

## Domestic Abuse Awareness Week 2011

1 in 4 suffer domestic abuse –  
Would you recognise the signs?  
'Would you recognise the signs?'  
is the theme of Domestic Abuse  
Awareness Week 2011 in Devon which  
runs from November 21st–25th 2011.

This year's campaign aims to highlight the lesser know signs of domestic abuse in an attempt to encourage those at risk – or their friends, family or colleagues – to notice the warning signs and seek expert help. The Awareness Week, which is run by Devon's domestic abuse partnership adva, alongside Devon and Cornwall Police, will feature a different example of domestic abuse each day of the week, ranging from isolation to cyber stalking and pet abuse. Each will be supported by personal stories and professional advice.

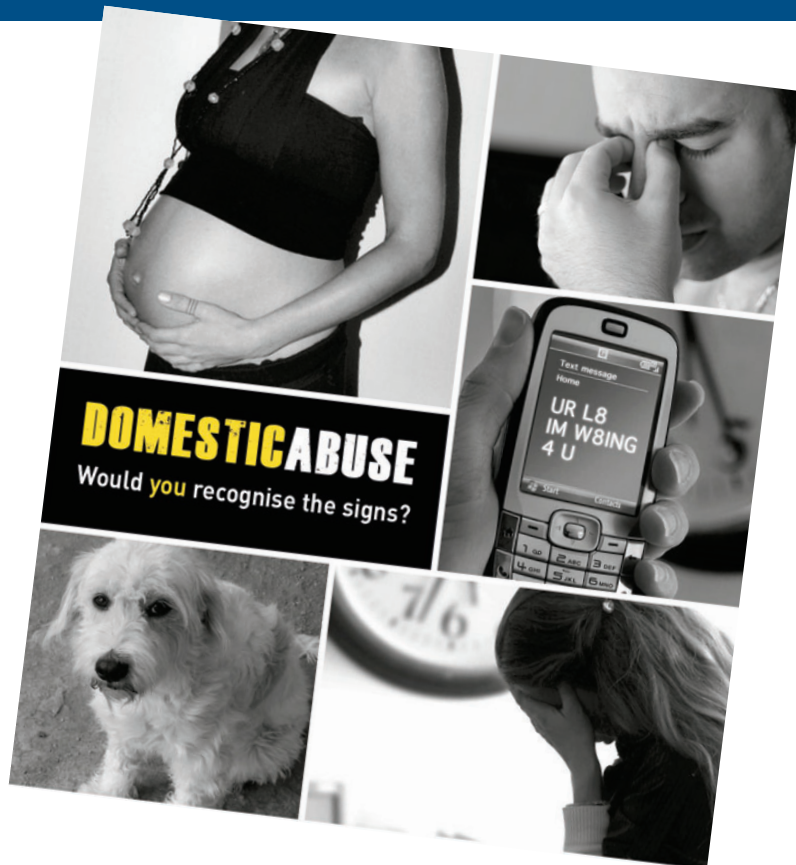
The themes have been based on the DASH assessment (Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment and Honour Based Violence) which is used by police and front line workers to identify the level of risk a person is exposed to and what needs to be done to keep a victim safe. It was developed in 2009 on behalf of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and in partnership with Coordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse (CAADA).

Rachel Martin, Manager for adva, which is led by Devon County Council, said: "With one person in four suffering domestic abuse at some time in their lives, it is vital that there is an increased awareness of the early warning signs to ensure that help can be sought, both for the victim and the perpetrator, before the abuse gets out of hand. We sincerely hope that this year's campaign will give people the confidence to call for help, even if they just have a niggling suspicion that something isn't right. Tragically, there are still too many domestic abuse cases here in Devon that end in serious injury and even death."

The campaign will be launched to the media at an event at Middlemoor Police Headquarters on Wednesday 16th November for use during Awareness Week. Adva, working in partnership with the Police and the voluntary sector, will co-ordinate an awareness campaign using social media channels such as Facebook and Twitter, focusing on the following themes:

### **DAY 1, Monday:**

**Isolation; controlling and excessive jealous behaviour.** This is one of the earliest signs that a relationship might become abusive. A jealous or possessive partner may control the household money, the clothes their partner wears or the people their partner is allowed to see.



**DOMESTIC ABUSE**

Would you recognise the signs?

### **DAY 2, Tuesday:**

**Cyber stalking:** using social media to monitor the movements and associations of a partner or ex partner. Stalking is one of the most frequently experienced types of domestic abuse and includes persistent calling, texting or surveillance at work, home or via social networking sites like Facebook. According to Women's Aid, 23% of women have experienced stalking since the age of 16. (Source: Coleman et al 2007).

### **DAY 3, Wednesday:**

**Escalation: Repeat victimisation and escalation of abuse.** Domestic abuse grows in frequency and ranges from threats and verbal abuse to violence, either quickly or over a long period of time.

### **DAY 4, Thursday:**

**During pregnancy and just after birth (new born and under 18 months old).** Abuse can often start or become worse during pregnancy. Between 4 and 9 women in every 100 are abused during their pregnancies or just after the birth. (source: Taft, 2002 [www.womenaid.org](http://www.womenaid.org)). One midwife in five knows that at least one of her expectant mothers is a victim of domestic abuse and a further one in 5 midwives sees at least one woman a week who she suspects is a victim. (source: [www.refuge.org.uk](http://www.refuge.org.uk))



**Tender** is an organisation that works with and trains health professionals to increase the identification of and support for women experiencing domestic abuse during pregnancy. They will be running two workshops with health professionals at two locations in Devon to help equip them with the ability to identify and support women victims of violence in hospital maternity units, health centres, GP surgeries and Children's Centres:  
**Friday 25th November 10am–12noon**  
Wonford Community Centre, Exeter.  
**Friday 25th November 3pm–5pm**  
South Brent Village Hall, South Devon.

If you would like to be involved in one of these workshops, please contact the adva partnership on **01392 382233** or [rachel.martin@devon.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.martin@devon.gov.uk)

### **DAY 5, Friday:**

**Pet abuse.** There is a strong link between cruelty to animals and domestic abuse. Family pets are often used as a way of controlling the abused, either by hurting them directly or making threats to hurt them. Animals can also be a reason why some victims of abuse choose not to leave their abuser.



## **Programme of events:**

### **East Devon**

All week

#### **General awareness raising**

across East & Mid Devon. Includes packs of posters and leaflets distributed via the Community Safety Officers with specific displays at council offices, youth centres, Children's Centres and shops. Contact: Gerry Moore, Community Safety and ASB Co-ordinator: **01395 273802**

Thursday 24th November

#### **Noisy march around Exmouth**

from the Town Hall at 10am and will last for around 30 minutes arriving back to the Town Hall for a series of short speeches and refreshments. The main speaker will be the Mayor of Exmouth, Councillor Sandy Sutton. Contact: Gerry Moore, Community Safety and ASB Co-ordinator on **01395 273802**

### **Exeter**

Wednesday 16th November

#### **Media Launch**

10am, Middlemoor Police HQ, Exeter EX2 7HQ  
Contact: Annette Richman: **01392 466733**

Tuesday 22nd November

#### **SAFE (Women's Aid) AGM,**

2–4pm, Guildhall, Exeter  
Contact: Gill Vooght: **01392 667145**

Friday 25th November  
**Domestic Abuse Play**

Invitation only to health workers and survivors.  
10am–12pm, Wonford Community Centre.

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## Mid Devon

Monday 21st November  
**Domestic Abuse and Children**

Multi Agency Workshop. 1.30pm–4.30pm,  
Sunningmead Community Centre, Lazenby Road,  
Tiverton, EX16 4AL  
Contact: Jenny Knibb, Link Worker

Friday 25th November  
**Professional workshops**

**Domestic Abuse and the Impact on Children.**  
Two, one-hour long workshops will be held during the morning of **Friday 25 November at Culm Valley Childrens Centre, St Andrews Estate, Cullompton.** Workshops will start at 9.15 and 10.45, each lasting 1 hour. Presentations from Stop Abuse From Everyone (SAFE) staff will outline the symptoms of abusive relationships, sign posting for professionals, pattern changing and the impact on children. All are welcome to attend so to book a place please contact the Community Safety Office on **01884 234997** or email [communitysafety@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@middevon.gov.uk)

At the end of the event a presentation of funds raised though the Charity Rugby Match and Black Tie Dinner will be made to representatives from SAFE.

Please note that the Culm Valley Children's Centre 1 hour Domestic Violence workshops being held on 25th November are being run by

SAFE (Stop Abuse for Everyone), Culm Valley Children's Centre and Mid Devon District Council's Community Safety team as a joint venture to highlight Domestic Violence week locally. They are **not** an adva training course so please do not ring adva to book onto these but please do call Julia Ryder: **01884 234997** or email [communitysafety@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@middevon.gov.uk) stating which session time you would like to attend.

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## North Devon

Saturday 19th November  
**Ball**

Contact: Claire Karlake: **012714 321946**  
[clare@ndwomensaid.co.uk](mailto:clare@ndwomensaid.co.uk)

Monday 21st November  
**North Devon Women's Aid AGM**

12–2pm, Castle Centre, Barnstaple  
Light lunch available  
RSVP to [admin@ndwomensaid.co.uk](mailto:admin@ndwomensaid.co.uk)

Tuesday 22nd November

10.30am–2.30pm  
**White Ribbon Sales & Awareness Event**  
Zena's Restaurant, 1 Market Street,  
Barnstaple, EX31 1BX

Wednesday 23rd November  
**Coffee morning**

Details to be confirmed.

**Display boards**

Foyer of Civic Centre, Barnstaple 12–2pm. With Councillor Jasmine Chesters and Helen Frisby, Manager of North Devon Women's Aid.

## Bingo

7.30pm, Ex-servicemen's Club,  
St. Georges Road, Barnstaple, EX32 7AU.

Friday 25th November  
**March in Barnstaple**

11am. Gather at the Square from 10.45am  
Petal launch followed by march then on to Forches Children's Centre for refreshments.

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## Good As New Fashion & Furnishings Sale Soiree plus Christmas Fayre

Next date **Thursday 1st December**  
**6.30pm–8.30pm, The Cedars Inn, Barnstaple**  
Entry £3 includes glass of wine/fruit punch and canapes and live music from The Collective. In support of North Devon Women's Aid. Sellers need to register on **01237 472939** or email us at [fundraising4unorthdevon@gmail.com](mailto:fundraising4unorthdevon@gmail.com)

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## South Devon

Friday 25th November  
**Domestic Abuse Play**

Invitation only to health workers and survivors.  
3–5pm, South Brent Village Hall.



## ADVA's domestic violence awareness campaign receives a silver award

Last year's Domestic Violence Awareness Week campaign 'Is this Love?' received a Silver in the Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR) annual PRide awards.

The awareness raising week, which took place in November 2010, won Silver for the "Best Campaign" category in the West of England Region. The PRide Awards recognise excellence and reward the achievements of organisations who successfully deliver effective

campaigns to their target audiences to raise awareness of a particular issue.

ADVA, who worked in partnership with the Exeter-based LINX Project, and Devon and Cornwall Police on the campaign, set out to explain to young people what kind of behaviour is acceptable in a relationship. **Is this Love?** began as a week-long domestic violence awareness campaign setting out to communicate the real-life experiences of teenagers in abusive relationships and explaining to a young audience the kind of behaviour that is not acceptable. The campaign was developed in response to NSPCC research which indicated that a quarter of girls aged 13 to 17 have experienced physical violence from a boyfriend.

A short animation by Emily Cooper formed the focal point of the campaign, using the voices and first hand experiences of teenage girls who previously suffered domestic violence and abuse. The widespread media campaign that followed outlined the various characteristics of abuse in a relationship. A number of awareness-raising events were also held across the county. In addition, education packs containing the animation and worksheets were developed and are due to be used as part of the PSHE curriculum across schools in Devon.

ADVA's Domestic Violence Prevention Co-ordinator Rachel Martin said: "We are delighted that the campaign was recognised to be so effective. 'Is This Love?' carried a very strong message for young people to consider what behaviour is acceptable in a relationship." She explained: "The animation proved to be a great way to engage with young people and we certainly saw the results in terms of website traffic and referrals. We are also very pleased the campaign provided inspiration for the development of a crucial educational resource to be distributed across schools this year."

The 'Is this love?' campaign was co-ordinated by Exeter-based KOR Communications who specialise in public relations, photography, film production and media training. The PRide awards ceremony took place on 21st October 2011 in Bristol.

To view the "Is This Love?" animation, please visit: [www.adva.org.uk](http://www.adva.org.uk)

## Respect not Fear iPhone App launch

Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum (NDVF) have launched the first iPhone App for young people about relationships and domestic violence.



Devastating facts such as 1 in 6 girls have been hit by their boyfriend and 1 in 16 raped highlight the importance of raising awareness about abuse within young people's intimate relationships and the importance of ensuring that the information is available in a format young people want to access. Created by NDVF and FlexyWeb (web design agency) the **Respect not Fear** iPhone and iPod App includes information about healthy and unhealthy relationships, warning signs and support services in a fun, interactive and easy to use way. The artwork throughout the **Respect not Fear** App has been designed by young people from across Nottingham.

[www.respectnotfear.co.uk](http://www.respectnotfear.co.uk) now provides a direct link to the **Respect not Fear** Facebook page and Youtube account where young people have created a music track and infomercials with positive relationships messages for other young people to hear. [www.respectnotfear.co.uk](http://www.respectnotfear.co.uk) ensures that relationship information particularly relevant to young people can be accessed in an interactive way. The **Respect not Fear App** is a free to download from the App Store. More information can be found at: [www.respectnotfear.co.uk/news/144-iphone-app.html](http://www.respectnotfear.co.uk/news/144-iphone-app.html)

## Adva training

Please note that the **Tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse** course (formerly Level 1) is now FREE for delegates working for most statutory and voluntary agencies within Devon (excluding Plymouth and Torbay). Although adva's budget was cut at the start of this year, we've managed to generate enough income to revert back to being able to offer this training free of charge for the rest of the financial year. As before, for delegates working in the private sector or outside Devon (including Plymouth or Torbay) the charge will be £70.

**(NB: If any delegate cancels within three weeks of the course start date a cancellation fee of £150 will be incurred regardless of the agency for which they work.)**

Please also note that we are partners with **Devon Safeguarding Children's Board** as Working Together to Safeguard Children training providers. As such, the **Tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse** and **Domestic Violence and Abuse – The Impact on Children** courses are aimed at, amongst others, **Working Together Staff Group 2 and above** and **Working Together Staff Group 3 and above**, respectively.

**Course costs** It has been brought to our attention that people are potentially being put off from applying for our courses due to the charge that is shown on the confirmation emails received after booking on the online system. Unfortunately, the system has to be set up in a way that shows the maximum fee as the default charge with a further explanation of costs in the body of the email.

We acknowledge that it can be confusing and people may cancel their place if they mistakenly believe they have to pay for the course or pay more than they were expecting. Please be assured that **if you work for a statutory agency within Devon (excluding Plymouth and Torbay) the fees will be as follows:**

**Tackling Domestic Violence & Abuse**  
(1 day Foundation Course – formerly known as Level 1): **Free**  
**Domestic Violence & Abuse – The Impact on Children** (2 day Accredited Programme – formerly known as Level 2): **£150**  
**The MARAC Process in Devon: £10**  
**Tackling Abusive Behaviour: £25**  
**Managers Tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse: £25**

**NB Devon Partnership Trust (DPT)** has pre-paid course costs for their staff in line with DPT's Training Needs Analysis for 2011–12. Please ensure all DPT staff booking on adva training select 'DPT' as their agency from the drop down menu on the online booking system to access this training at no cost to the individual. When asked for Cost Code, please write "DPT" so that we know not to charge you.

Please note: **DPT staff are however liable for their own cancellation charges if less than 3 weeks notice is given.**

**NB Some Early Years settings** are eligible for Early Years funded places on some adva training courses. You can check your eligibility by going to the Early Years website. Please ensure all Early Years and Childcare (EYCS) staff booking on adva training select 'Early Years' as their agency from the drop down menu on the online booking system to access this training at no cost to the individual. When asked for cost code please put "EYCS". **Please note: EYCS staff are however liable for their own cancellation charges if less than 3 weeks notice is given.**

If you work in the **Private Sector** for an agency outside Devon the costs will be as follows:

**Tackling Domestic Violence & Abuse**  
(1 day Foundation Course – formerly known as Level 1): **£70**  
**Domestic Violence & Abuse – The Impact on Children** (2 day Accredited Programme – formerly known as Level 2): **£280**  
**The MARAC Process in Devon: £100**  
**Tackling Abusive Behaviour: £70**  
**Managers Tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse: £70**

If you work in the **Voluntary Sector** all courses are FREE but there is a limit of three free spaces on each course, except the **Tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse Course**, on which we will accept more than three.

### **The MARAC Process in Devon**

Increasing safety for victims of domestic violence and abuse. Adva's multi-agency half day training course on how to use DASH and refer to MARAC.

ACPO (Association of Chief Police Officers) and CAADA (Co-ordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse – a national charity supporting a strong multi-agency response to domestic abuse) have worked together to produce an evidence based risk identification check list (DASH) to increase the likelihood of a victim of domestic violence and abuse being responded to appropriately and therefore addressing the risks they face. This DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking and 'Honour'-based Violence) risk identification checklist 'RIC' gives practitioners (both Police and non-police agencies) common criteria and a common language of risk. The purpose of the checklist is to give a consistent and simple to use tool to practitioners who work with victims of domestic abuse in order to help them identify those who are at high risk of harm and whose cases should be referred to a MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) in order to manage the risk.

This course will focus on completing the CAADA-DASH RIC within all agency roles and also what to do with a completed RIC in particular with reference to the MARAC process. Please visit the adva website for more details and about the course and how to book a place:  
[www.devon.gov.uk/index/childrenfamilies/domestic\\_violence/advaprofessionals/adva-training/marac-process.htm](http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/childrenfamilies/domestic_violence/advaprofessionals/adva-training/marac-process.htm)

## **All courses that are currently available are as follows:**

### **Tackling Domestic Violence & Abuse**

(one-day) course (formerly called Level 1 Foundation Tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse):

**6 December 2011, Torrington**

**14 December 2011, Honiton**

**5 January 2012, Tiverton**

**9 January 2012, Barnstaple**

**17 January 2012, Newton Abbot**

**23 January 2012, Okehampton**

### **Domestic Violence and Abuse – The Impact on Children**

(two day) course\* (formerly called Level 2 Tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse - the Impact on Children):

**6 & 7 December 2011, Newton Abbot**

**19 & 20 January 2012, Tiverton**

\*NB: Delegates need to have attended the Tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse course before undertaking Domestic Violence and Abuse - the Impact on Children.

### **The MARAC Process in Devon** Increasing safety for victims of domestic violence and abuse (half-day course)\*:

**21 November 2011, Totnes**

**9.15am–12.15pm (no lunch provided)**

\*NB: Delegates need to have attended the Tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse course before undertaking MARAC training.

### **Tackling Abusive Behaviour**

**Taking Responsibility** (one day) course\*:

We currently have no available dates for this course but we are still running a waiting list and will run another course if there is enough demand. If you would like to be put on the waiting list, please follow the online booking process (click on the Online Bookings link at the bottom of the Tackling Abusive Behaviour course page on our website).

### **Managers Tackling Domestic Violence & Abuse**

**The Links to Duty of Care** (one-day) course:

We currently have not available dates for this course but we are running a waiting list and will run the course if there is enough demand. If you would like to be put on the waiting list, please follow the online booking process (click on the Online Bookings link at the bottom of the Managers course page on our website).

Bookings are made through an online booking system ([www.devon.gov.uk/onlinebookings](http://www.devon.gov.uk/onlinebookings)) and any queries on bookings need to be directed to **Claire Birch** on **01392 382567** or by email: [claire.birch@devon.gov.uk](mailto:claire.birch@devon.gov.uk). Details of courses can also be found on the adva website at: [www.devon.gov.uk/index/childrenfamilies/domestic\\_violence/adva-professionals/adva-training.htm](http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/childrenfamilies/domestic_violence/adva-professionals/adva-training.htm)



## Autumn update

SEEDS members have reconvened after their summer break and have a very full programme of activities ahead.

Having recently recruited new members we are now piloting our SEEDS internal training. Members will attend a 3 hour training session once a fortnight during their 3 month probationary period. The training will cover how SEEDS began and the aims and objectives of the group. We will also be looking at the skills and knowledge needed to achieve our goal of educating and empowering DVA services across Devon as well as obtain feedback from service users. At the end of the training it is hoped that new members will feel confident to deliver presentations and workshops and represent SEEDS at local DVA forums and consultation meetings.

SEEDS members recently participated in the consultation meetings with **Tender** providing case stories which will be incorporated in the script. We are all looking forward to attending the play during Awareness Week.

Members also met with the Swedish visitors (ADVA exchange) to discuss how survivors can influence DVA policy and practice and some of the obstacles that have been encountered in the process. SEEDS were involved in the re-launch of the Exeter DV/A Forum (EDAF – formerly ADVICE) and it was encouraging to see a very positive response from the agencies that attended the afternoon at the Civic Centre in September. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance at the next meeting.

Earlier in the year SEEDS held coffee mornings at the SAFE Outreach offices in Exeter in order to meet with women and obtain feedback on their experiences of the SAFE services. This proved to be a very useful exercise and one that we hope to repeat on a regular basis. It was clear that the women also wanted to talk about how other agencies had been involved – some in a positive way and others not so positively. We will be feeding this back to ADVA in due course.

We have also been attending the Newton Abbot offices of the DVA Services for South and West Devon to meet with staff and service users with a view to setting up a SEEDS group in their area. We will shortly be undertaking a similar exercise with Women's Aid in North Devon.

We will continue to attend DVA forums across Devon and will be involved in the Awareness Week activities. Members are taking advantage of training with ADVA and CVS and all in all we have a very busy and rewarding schedule.

SEEDS Devon Co-ordinator: **07866 355409**  
[SEEDSDevon@aol.com](mailto:SEEDSDevon@aol.com)

## Domestic Violence and Abuse Contacts within Devon County Council (DVAC)

When people are living with domestic violence, it affects the whole of their lives, including their work. Domestic violence can have an impact on employees' performance, productivity, health and safety at work, and their attendance record. In 2009 Devon County Council established a DVAC scheme aimed to help staff and managers to understand what to do should they, colleagues or staff be suffering from domestic violence and abuse at home.

There are 14 trained DVACs offering this support all of whom received four days training to understand the dynamics of domestic abuse, and how these might impact a member of staff within their workplace. The contact number for DCC employees to access DVAC support is **01392 382828**. All enquiries are treated in confidence.

Since the introduction of the scheme 13 members of staff have sought advice and guidance from the DVACs, and been helped to find ways of accessing specialist support outside the organisation. This number would be significantly higher were there to be increased and regular publicity across the organisation.

The DVAC scheme works in conjunction with Devon County Council's Employer Policy, Managers training, and awareness raising materials. For more information about how domestic violence might affect the workplace please [click here](#)

## Legal aid

for domestic violence rule applications to be retained

The Government has agreed to bring cases brought under the domestic violence rule back into the scope of legal aid within the proposals set out in the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill.

The statement from the Legal Aid Minister, **Jonathan Djanogly MP**, was made on 19 July during the sixth sitting of the Public Bill Committee in response to a question raised by the Conservative Party MP, Ben Gummer: [www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmpublic/legalaid/110719/pm/110719s01.htm](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmpublic/legalaid/110719/pm/110719s01.htm)

Until this point, the Government has been proposing to withdraw legal aid from immigration and some asylum-support law cases without any reference to the vulnerability of the applicant of the risks that they face. This statement is the first concession, and acknowledgement from Government that such a stance is unacceptable and will place women at further risk of violence and abuse.

**Mr Djanogly:** "There is a real risk that, without legal aid, people will stay trapped in abusive relationships out of fear of jeopardising their immigration status. The type of trauma that they might have suffered will often make it difficult to cope with such applications. We also appreciate that people apply under great pressure of time, and access to a properly designated immigration adviser is a factor. We intend to table a Government amendment to bring such cases into scope at a later stage."

## The Teen Relationship Toolkit for Schools

Jenny Knibb-Almond & Collette Winters are pleased to announce that they are now running a Teen Relationship Toolkit training day. They can help you engage students in a PSHE session on challenging abuse and control within relationships, helping to lay the foundations for safer and happier relationships.

The training centres on a teaching session aimed at 15–19 year olds which explores respect, healthy intimate relationships, and the warning signs of abusive & controlling behaviour and sources of support for young people. It can be anchored by an age appropriate film which follows a teenage relationship gradually spiralling from controlling to abusive behaviour and the impact this has on the central couple and their friends. It is ideal for the PSHE curriculum and has been successfully delivered in a number of schools across Devon for several years. The sessions have attracted consistent high praise from students, teachers and PHSE coordinators as this feedback demonstrates:

### From teachers:

"I think now I've seen this, I would be more confident in teaching this subject on my own, but beforehand, no, I don't think so." "The video is really strong it gets the message across very effectively without scaring them... I could see them engaging. A student put his hand up to answer one of the questions and he just missed out because somebody had said it before him, and he had an answer which is brilliant because he normally doesn't even get that far so that was really good"

### From students:

"Having the film to watch, it helps you see it and, like, see what you should look out for from other people, because sometimes when you just have people telling you about it you don't really understand as much unless you have an example." "I always thought like it was in the house and women getting hit and stuff, but actually it can happen to anybody and its intimidating people and separating them from everybody else." "What's most shocking is that it can happen to our age. I always used to think it happened in marriages and older people, not our age."

Frequently teachers have said that they feel ill-equipped for raising the issue of abusive relationships with young people and with dealing with any subsequent disclosures. At the same time, schools have a limited PSHE budget and a range of topics they need to address within sessions. With this in mind they have developed a training package to enable schools to deliver sessions without the need to pay for specialist facilitators.

### **The training:**

Delegates can either attend a training event or contact the trainers to arrange in-house training for their school or organisation. The training is suitable for any professional wishing to deliver sessions in schools, colleges, universities and youth groups, including; teachers, PSHE coordinators, EWOs, pastoral care staff, school nurses, school counsellors, and youth workers.

During the one day training delegates will receive; a complete session plan, a DVD of the film and supporting documents for use in their school. The training will also include an overview of the dynamics of domestic abuse within adolescent relationships, a chance to explore the exercises the students will complete, tackling issues that might arise from the sessions, managing disclosures and child protection concerns and appropriate care pathways.

In addition, the trainers are also able to offer you the option of arranging telephone support for a period of your choosing so you can have easy access to specialist advice during the roll out of the sessions.

### **The trainers:**

The Teen Relationship Toolkit is a collaborative project between Collette Winters and Jenny Knibb-Almond. Collette is a national trainer and consultant specialising in domestic abuse, who formerly ran a project for 14–25 year olds affected by domestic abuse either in their families or in their relationships. Jenny trained as a paediatric doctor and has held a number of roles within domestic abuse services, working with children, young people, and adults affected by issues around domestic violence. Most recently, Jenny has run an initiative in a Children's Centre. Collette and Jenny have facilitated over 200 workshops for young people on healthy relationships and domestic abuse.

The **Teen Relationship Toolkit** training costs £85 per delegate including lunch, refreshments and all resources needed for delivering the programme. To book your place or to find out more information, please email [info@collettewinters.co.uk](mailto:info@collettewinters.co.uk)

Expressions of interest for future training days are being taken, including weekend or twilight sessions. If you would like to instead discuss the option of in-house training for your school or organisation at a preferential rate, please feel free to contact them as above. They are also able to deliver the **Teen Relationship Toolkit** to young people at a rate of £25 per session, plus travel expenses if you would like to explore this option.



## **Rugby Against Domestic Abuse**

On 21 September 2011 a sizable crowd gathered at Tiverton Rugby Club to watch the third annual match for the Rugby Against Domestic Abuse Charity Cup. This year the Police challenged the Fire Service and the match was a close fought affair. In the end Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Services clinched a 29–20 win over Devon & Cornwall Police. The event on the night raised just over £300 which will be donated to Stop Abuse For Everyone (SAFE).

Photo: Marcus Thompson, Mid Devon Gazette



## Janice Healey thank you!

Many of you will know Janice's name as the woman behind adva's training and other awareness and partnership activities.

She (and Claire Heaver) are the people most frequently contacted by agencies and members of the public about adva's activities and services.

Janice joined adva in 2006 and since then has done a superb job of holding the adva team and its work together. Whilst Janice has not left DCC

she has been transferred from adva into Workforce Development as part of a corporate move to centralise all the Authority's training activities. So, it is for this reason that it is appropriate and timely to thank Janice for all her tremendous work, and positive spirit and commitment to the cause. To reassure you all adva's training will continue to operate seamlessly from your perspective.

**We miss our valued colleague from the adva team, and wish her all the very best in her future role.**

**Adva team** (Claire, Susannah, Roy and Rachel)

# adva news

### Your contribution...

If you'd like to contribute articles or news to this bulletin, please don't hesitate to get in contact. Your contributions are more than welcome!

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