

## Conference Booking Form

### Domestic Violence & Abuse: Whose Business? It's Everyone's

There will be a small charge of £40 for attending the conference to help ADVA cover the costs of speakers, venue and fine catering. Voluntary Sector delegates will be exempt from payment and others will be considered on an individual basis.

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Please complete and return by **13th July 2007** to:  
**Janice Healey, ADVA Partnership, Room G41,  
County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD**  
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## Provisional Programme

**Phil Norrey** *Chief Executive, Devon County Council*  
Chair

### Key Presentations:

**Dr George Hosking** *Director WaveTrust (Worldwide alternatives to Violence)* The hand that rocks the cradle – tackling the roots of violence

**Mark Rivett** *Bristol University lecturer: Family Therapy and Systemic Practice* What makes successful family intervention?

**Gordon Harold** *Cardiff University* How witnessing conflict and violence between parents affects children's development

**Rachel Martin / Roy Tomlinson** *ADVA Manager, DCC Community Strategy Officer* The lessons and experiences of developing the REPAIR programme in Devon

### Workshop Choices:

**Kim Brown** *Hampton Trust, Hampshire*  
Young people as perpetrators

**Linda Finn** *Stronger Families Project Co-ordinator, Sutton* The Ontario model of intervention work with cyp and non-abusing parent

**Paul Wolf-Light** *REPAIR in Devon* 1.5 years in: Holistic family intervention work: men, women and children - what the study shows so far

**Liz Rafferty** *Parenting Strategy Development Officer*  
Parenting and DV

### Plenary / Theme Seminars:

These will focus on outcomes from work in Devon and will be led by REPAIR workers exploring work with:

- Male Perpetrators
- Women Survivors
- Children and Young People

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## Whose Business? It's Everyone's

an adva conference to  
change practice in Devon

29th November 2007  
Dartington Hall, Totnes



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## Why I Encourage You to Attend...

- 4,188 incidents of domestic abuse per year in Devon where children are present
- 45% of children on the child protection register who have lived with domestic abuse
- 51% of children accommodated who come from homes where domestic abuse is present
- 8,000 reported incidents of domestic abuse per year attended by the Police
- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men in Devon will suffer domestic abuse in their lifetime
- £18m per year is the annual cost to agencies in Devon to deal with the consequences of domestic abuse
- 25% of all violent crime arises from domestic abuse

These are just some of the stark facts behind domestic abuse in Devon. They demonstrate how it is a vital social issue that has widespread impact on all our lives and the public services we provide. But primarily it is a crime that for far too long has been hidden within homes behind closed doors. It is time we all challenged this and moved tackling domestic abuse out from its marginal position into the core of our inter-agency work.

That is why I am pleased to invite you to the ADVA Devon (Against Domestic Violence and Abuse) fourth annual conference on 29th November 2007. ADVA has spearheaded the work within Devon and has established a core network of services that currently try to address all aspects of the issue. But these are critical times when this network has demonstrated its value but must be secured for the future.

*There are critical developments that a joint approach on domestic violence can assist us all with:*

- The establishment of The Children's Trust
- Addressing the Every Child Matters five key outcomes
- A new Local Area Agreement from 2008
- Central Government priorities in supporting better parenting

Significant changes have been made in dealing with the criminal justice aspects of domestic abuse. Exeter is one of the first national pilot sites for the Special Domestic Violence Court. The Police have lead in establishing Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) covering the whole county. Tackling domestic abuse remains one of the key priorities for community safety.

We now need to make the same major shifts in our work to tackle domestic abuse within the family. We are fortunate in Devon that the REPAIR programme has been established presenting us with a model of family intervention that has a major role to play in long-term reductions of the impact on children, victims and perpetrators.

So I hope you will take this opportunity to join us at the conference on 29th November and play your part in taking forward our work on this vital issue for us all. Now is the time for us to build on the pilot work of adva and shift our core agency activity to more effectively deal with domestic abuse and its impact on us all.

**Phil Norrey**

*Chief Executive, Devon County Council*

## What is the Conference Aim?

*To explain how domestic abuse affects us all whilst demonstrating solutions to the issues by focussing on:*

- A joined-up model
- REPAIR – holistic family intervention programme in Devon
- The role of families and parenting
- The impact domestic violence has on children, young people and families
- The roles and responsibilities of the key statutory agencies in addressing these critical needs

## The day will be action-focussed:

- A series of presentations from speakers of national and international reputation
- Workshops on good practice examples from Devon and nationally
- Action groups on what we can do back in our agencies to re-shape the way we deal with domestic abuse

## Who Should Attend?

*It is vital that the event draws in people across both the statutory and voluntary sectors within Devon as we all have a key role to play in this issue. The target audience for this packed day's event are:*

- Senior and middle managers who are responsible for policy and services for children, young people and families in Devon
- Practitioners working in these agencies
- Lead officers in criminal justice system agencies
- Senior managers and key practitioners in health services dealing with families and children

Numbers will be strictly limited and as ADVA wants to achieve a balance of agencies and representatives you are invited to complete the attached application form for submission no later than 13th July 2007. A final list of delegates will be drawn up during August and confirmation tickets sent out by September 2007.