD

HEVAN National Forum Networking Event

Organisation: HEVAN

Date: 3 February 2010, central London

Details: speakers will include: Davina James-Hanman - The Violence against Women & Girls Strategy & Findings from The Women's National Commission; Gene Feder - Draft Recommendation from the Task Force on the Health Aspects of Violence against Women & Children; Roxane Agnew-Davies - Findings from the IRIS project - Teaching Health Professionals around Domestic Abuse; Mark Coulter - Strength To Change - Development of Holistic Interventions to Domestic Abuse.

The event will be between 10.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. and a small charge will be made of £20 per head to include lunch. Pre booking will be required for attendance and the full agenda will be available early in the New Year - if you would like to reserve a place please email debbie@thamesvalleypartnership.org.uk , confirming your contact details and invoice/receipt address if required.

New website for reporting domestic violence

Organisation: Not in my Home

Details: you can report domestic violence or assault safely and securely through this website, anonymously if you wish. If you want a record of the report, you will be sent a number straight away, all you need to do is keep it somewhere safely, in case you need proof that you sent the report in. There is no limit to how many times you report domestic abuse through this service, although each report should identify only one instance.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/yb6zyrh>

Scottish Crime and Justice Survey: Partner Abuse

Organisation: the Scottish Government



Date: December 2009

Details: The Scottish Crime and Justice Survey (SCJS) is a large-scale continuous survey measuring people's experience and perceptions of crime in Scotland, based on 16,000 in-home face-to-face interviews conducted annually with adults (aged 16 or over) living in private households in Scotland. The results are presented in a series of reports including this one which provides information on partner abuse. The SCJS 2008-09 focuses specifically on abuse carried out by a partner or ex-partner.

Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/y9epelt>

Research to explore domestic violence amongst LGBT couples

Details: Eleana Kazantzoglou is a Forensic Psychology student at the University of Leicester and is conducting this survey as part of her dissertation. The study has already gained ethical approval by the School of Psychology at the University of Leicester and it involves filling in a short (10-15 minutes) online questionnaire. In particular, the survey aims to explore the nature, frequency and severity of domestic violence amongst LGBT people and identify the help-seeking behaviours of victims of domestic violence.

The study is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/ya3efsa>

For more information contact Eleana at ek121@leicester.ac.uk.

Newham Action Against Domestic Violence

Details: Newham Action Against Domestic Violence is a free service which supports adults and children to leave abusive relationships. Their services include: Casework, advocacy, counselling and their young people's service 'I Am Me'.

For more information visit: <http://tinyurl.com/y8t9k3b>

New Debt Support for Families affected by VAW

Organisation: UK Insolvency Helpline Debt Advice Service

Details: the new debt advice unit is designed to increase the capacity of staff working with families around issues of financial welfare where there has been violence in the home. The advice provided is designed to increase skills and confidence with money matters so that families can survive. The service is free and open to all women and families affected by domestic violence. The service is being funded by contributions from lenders, including banks and building societies and the credit industry.

0800 074 6918 - Opening Hours: Monday to Sunday 9am -9pm

For more information visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ko7pga>

Celebration and Fundraiser Event

Organisation: Broken Rainbow

Date: 20 February, 9am - 2pm

Details: an evening topped with fun dance class, raffle, goody bags with great gifts (sponsored by Club Kali) and surprises!

For tickets and more information visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ykwzcnc>

The Webster Stratton Parenting Programme

Organisation: Solace Women's Aid

Date: every Monday from 1 February 2010

Venue: 1a Rosebery Avenue, EC1R 4SR



Details: The Webster Stratton Parenting Programme is an evidence based programme and has helped lots of parents and carer's to build positive relationships with their children and enjoy parenting. Topic covered during the 10 sessions: Creative & Imaginative Play, Encouragement, Praise, Rewards, Setting Clear Limits, Time Out & Consequences. Free places are currently available and a crèche and refreshments are provided.

For more information contact: Elizabeth Simon: 0207 272 1279 or Mata Thorburn: 0207 428 7656 or at e.simon@solacewomensaid.org

Made of Money

Organisation: Quaker Social Action

Date: the course is run 4 times a year across London

Details: Made of Money works with people both preventatively and in times of crisis, enabling individuals, families and young people to take control of their finances. As well as practical advice, their workshops deal with the attitudes and values that shape peoples' relationship to money.

For more information contact: madeofmoney@qsa.org.uk

FUNDING

New funding round for voluntary sector organisations for Independent Sexual Violence Advisers

Organisation: the Home Office

Deadline: 22 February 2010

Details: the Home Office has opened a new funding round for voluntary sector organisations for Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs). Maximum £20,000 per organisation. Please note, SARC's and public bodies are not eligible to apply - the guidance note advises that SARC's will be able to set out their case for funding as part of the 2010/11 SARC funding round which will be announced shortly.

For more information visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yevxry7>

Fund for voluntary and community sector organisations that provide support to victims of sexual assault and abuse

Organisation: the Government Equalities Office and the Office for Criminal Justice Reform

Deadline: 22 February 2010

Details: the Government Equalities Office and the Office for Criminal Justice Reform have launched a joint fund for voluntary and community sector organisations that provide support to victims of sexual assault and abuse. It is aimed at support organisation that are at risk of reduction/closure/temporary suspension due to funding difficulties. Maximum £50,000 per organisation.

For more information visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yevxry7>

Funding to assist young victims of domestic and sexual abuse

Organisation: Comic Relief

Deadline: 21 May 2010

Details: this programme aims to provide support for young people aged 11-25 who have witnessed or directly experienced domestic and sexual abuse. The Funders criteria includes:



- young people who have grown up in homes where they witness violence and harm
- young people directly affected by abuse caused by a family member, by an outsider such as a stranger or family friend

There are two strands to the open programme - 1) Crisis Support & 2) Young Voices. Comic Relief is especially keen to encourage applications for work with young people from black and minority ethnic communities as well as hard to reach groups of survivors such as young people excluded from school and young people at risk of homelessness.

For more information visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ybvbg56>

BBC Children in Need Grants

Organisation: Children in Need

Deadline: 15 April (and 15 July, 15 October)

Details: Children in Need distributes the funds raised each year as grants to organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. Grants are aimed at helping those who are affected by: illness, distress, abuse or neglect.

For more information visit: <http://tinyurl.com/c6szdl>

TRAINING

GLDVP training this February and March

9 February

Domestic Violence, Problematic Substance Use and BAMER Communities: level 1
The Stella Project

16 February

Domestic Violence Theory and Practice - for the drug/alcohol sector: level 1
The Stella Project

24 February

Children Under Five Years Old and Domestic Violence
The Children & Young People's Project

11 March

Domestic Violence Prevention Work for Secondary Schools and Youth Settings
The Children & Young People's Project

16 March

Children Under Ten Years Old and Domestic Violence
The Children & Young People's Project

22 March

Improving Your Working Relationships with Service Users Through Counselling Techniques
The Mental Health Project

29 March

Working with Domestic Violence Perpetrators within a Substance Misuse Agency



The Stella Project

For information on any of the above courses visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yehvz6t>
To download a booking form visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yjcrmw> or email: sophie.taylor@gldvp.org.uk

Respect Male victims training

Organisation: Respect

Date: 12 February 2010

Venue: London

Details: Respect is running a training day on working with male victims of domestic violence. The training will include the Respect toolkit for work with male victims. It will also include details of research on men's needs, suggested responses and assessment forms.

For more information contact: membership.respect@respect.uk.net

Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) training

Organisation: CAADA

Dates: February to May 2010

Venues: Birmingham, London and Bristol / Newcastle

Details: the CAADA Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) training course equips DV professionals with a clear understanding of how to identify risk, support clients and address the issues that they face in a consistent and professional way. By the end of the course, IDVA course graduates will have the confidence to work with high risk clients from the point of crisis. They will be able to utilise various skills and tools to offer a wide range of practical safety options, with the aim of achieving long-term safety for individual clients.

The IDVA course itself comprises a total of 15 days, broken into five blocks of three day sessions. The programme is accredited with the Open College Network at Level 3. This is broadly equivalent to NVQ3 and A level.

For more information contact: Kate North-Lewis on 0117 3178750 or at idva.applications@caada.org.uk

Women & Leadership (in public and third sector organisations)

Organisation: UEL

Dates: February and March 2010

Venue: Stratford

Details: this is a six day course working with women to enhance personal and professional effectiveness through:

- Exploring styles and approaches to leadership
- Managing organisational change
- Increasing awareness and knowledge of effective leadership
- Improving communication and presentation skills
- Identifying strategies for achieving personal and professional goals
- Understanding group dynamics and team development
- Building confidence in leadership abilities

This course is open to women working in public and community services and groups, as employees or on a voluntary basis. It also provides the opportunity to explore whether participants would want to pursue postgraduate level learning towards and MA or MSc or other qualifications.



For more information contact: f.s.bronzite@uel.ac.uk

EVENTS and CONFERENCES

Million Women Rise Fundraiser Party

Organisation: Million Women Rise

Date: 13 February 2010, 1pm - 3pm

Venue: The Oak Bar, Stoke Newington Green

Details: the 2010 Million Women Rise Fundraiser with all proceeds going towards the Women's March- a very important part of the International worldwide movement which promotes the celebration of women, and seeks to support all women against domestic violence. There will be music, a film, guest speakers, environmental art and crafts, a Transition Town stall, books, food, spirituality and much love. Bring your friends and families! £3 suggested donation on entry.

For more information visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ye57rsv>

Sex Crimes and Vulnerable Adults: are we a caring society, or a society that no longer cares?

Organisation: the St Mary's Centre

Date: 24 and 25 February 2010

Venue: Manchester Town Hall

Details: the St Mary's Centre was the first sexual assault referral centre in the UK and our conferences have become key annual events for the discussion of new ideas, and a forum for networking within the growing sexual assault aftercare community. The conference will be addressing issues relating to vulnerable adults as victims of rape and sexual assault/abuse and it is aimed at, amongst others, forensic physicians and scientists, doctors, counsellors, nurses, health and social service providers and the police.

For more information contact: louise.goodwin1@cmft.nhs.uk or 0161 701 2322 / 276 6515

How many women does it take to make a difference?

Organisation: the Hansard Society

Date: 9 February 2010

Venue: House of Commons

Details: a Hansard Society Democracy Forum to discuss how many women it takes to make a difference to politics, business and society. Is there a tipping point of 30%, or should we be aiming for 50% parity? Is it more important to address political and economical factors rather than focusing on quotas? The panel of speakers will give their views, followed by audience and panel discussion. Attendance to this event is free. If you would like to bring a guest please register them individually.

To register contact: hans_admin@hansard.lse.ac.uk or 020 7438 1216



JOBS

Young People's Practitioner

Organisation: DVIP

Location: London

Closing date: 11 February 2010

For more information visit: <http://tinyurl.com/y9s5vng>

Voluntary Training Placements, Children's Therapeutic Service

Organisation: DVIP

Location: London

Closing date: on-going recruitment

For more information visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ydeaefe>

Project Coordinator - Digital Access and Training Project

Organisation: Migrant and Refugee Communities Forum (MRCF)

Deadline: 8 February 2010

Details: Migrant and Refugee Communities Forum (MRCF) is looking for a highly skilled and motivated individual to join our team and coordinate our Digital Access Training Project. This is new and innovative project to help overcome the digital divide for minority communities and equip them with the skills and knowledge as well as resources to take full advantage of web based resources in order to access services, improve their welfare and exercise their rights. The Project will provide training and support to community leaders on the advantages of digital resources for equality, access and inclusion and will include aspects of technical learning as well as social and economic impact of digital technology and information.

For more information contact: 020 8964 4815 or email info@mrcf.org.uk or visit <http://tinyurl.com/yfn9uap>