

Fourth edition of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Briefing Sheet... this briefing sheet is produced with the support of the DASV Implementation Group (IG). Please circulate amongst all those engaged in addressing the issues of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence in Gloucestershire.

Autumn 2016

16 days of action!

This year's 16 days of action, from **25th November-10th December** will focus on **Coercive Control**

- ✂ Awareness raising posters and purple ribbons are being sent to colleagues and districts. Please circulate widely!
- ✂ Social media key messages will also be circulated for agencies to use in their own social media.

Events will include:

- ✂ **Understanding Coercive Control Conference** on 8th December 2016 from 08:30am to 3:45 pm at Hatton Court Hotel, Gloucester. To book on, go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-coercive-control-tickets-28387675301>
- ✂ In **Gloucester**, criminologist and author Dr Jane Monckton-Smith will explore some of the most damaging behaviours observed in intimate relationships, drawing on her work in domestic homicide. The lecture, entitled '**Are you afraid of someone? Understanding coercive control, stalking and homicide**' is being held on **Tuesday 29th November** at 6pm at Kingsholm Rugby Stadium, Gloucester, GL1 3AX. Places are free, but are limited. To book on, go to CDPartnership@gloucester.gov.uk
- ✂ In **Stroud**, on **Monday 5th December** Nick Gazzard will be giving a presentation on domestic abuse, stalking and healthy relationships in the Council Chamber at Stroud DC Offices, Ebley Mill at **4.30pm** – approximately. Spaces are limited, but may be booked by contacting sinead.chambers@stroud.gov.uk.
- ✂ The **Forest of Dean** Council has an information bus, visiting rural villages and groups to increase awareness of DASV on 29th & 30th November and 1st, 5th and 7th December.
- ✂ **Cheltenham** and **Tewkesbury** will have their purple awareness day on 10th December – wear your ribbon with pride!

This year's '**Reclaim the Night**' march to protest against victim blaming which tells women and girls that they cannot walk alone at night for fear of being attacked is being held on **Friday 25th November**.

The march, organised by Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (GRASAC), will leave Shire Hall at 6pm, walking to the docks where there will be a band playing and a guest speaker, Professor Miriam David. All are welcome; just turn up on the day.



Please let Sophie Jarrett know of any additional events being planned for the 16 days of action
Sophie.Jarrett@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

New 'Let's talk about Relationships' website for young people: Safe Partnership have just launched a new website specifically for young people to access information, support and guidance on relationship issues including abuse, sexting, consent or forced marriage. Go to www.safedate.org.uk. Posters to promote the site are available by emailing Joanna Syrett at joanna@safepartnership.org

"All day, every day" A briefing on legal obligations on schools to prevent and respond to sexual harassment and violence against girls has been prepared by the End Violence Against Women Coalition. The briefing is intended to be used by all those concerned with improving responses to violence against women and girls and is available at.

<http://www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk/data/files/resources/78/All-Day-Every-Day-Sexual-violence-in-schools-legal-briefing-Sept-2016.pdf>

Information HUB



Including recent and upcoming events

DASV Implementation Group (IG) Work in Progress:

District Mapping District Forums have now completed the exercise to define areas of high need and high volume in relation to DASV and to map this against available provision in their areas. This information will now be brought together and consideration will be given to how it may be used to inform Implementation Plan action 1.4a 'Develop a Place Based approach'.

DATA Project – Following agreement with agencies around data requirements, DA data has been submitted and analysis has begun. Public Health are supporting this task. The next step is to start gathering information on spend in relation to DA.

DASV Pathway Mapping - Thank you to everyone who has contributed specialist knowledge to the 'gathering information' stage of the pathway mapping exercise. Our next steps will be to build the maps, bring the information together and to then test the pathways with a wider group of practitioners. This work includes mapping specific support to teenagers. If you are interested in being involved in this next stage please contact: Sandra.Walker@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Concordat & Policy Development – An Initial scoping meeting was held on 3rd August and the group are now developing an overarching policy statement; draft policies and guidance documents. If you are interested in joining in this work, please contact: Sophie.Jarrett@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

Training Mapping – Work is underway to map the current range of DASV training available in organisations across the county. This work will lead onto the development of training pathways and a Countywide DASV training statement to be included in the DASV Concordat.

National Offender Management Service (NOMS) Guidance to working with Domestic Abuse: In August 2016 the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) launched the NOMS Guidance to working with Domestic Abuse. NOMS is committed to reducing domestic abuse related offending and the risk of serious harm resulting from domestic abuse. The guidance can be viewed at:

<https://mappa.justice.gov.uk/connect.ti/MAPPA/view?objectid=6003344>.

Pods update: The Pods are a new way of delivering children's social care in Gloucester City. Domestic abuse (GDASS), substance misuse, family mental health and youth support workers are co-located with social workers, with the aim of together addressing problems affecting our most vulnerable parents' ability to parent and supporting family situations to become safe.

Evaluation data is showing positive improvements in securing a more stable social worker workforce and improved multi-agency working resulting in fewer families being re-referred to Social Care. This has been especially important in respect of domestic abuse.

GDASS has reported Pod working is enabling opportunities for building positive relationships and good collaborative working and learning - it is supporting effective engagement with families, resulting in much improved outcomes.

On 13 October, **Victim Support launched its new #breaktheroutine campaign.** The aim of this campaign is to raise awareness of domestic abuse so that people in an abusive relationship know that they are not alone and that help and support is available to them. The campaign is accompanied by a short film available at: <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/get-involved/break-routine>

New provider of Adult Substance Misuse Services for Gloucestershire: The provider of Adult Substance Misuse Services in Gloucestershire will be changing from Turning Point to Change Grow Live from 1st January 2017.

The next meeting of the DASV IG will be on **Monday 23rd January 2017, 9.30am - 12.00 noon**, at GLIC (Gloucester Language Immersion Centre, 4-6 Commercial Rd, Glos). There is a set membership for this group, if you would like to raise any issues please contact your identified representative or Sophie.Jarrett@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

Please forward any information to be included in the next edition of the DASV Briefing Sheet to: Tina.Hemingway@gloucestershire.gov.uk by **Friday 7th January 2017.**