



## ***Reducing the Risk***

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This is issue 15 of the Reducing the Risk e-bulletin. Apologies for the lateness of this issue, due to weather and Christmas!! All information contained in this e-bulletin will be available on the reducing the risk website. Please use the website as your first point of call for information, advice and support regarding domestic abuse. Feel free to forward this e-bulletin onto anyone you feel would benefit from receiving this information.

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## [1. A Christmas Thank You](#)

...for gifts kindly donated to the Refuge  
Linda Grieve | Children's Officer  
Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Service

[CLICK HERE](#) for letter



## **2. News from the Domestic Violence Coordinators Network : Because you're worth it: How to survive in challenging times**

**Standingtogether.org.uk**

The weather tried, but failed, to prevent this training session from going ahead. DVCs from as far a field as Devon, Birmingham, Liverpool and Cheshire battled the conditions and the trains to arrive in London for this crucial day of reflection on the future of the DVC.

The day followed the publication of the Coalition Government's strategic narrative about Violence against Women and Girls and the first speaker, Claire Gipson, from the Home Office, had the task of outlining the Government's plans. Clearly, with the detail of the supporting actions to be produced in the spring, there is more work to be done but Claire was able to provide much needed reassurance that the Home Secretary was indeed committed to these issues.

The funding connected to the narrative (£28M over 4 years which was announced on 25th November) will mainly support direct services and will be provide on a stable basis over the four year period to provided more security to the sector. The Home Office announcement of funding for this work is one of the first that has been made in this difficult economic climate and the DVCN have been asked by the Home Office to help ensure that the funding is apportioned in the most effective and logical way. Following this input Anthony Wills, from Standing Together, outlined the work, sponsored by the Home Office, to produce guidance for domestic violence partnerships which would allow them to meet their potential. This process has been supported by 10 such partnerships around the country and the final product will be distributed in the New Year to all DVCs and partnership leads.

Victoria Hill from CAADA described their work to evidence best value in the DV sector. Working initially with Devon, and now other localities this work is intended to demonstrate how service delivery in the sector can be assessed for its positive outcomes and value for money. Early examination of the data seems to demonstrate exactly this, although the project has some way to go to have sufficient data for a comprehensive analysis.

Finally the day concluded around a discussion about the future of the DVC. As was to be expected there is a vast variety of different perspectives but there is no doubt that DVCs are more vulnerable than other roles in local areas. The DVCN is carrying out some limited research (through evaluation forms on the day and via the website) which will provide a clearer picture but the day in London seemed to demonstrate two important things:

- 1) That the DVC (or similar role) remains crucial to the continuation and development of effective responses to DV and other VAWG issues.
- 2) That coordination is the essence of a response to these social ills. It is simply not enough for an agency, however well-intentioned, to either fund a service or do "its own thing" unless all partners work together. The issues are too complex for anything other than a coordinated response.

Domestic Violence Co-ordinators have been asked to answer the questions below as soon as possible and email answers to [admin@dvcn.org.uk](mailto:admin@dvcn.org.uk). When armed with this data we will be working with the Home Office to explain roles which will then, ultimately, help victims.

The DVCN is also writing to the Home Secretary to thank her for her support for DV and VAWG issues and to make the case for the continuation and importance of the DVC role. This letter will be made available to all DVCs to copy to their local MPs to make the case in the localities.

1. *Is your current DVC role under threat?*
2. *Has your role been expanded to include VAW+G issues?*
3. *Has the budget for your area of work been reduced?*



### **3. Shocking advent calendar revealing domestic abuse is unveiled**

**Women will suffer 35 incidents of domestic abuse before reporting it to police.**

The horrifying figure revealed as an online advent calendar was launched highlighting the annual increase in domestic abuse cases over the festive period.

Christmas and New Year are peak times for violence in the home, according to Scotland's Violence Reduction Unit.

Behind each door of the virtual calendar is a statistic or fact relating to the crime.

For example, it will take an average of 35 incidents of abuse before a victim calls the police.

And more than a quarter report that their partner had prevented them from seeing friends and relatives.

The calendar also highlights what the police and government are doing to tackle domestic abuse.

Police no longer need a statement to make an arrest and a recent change in the law created a new offence of "engaging in threatening or abusive behaviour", giving victims more protection.

Chief Inspector Graham Goulden, who is leading the campaign for the VRU, said: "Sadly, Christmas and New Year are peak periods for domestic abuse.

"We wanted to highlight this and raise awareness of the fact that, for many victims, domestic abuse isn't just a one-off event, it's something that happens day in, day out.

"We know from past experience there will be people out there for whom this Christmas will not be a happy time.

"Often it will not just be the victim that suffers either – children living in households where there is domestic abuse are at risk, too.

"This kind of behaviour devastates families, and will not be tolerated in 21st century Scotland.

"If we have evidence of violence or threatening behaviour, we'll arrest you immediately.

“If you’ve left the scene, we’ll come looking for you. We will tackle domestic abuse wherever and whenever it occurs.”

To view the advent calendar, go to <http://advent.actiononviolence.com>

Last month it was revealed Scottish dentists are to be trained to spot the tell-tale signs of domestic abuse among patients.

The intervention scheme, adapted from a US programme, was launched by Dr Christine Goodall, founder of the charity Medics Against Violence, and Nicola Sturgeon, Deputy First Minister and Scottish Health Secretary.

Dr Goodall said: “Victims of domestic abuse often suffer injuries to their teeth, face and neck, so dentists are often the first healthcare professionals they will see.

“We felt it was time to take advantage of this ‘golden moment’ to intervene and help.”

NHS Ayrshire and Arran is the first health board area to take part in the intervention scheme, which was launched at the North West Kilmarnock Area Centre.

But other health authorities have expressed an interest in taking part and may follow suit.



#### **4. Help for Catholics Experiencing Domestic Abuse**

A new web resource for Catholics Experiencing Domestic Abuse has been launched by the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales’ Domestic Abuse Working Group. The aim of CEDAR (Catholics Experiencing Domestic Abuse Resources) is to create an environment within the Catholic community in which domestic abuse is understood and recognised as unacceptable and where appropriate responses are available.

Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, David McGough said: “Domestic abuse is possibly the most widespread and yet most hidden form of abuse in society today and I know from many years experience as a parish priest that our own Catholic Community is no exception.

“From our point of view, the bishops of England and Wales, we are quite clear in our understanding as to why this resource is so necessary and the roots from which our concerns spring.

<http://www.cedar.uk.net/>

<http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/cedar-feature>

[CLICK HERE](#) for full article



#### **5. Petition to protect specialist domestic violence services handed in to Downing Street**



Families who have lost loved-ones to domestic violence joined Avon Cosmetics UK, Refuge and former I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here contestant Sheryl Gascoigne to hand in a petition to the Government at number 10 Downing Street in December.

The petition calls on the Government and local authorities to preserve specialist domestic violence services to stop the growing death toll and the families held a wreath of 102 roses to commemorate each of the women who were killed last year as a result of domestic violence.

The petition seeks to protect specialist domestic violence services for women and children and forms part of the Avon and Refuge Four Ways to Speak Out campaign.

[CLICK HERE](#) for full article from The Financial Mail Women's Forum



## **6. Violence against women and girls newsletter**

**December 2010**



**HM Government**

On 25 November, to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the coalition government published *Call to end violence against women and girls* which outlines our ambition and guiding principles in this area. Please visit [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/vawg](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/vawg) to read the paper and to learn more about our key commitments including funding for specialist services that support victims of sexual and domestic violence. Please read on for more information. This paper will be followed by a detailed action plan will be published in spring 2011.

The coalition government has clearly prioritised this issue; however, we all have a role to play and it is important to work together to achieve our goal to end violence against women and girls. This is not a task for central government alone. We will need to work with families and communities to change attitudes. Local authorities, police and crime commissioners, voluntary and community organisations, community safety partnerships, the NHS and others to work together to meet the needs of their local communities.

In the meantime, thank you to the fifteen organisations from the women's sector who attended a Ministerial meeting with stakeholders on violence against women and girls on 15 December. The meeting was chaired by the Home Secretary and ten departments were represented. This included the Secretary of State for the Department for Work and Pensions and Ministers from the Department for Communities and Local Government, the Ministry of Justice, the Department of Health and the Solicitor. There was a productive discussion about the

government's approach to tackling violence against women and girls and the importance of challenging attitudes and behaviours.

[CLICK HERE](#) for full Newsletter



## 7. Ministry of Justice :Providing Anonymity for those accused of rape

**An assessment of evidence : November 2010**

[CLICK HERE](#) for paper



## 8. Ministry of Justice Proposed Changes to Legal Aid

**The following information has been compiled and circulated by Rights of Women who are urging people to take action:**

The Ministry of Justice is proposing to make some significant changes to legal aid in England and Wales which include:

- Removing areas of law from the scope of legal aid so that legal aid will **no longer** be available to deal with those issues. Under the proposals private children law (such as applications for contact and residence) financial relief (financial arrangements following marriage breakdown), immigration law (including the domestic violence rule) and welfare benefits law will **no longer be in scope**. Those with problems in these areas of law will have to pay privately for advice, seek advice from charities or other NGOs or represent themselves.
- Limiting the scope of legal aid in relation to debt and housing so that it is now only available when a person's home is immediately at risk.
- Changing the rules on eligibility to make it more difficult to qualify for legal aid (including for those on welfare benefits).
- Reducing the amounts paid to lawyers (this will further reduce the number of providers doing legally aided work).

The announcements have said that women experiencing domestic violence will still be able to get legal aid. This is not the case. While legal aid will still be available for domestic violence injunctions (non-molestation orders, occupation orders or forced marriage protection orders), it will only be available in related family proceedings where the applicant is applying for an injunction, was given an injunction within the last 12 months or where her abuser was given a criminal conviction (which is not spent). Women whose abusers are given cautions, who do not apply for or are not given injunctions, whose abusers are given restraining orders from the criminal courts (e.g. following acquittal) will not be able to get legal aid for help arranging child contact or their finances on divorce. Women who do not take legal action against their perpetrator (because for example, they go into refuge or relocate) will not be able to get legal aid for help arranging child contact or their finances on divorce. Cohabitees will not be able to get help dealing with their finances following relationship breakdown even where domestic violence is present. Women making applications for indefinite leave to remain under the domestic violence rule will also not be able to get legal advice and representation to prepare or present their case.

You can read the full consultation here.

The Rights of Women's summary of the proposed changes and what they will mean for those we support can be accessed here (PDF). I have put the Ministry of Justice arguments in favour of the changes alongside Rights of Women's concerns.

We urge you to join us in responding to this consultation. To take action please:

- Join Justice for All [www.justice-for-all.org.uk](http://www.justice-for-all.org.uk) and take part in their lobby of MPs on **12<sup>th</sup> January**.
- Read the attached document which gives our preliminary summary of the proposals and concerns. Email me with any arguments we have missed or additional concerns that you want us to raise or develop. We will incorporate your views into our response and into the template response we are developing.
- Respond to the consultation by **14<sup>th</sup> February 2011** and write to the Minister responsible, Ken Clarke, now outlining your concerns.

Rights of Women will be developing surveys which will be available on our website shortly to collect evidence on what the consequences of the changes might be for us and those we support. When they are available I will email you to ask you to complete it and circulate it to others who are interested. We will be presenting the findings of our survey alongside our consultation response. We will also be developing a template consultation response to assist you make your voice heard, we will be circulating this in January 2011.

If you have any questions about the proposals please do not hesitate to get in touch with Catherine Briddick. (see below) Please also circulate this to other people and organisations, who might be interested,

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## **9. Legal Aid Spending Cuts**

### **Excerpt from Prime Minister's Questions Wednesday 15 December 2010**

**10.31am:** Kenneth Clarke, the justice secretary, is talking about his plans to cut legal aid. The government is cutting legal aid for family cases, unless they involve domestic violence. Clarke acknowledges that his department may have to come up with a proper definition of domestic violence. Some people argue that it does not have to involved physical violence, he points out.

**10.43am:** Clarke says the cost of judicial review cases has "exploded". But he says that he is in favour of the judicial review process being available. Citizens should be protected from "arbitrary decision making" by the state. Under his plans, legal aid will still be

available for judicial review cases. He says that this is because it is hard to see a fair way of restricting this.

Clarke says the first purpose of legal aid "is not to keep up the numbers of the legal profession".

He also says that the Citizens' Advice Bureau will lose some money as a result of his reforms. But the Department for Business gives more money to CAB offices than the ministry of justice, he says.

**10.51am:** Ken Clarke says he would like to explore the idea of promoting "before-the-event" legal insurance with the insurance industry (policies that will pay future legal fees). But he says that he does not expect there to be a wide take-up, and that he does not envisage before-the-event insurance replacing "no win, no fee" as a mechanism for giving people access to justice.



## **10. Ministry of Justice : Domestic Violence Prosecutions – 8 December 2010**

*(from They Work for You.com written answers and statements)*

Crispin Bluntin: ...the Crown Prosecution Service has provided data relating to the number of persons proceeded against and found guilty in Lincolnshire and England and Wales for the prescribed periods. This information is as follows.. [CLICK](#) the link below to read more

**Written Answers - Ministry of Justice: Domestic violence prosecutions (December 8th 2010) ...**



## **11. Christmas Grant Boost for Oxford's Homeless**

Oxford's homeless community has received some Christmas cheer as it was announced a local homelessness charity will receive almost half a million pounds in Lottery funding.

Crisis Skylight Oxford's Progression Pathways project has today been awarded £491,235 by the Big Lottery Fund (Big).

Due to open next year, Crisis Skylight will be Oxford's first education, training and employment centre for homeless people, offering creative and vocational workshops, plus a range of accredited courses including literacy and IT. The centre will be based on successful projects by charity Crisis in Newcastle and London.

The Progression Pathways project will be located in centre, which will be located in the refurbished Old Fire Station on George Street, and will focus on helping homeless people overcome their barriers - including confidence and mental health issues - to help them to move forward with their lives and break the cycle of homelessness. [CLICK HERE](#) for full article.



## 12. Hibs v Hearts New Year Derby Tackles Domestic Violence



*Alcohol and post-Christmas financial stress can lead to violence in some households*

Football rivals Hearts and Hibernian are to join forces at their New Year derby match to show the red card to domestic abuse against women.

Players from both teams will wear white ribbons for the fixture at Tynecastle to support a Lothian and Borders Police anti-domestic violence campaign.

About 5% of the force's annual domestic abuse incidents are reported between Christmas Eve and 4 January. [CLICK HERE](#) for article



## 13. Transition Fund

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Big Fund is delivering the Transition Fund on behalf of the Office for Civil Society (OCS), Cabinet Office.

The Transition Fund will help civil society organisations which deliver high quality public services adapt to a different funding environment during a period when they are at risk from reductions in taxpayer funded income.

Programme Details:

Areas: **England**

Application open: **30 November 2010**

Application close: **21 January 2011**

Minimum grants: **£12,500**

Maximum grants: **£500,000\***

Total available: **£100m**

\*Grants of between £12,500 and £500,000 are available depending on the reductions in tax payer funded income your organisation is facing.

Are you eligible? [CLICK HERE](#) for further information.



## **14. New Year Resolutions; How to Achieve Them : Women's Aid**

It's nearly that time again to make your New Year resolutions, so why not give yourself a bit of an extra incentive and raise some much needed funds for Women's Aid? Do you promise every year that you will go to the gym 5 times a week or swim every morning before work?

Make your fitness plan more achievable by setting yourself a target. Entering a running, cycling or swimming race is a great way to get you motivated, and it's good fun too. Women's Aid have a list of sports events taking place this year on their [fundraising pages](#), including the British 10k London run in July.

Challenge events

If you are looking for something really exciting and challenging to do this year, then why not take part in an overseas adventure? From climbing Kilimanjaro to horse riding in Mongolia, [Charity Challenge](#) has an adventure to suit every thrill seeker!

Organise your own event

Alternatively, you could organise your own event - a talent show for example. Get together everyone you know who can sing/dance/play a musical instrument/recite a poem... and hold a talent show at your local town hall. Don't forget to decorate the hall and ask for a donation to Women's Aid on the door. Contact [Faye](#) for a fundraising pack full of tips and ideas to get you started. For more fundraising ideas go to the Women's Aid [website](#).



## **15. Winter newsletter for SAFE! the Oxfordshire Young Victims of Crime Project**



[CLICK HERE](#) to download the newsletter



## **16. First Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter**

**CLICK HERE** for newsletter



## **17. The Survivors' Cookbook**

Support domestic violence victims in your local community by buying *The Survivors' Cookbook* for friends and family. The cookbook is a selection of recipes and stories from both survivors and those who work to support them and make their lives safe. Thank you to those of you who contributed a recipe!

*The Survivors' Cookbook* combines a wide range of easy-to-prepare recipes, which can be made on a budget, and include contributions from Gordon Ramsay and Jo Brand who are friends of Women's Aid and Standing Together Against Domestic Violence.

A suggested donation of £5.00 is proposed for the Cookbook (with £1.00 for postage and packaging) with all proceeds supporting the work of Women's Aid and Standing Together Against Domestic Violence.

To order *The Survivors' Cookbook*, email [cookbook@standingtogether.org.uk](mailto:cookbook@standingtogether.org.uk) with your name, delivery address, phone number and the number of copies that you wish to order. Donations for the cookbook can be made by cheque, debit or credit card. If paying by debit/credit card, we will send you an online invoice from Paypal (you will not need an account for this service). Once you have paid, we will send you the cookbook.



## **18. Thames Valley Partnership :Family Matters Resource Pack**



Thames Valley Partnership produce a comprehensive resource pack suitable for practitioners working in various settings such as Children's Centres, Probation Service, Prison Service, Schools and others who are in direct contact with prisoners and their families. The resource pack is a 'tool-kit' to enable and encourage professionals to better support and further understand the issues prisoners' families are faced with.

A bespoke version of the resource pack is available for those working in educational sectors. This tailored pack includes guidelines for schools working with prisoners' children and electronic resources for Behaviour Support teachers, Learning Mentors and Educational Psychologists to work through the feelings and emotions a child is faced with who has a family member in prison. [CLICK HERE](#) for further information.



## **19. Santander Foundation**

The Santander Foundation has announced that their budget for Community Partnership Group areas is now fully committed, but that they will re-open for applications in January 2011. The Santander Foundation brings together the charitable donations formerly made in the UK by Abbey, Alliance & Leicester and Bradford & Bingley savings business.

Through the Foundation funding is available to registered charities that work in the areas of Education and Training and Financial Capability. The Foundation will make grants to buy tangible items such as equipment or training materials. Grants are also available to fund project costs such as sessional worker fees, salaries, room hire or other costs incurred in the delivery of the charitable priorities.

<http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/whatwefund.aspx>



## **20. Training : Family Training Academy**

Parental alcohol misuse has a damaging effect on children. Work with the Family Training Academy and to tackle this problem.

The Alcohol Concern Consultancy and Training Unit (CTU), in collaboration with Wendy Robinson Consultancy, is pleased to announce the launch of the Family Training Academy across England and Wales.

In February 2011, the CTU will be running Train the Trainer sessions (a three day course) to introduce the Family Training Programme (FTP), which has been specifically designed to equip practitioners with the skills to work effectively with children and families affected by parental alcohol misuse. Upon completion participants will be able to deliver the FTP on behalf of Alcohol Concern.

### **Details**

Sessions will take place in:

- London on 16 and 17 February followed by 21 February 2011
- Wales on 23 and 24 February followed by 2 March 2011.

**The deadline for applications is 17 January 2011.**

[Family Training Academy Flyer](#) (pdf)

[Application form and terms and conditions](#) (pdf)

[CLICK HERE](#) for further details



## **21. Training : Embracing alcohol, domestic abuse and families - a new approach: Embrace project conference**

This conference is the culmination of the Embrace project, an Alcohol Concern programme which started in May 2008. Funded by the Big Lottery to build capacity in non-statutory alcohol services, to work more effectively with families where there are alcohol problems and to address domestic violence and abuse; this conference will share the learning and best practice that has been developed over the course of the project.

Thursday 10 March 2011

9.30 - 4.30pm

Location: Manchester [M12 6FZ](#)

Cost:£ 105.75

[CLICK HERE](#) for further information.



## **22. Safeguarding Children - Living with Parental Substance Misuse and Domestic Violence, 17 January, London**



Dates 17 January 2011

Venue Development House, 56-64 Leonard Street, London, EC2A 4LT

Price £90 vol / £130 stat

This course will run from 10am-4.30pm.

Course description

This course looks at the overlapping issues of domestic violence and substance use and examines the impact of these on families, with a particular focus on safeguarding children. Participants will gain a better understanding of the factors that contribute to a 'risk of harm' to children's development when growing up with these dual issues. The course involves skill development on practice based issues such as asking questions about children, risk assessment and referral, as well as providing an oversight of the relevant legislation,

policies and procedures for workers who support family members. [CLICK HERE](#) for further information



## **23. Training : Family Intervention Projects (FIPs) training**

CAADA is pleased to be running the second year of domestic abuse training for practitioners working in Family Intervention Projects. The training, which has been developed on behalf of the Department of Health, will focus on increasing awareness and skills in relation to domestic abuse and risk.

CAADA has launched a two-day training programme on behalf of the Department of Health and Family Intervention Projects (FIPs). Family Intervention Projects have developed out of the Governments' anti-social behaviour strategy. FIP teams across the country work to establish the needs of each family member and work in conjunction with the individual within a family to meet those needs.

Research shows that domestic abuse is prevalent in families working with FIP teams and this training will ensure that FIPs can offer better services and support in this critical area. Funded by the Department of Health, FIPs Training is being rolled out and delivered in various locations across the country in 2010.

This training aims:

- To make victims of domestic abuse and their children safer
- To provide high quality training to Family Intervention Project team members working with families where domestic abuse is occurring
- To equip FIP Key workers with information and skills appropriate to their work with these families, including special attention to their role within inter- agency work on domestic abuse

**When and where is it?**

Date	Venue
Tues 11th and Wed 12th January 2011	Newcastle
Tues 18th and Wed 19th January 2011	Leeds
Tues 25th and Wed 26th January 2011	Venue change: now London (was Bristol)
Tues 1st and Wed 2nd February 2011 - <b>EXTRA COURSE ADDED</b>	Manchester
Tues 8th and Wed 9th February 2011	London
Tues 15th and Wed 16th February 2011 - <b>NEW COURSE ADDED</b>	Birmingham
Tues 15th and Wed 16th March 2011 - <b>NEW COURSE ADDED</b>	Liverpool

\* Continuing Professional Development course - please only apply if you received CAADA FIPs training in 2009.

The training will start promptly at 9.15am and run until 4.30pm on each day. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. Please note that this is not a residential course and learners who cannot travel daily to the training will need to make their own accommodation arrangements.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and booking details etc.



### **23. Training : Working with Domestic Violence Perpetrators within a Substance Misuse Agency, 25 January, London**

Dates 25 January 2011

Venue Development House, 56-64 Leonard Street, London, EC2A 4LT

Price £90 vol / £130 stat

This course will run from 10am-4.30pm.

Course description

This course looks at identifying domestic violence perpetrators, giving safe messages and making appropriate referrals upon identification. It will also explore theoretical perspectives around domestic violence, the links to substance misuse and the perpetrator's choice to use violence. [CLICK HERE](#) for further information



### **24. Conference : LONE WORKER SAFETY 2011 Conference & Exhibition**

Olympia Conference Centre, London, Tuesday 10th May 2011



***'Establishing what can and should be done to improve lone worker safety'***

LONE WORKER SAFETY 2011 Conference & Exhibition on 10th May 2011 at Olympia Conference Centre in London, will once again highlight what lone worker safety and lone worker protection should be all about.

#### **Background of the LONE WORKER SAFETY Conference & Exhibition**

Focusing on lone worker protection, the UK's Health and Safety Laboratory (HSL) developed 18 case studies in England, Wales and Scotland in 2002 and 2003 and approached over 400 organisations across a range of different professions. These case studies show that whatever the size, location or nature of the organisation, there are many

simple, practical and cost effective measures which employers can use to help prevent and manage the risk of violence and improve lone worker safety.

### **Key Objective**

The key objective of this event is to provide like minded professionals, genuinely interested in improving lone worker protection with specific and up-to-date information, which will go far beyond theory alone. Some of the leading, most passionate and respected experts in lone worker safety will deliver talks, covering 'tried and tested', 'factual based' and 'straight forward' guidelines, recommendations and procedures.

### **Who is it for?**

This unique event has been structured to focus on lone workers themselves, managers, team leaders and senior members of staff who work within organisations where lone working takes place e.g. public sector enforcement, housing, social and health care, nursing, utilities field representatives and public transport. However, we welcome of course everyone who shares our great passion for lone worker safety or lone worker protection.

### **Benefits of Attending**

- Gain enhanced awareness of lone worker safety risks.
- Improve understanding of all tools available to improve lone worker safety.
- Learn how to balance meeting your duty of care with providing an effective service to the public.
- Understand how technology e.g. lone worker protection devices, lone worker tracking or personal alarms can help to improve lone worker protection.
- Gain a better knowledge of nature, causes and good responses to aggressive behaviour or conflict.
- Discover how to help lone workers cope with the aftermath of an assault.

### **Cost**

- Public & Private Sector: £239.00 + VAT  
(incl refreshments, lunch and conference pack)
- Charitable Organisations: £179.00 + VAT  
(incl refreshments, lunch and conference pack)

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details



## **25. National conference 2011: Young People's Violence in Close Relationships**

On 17 Feb 2011 Respect will be running a national conference on young people's violence in close relationships. This will take place in London. A number of speakers have been confirmed. For more information please download the flyer [here](#). If you would like to book a place the booking form is [here](#). Please send all booking forms to [sarah.read@respect.uk.net](mailto:sarah.read@respect.uk.net)



## **26. Training Events**



### **-Domestic Violence - Awareness**

**Thursday, 27th January 2010**

This one day course aims to give front line agency staff an understanding of domestic violence its impact upon clients as well as an overview of specialist service provision and safety strategies for clients

### **-Safeguarding Children affected by Domestic Violence**

**Tuesday, 1st March 2010**

The course is aimed at all staff working in agencies working with women and children experiencing domestic violence and will cover the following issues:

- Ways in which children experience domestic violence;
- impact of domestic violence on children
- impact of domestic violence on parenting
- child protection issues related to residency and contact
- prevention work
- sources of help & good practice

### **-Counselling & Communication Skills for Front Line Professionals**

**Dates: Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th March 2011**

This two-day CSCT counselling skills course aims to increase the confidence and ability of front line workers to communicate effectively and appropriately with clients. Participants will gain the practical experience of using counselling skills and an opportunity to reflect and build on their current communication skills.

### **-Housing & Legal Options for Women Experiencing Domestic Violence**

**Dates: Tuesday, 15th March 2010**

This one day course is suitable for any professional wishing to gain further understanding of the legal and housing options available to women experiencing domestic violence.

**[CLICK HERE](#)** for detailed schedule



I hope you find the above interesting and informative and wish everyone very best wishes for 2011.

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