

Awareness-raising week

24th - 28th November 2008

Music Against Domestic Abuse at Billy Bragg

Although MADA's main event this year took place in September 2008 we were invited to have a presence at Billy Bragg's gig at Exeter University which coincided with the start of awareness raising week. The MADA stand was visited by many people, young and old, during the course of the evening. Billy Bragg has toured extensively throughout 2008 covering New Zealand, Australia, USA, Canada and Europe. After the show had finished in Exeter he set aside time to talk about and offer his support to the MADA campaign. He hopes to play at a MADA event at some point in the future.

For regular updates about the campaign and future events please keep checking the website www.ma-da.co.uk If you would like to become involved with the campaign or have any ideas for future events please contact **Andy Stapley** – info@ma-da.co.uk



East Devon

Some 30 people took part in the noisy march in Honiton during the morning of Tuesday 25th November on a busy market day; all passers by seemed interested in the march and supportive of it. The march culminated in an official launch of the Awareness Week at the Mackerness Hall in the centre of the town. The main speaker was Councillor Vernon Whitlock, last year's Mayor of Honiton. Councillor Whitlock served in the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary for over 30 years with the latter part of his service spent in the Child Protection Team. As a result he came across domestic abuse on many occasions. A minute's silence was observed for victims of domestic violence and abuse after which a series of poems, written by survivors, were read out.



Exeter

Dozens of people, many of whom were survivors, supported a noisy march from St Sidwell's Church to Bedford Square, Exeter on 24th November 2008 with placards, banners and whistles to raise awareness of domestic violence. Christmas cards were also handed out during the march in which there were statements about domestic violence and abuse and useful telephone numbers for contact (courtesy of Collette, Exeter Women's Aid). This event was supported by Exeter's Lord Mayor Paul Smith, who addressed the public. The proceedings were closed by survivors reading some very powerful poems themed around domestic violence.



In the UK police receive an estimated 1,300 calls each day for assistance with domestic abuse. Yet less than 24% of domestic abuse crime is reported to the police.

If you or someone you know is being affected, please call our 24 hour free-phone number.

0808 2000 247

Silent Night on Barnstaple Square

Perhaps the highlight of awareness week in North Devon was on the Wednesday when over 250 children from four primary schools and students from North Devon College marched into the Square from different directions to join with a range of local agencies.

Well over 300 people were present to hear a speech from Mary Nisbett Devon Children's Trust chairperson in which she thanked the children for helping to raise awareness of domestic abuse and that not all children went home to safe and happy households.

The event was organised by workers from Women's Aid, the Youth Inclusion and Children's Activity and Support Programme. Prior to the event itself workers had gone into the schools to work with pupils on the theme of the right of everyone to feel safe in their own homes. So successful had this work been that in one school the year six group then took the work on themselves and delivered it to year five pupils in their school.



Courtesy of North Devon Gazette

The fruits of all this ground work were fully shown when the children and students arrived in the Square waving banners and posters they had made clearly conveying the message. The event continued with high quality music from local musicians Jenna Witts and Jim Jones culminating in a moving sing along to the hymn Silent Night. The poignancy of this particular hymn for a dva event was particularly noticeable.

Much press and TV coverage came from the event which increased the impact on raising awareness. But probably the biggest impact was in involving children in this way and that they will carry the message within themselves for a long time. So great thanks go to Tina, Jennie, Kath and Shuan for organising such a high quality event – one they will do well to better next year.

North Devon and Torrington

North Devon started its DV awareness week on 21st November in style with a Gala evening in which an auction was held for 150 people. £3,000 was raised for the children at the refuge.

A noisy march was held on 24th November in Ilfracombe and after lunch, which was kindly provided by Ilfracombe Family centre, lots of marchers walked very noisily to Ilfracombe Quay handing out leaflets and explaining what the march was all about as they went. A petal launch was then held following an address by Superintendent Lander of the police. That evening a very successful pub quiz was held in Barnstaple.

On 25th November a workshop for professionals working in the Ilfracombe area was hosted by Women's Aid and Transform. The morning focussed on MARAC issues and then the event was opened to the public with 19 different agencies present to offer advice and information.

On 26th November a youth event was held in Barnstaple (see 'Silent Night' feature). On 27th November there was a bingo session which raised £200. In addition there were several awareness raising sessions around North Devon during the week, culminating in a stand on the Mayor's table in Barnstaple Pannier market.

The final event was a music event in the Inn on the Square where local musicians from the North Devon area donated their time to raise awareness about domestic abuse for all young people in the area .

One of the poems read following the East Devon march:

Nobody Hears the Screams!!
We live in a quiet cul-de-sac,
Say hello and have a chat.
But nobody hears the screams!
We share a coffee, or a glass of wine,
Anything really to pass the time.
But still nobody hears the screams!
Women take the kids to school,
While men go down the pub to play pool.
Why doesn't anyone hear the screams?
I hear them shouting at their children,
I hear them turning up the television.
So why don't they hear my screams?!
Why do they choose to ignore it?
Most people deplore it!
They do hear my screams,
But pretend it's in their dreams.

Michaela Manvill



Domestic Violence Awareness Week sees the launch of a new service which aims to help victims of domestic violence and abuse to remain

in their own homes...

Adva and the Devon Strategic Housing Group (DSHG) jointly hosted the official launch of the Devon-wide Sanctuary Scheme on 26th November 2008 at Exeter's Sandy Park Conference Centre. Yet another exciting event to launch yet another really fantastic domestic abuse service in Devon during DV Awareness Week.

Matt Garrett, Housing Options Manager (Plymouth City Council) and Chairman of the Devon Homeless Managers' Group, which is part of Devon's Strategic Housing Group, chaired this very well attended lunch time launch event, which included a presentation by Ellen Mitchell, Devon's DV Accommodation Development Worker on how Sanctuary Schemes work in practice, followed by a lively 'Question and Answer' session, with questions from the audience being put to a well informed panel of four: Matt Garrett, Ellen Mitchell, Lisa Jennings, Devon Homelessness Co-ordinator and Peter Dale, Community Safety and Emergency Planning Officer for South Hams District Council.

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The event was aimed at Devon's major public and private sector accommodation providers and domestic abuse advice agencies. Many of the agencies had exhibits about their services at the event, including Women's Aid, SEEDS Devon, the Police, the Fire Service, Carr-Gomm, Victim Support, Respect, Devon Home Choice, Citizen's Advice Bureau and many others. Crime Halt Security, who has Devon's contract to install the Sanctuary Scheme security measures, demonstrated a wide variety their security options, including window locks, stronger door locks, panic alarms and fire safety equipment.

Jill Owen, adva Chair and Devon County Councillor who attended the event was interviewed by both Gemini FM and The Western Morning News. She said of the launch: "The Sanctuary Scheme is a valuable addition to adva's responses to domestic violence and abuse. It is a great example of cross-county work to try and help keep people safe in their own homes."

What is a Sanctuary Scheme?

A Sanctuary Scheme is a victim centred initiative which aims to make it possible for victims of domestic violence and abuse to remain in their homes and feel safe, rather than being forced to relocate to other areas away from family networks, employment and schooling.

Background to the development of the Devon-wide Sanctuary Scheme

In 2007, the Government introduced a national Indicator for domestic violence (BVPI 225) which placed a requirement on local authorities to develop sanctuary schemes as part of their overall achievement of the BVPI (Best Value Performance Indicator). Adva introduced and co-ordinated a Devon-wide approach to the BVPI 225, forming the Devon BVPI 225 steering group in partnership with the 8 local authorities within Devon.

A Sanctuary Scheme sub-group was set up by Peter Dale, under the umbrella of the BVPI 225 steering group, bringing partner agencies together to discuss the possibility of developing a Devon-wide Sanctuary Scheme - as the demand for a sanctuary type scheme in some of the local authorities in Devon was potentially too low to warrant individual schemes.

Following initial discussions, the project was taken on and developed by Lisa Jennings, the Devon Homelessness Coordinator, which has resulted in the production and launch of a Devon-wide Sanctuary Scheme protocol agreement and leaflet, copies of which can be found on the adva website: www.adva.org.uk, under the 'Support and Services' section.

This shared Devon-wide protocol and leaflet has been produced by the Devon Strategic Housing Group (DSHG) in partnership with adva, the Police, the Fire Service, Women's Aid, local authorities and registered social landlords. It sets out how victims of domestic violence and abuse can access the Sanctuary Scheme; the responsibilities of partner agencies and the

process to enable additional security measures to be installed in the victim's home.

The scheme offers a range of security options, from window locks, stronger doors, panic alarms and fire safety equipment, to creating a safe room within the house, strengthened to prevent unauthorised entry for sufficient time for police to arrive.

An important aim of the scheme is to prevent people from becoming homeless due to domestic violence or abuse. All victims of domestic violence who may become homeless as a consequence will be considered for eligibility for the free service. So too will people who suffer abuse, hate crime, racial harassment or other forms of violence which threatens to make them homeless.

Whilst Sanctuary Schemes play an important role in providing people experiencing domestic violence and abuse with the option to continue living in their homes, it is important to recognise that the scheme is not suitable for everyone.

Legal Executive of the Year – Jill Read-Brown



"I was honoured to be named Legal Executive of the year at the Law Society's second annual Excellence Awards in London on 23rd October this year. I was nominated as a result of my work with victims of domestic violence. It was held by the President of the Law Society that "seeking justice for victims of domestic abuse and violence is not a particularly glamorous area of work". I defy that comment, it may not be particularly glamorous but it is the most rewarding area of work that I have ever practiced in. I work with women from all walks of societies including compatriots in the legal profession who have been subjected to domestic abuse.

I have been involved in this area of work for many years and I am well aware of the profound impact and effect of domestic abuse on not only the victims but children who have been caught up in the crossfire. It has always been possible to obtain injunctive Orders for women but the law has now improved and recognises the impact of domestic abuse on families and the importance of the work that has been done and continues to be done by all agencies across the board.

I recently attended the launch of the Sanctuary Housing Scheme which gives incentive and choice to women so that they can stay in their own home, with the benefit of an occupation order, and instead the perpetrator leaves. It is in my view of utmost importance that solicitors, police and other agencies work

alongside each other to provide the best possible service and outcome to women in desperate situations.

Sometimes Court proceedings are long and arduous particularly where children are involved and for the women it seems like it is never going to end requiring a great deal of determination, courage and persistence to go forward and seek justice. I often work with women for several months in this pursuit. I am able to empathise with victims and understand the confusion, the trauma, the fear and the emotional turmoil that they have to go through when they start the journey but the prize at the end is often very worth while. In the journey women often find self respect again by standing up to the perpetrator through the law and obtaining Orders to protect themselves and their children. I work closely with Outreach Workers at Exeter Women's Aid and have a good working relationship with DVOs and the other support agencies and understand that women need the security of knowing that they are not alone in the steps that they are taking to improve their situation. The only way of combating domestic abuse is to stop the cycle by working side by side with victims and perpetrators alike. I feel very supported in my work by my firm, Hartnell Chanot & Partners, and my managing partner, Norman Hartnell, is an ardent campaigner in educating the judiciary about the impact of domestic violence and the affect of it on children. I would hope to be able to carry on working in this area of law for many years to come."

Chartered Institute of Personnel Development reach out to Devon's employers

Anne Blackburn, co-ordinator of Exeter's CIPD, organised an event with adva on 25th November for 40 personnel managers alerting them to the impact of domestic abuse in their organisations. Heather Barnes, Director of human resources for Devon County Council, spoke strongly about the moral, financial and legal reasons for employers to proactively address the issue. Staff surveys conducted in Devon County Council had proved a powerful tool for assessing levels of need within an organisation after which a clear policy and procedures, backed by training for managers and publicity materials, were identified as simple ways of improving and safeguarding the workplace environment for victims, and providing ways to handle perpetrators within an organisation. Seeds Devon spoke eloquently of the positive difference made to individuals' lives when an employer is responsive. Michael Beechener, one of adva's trainers, revealed the startling facts of cost and impact of domestic violence in the workplace and Mark Smith, Stephens-Scown Solicitors offered help to victims seeking injunctions.

Since the last adva Employer Launch on 4th September a number of Devon's organisations have expressed a desire to either introduce or update their domestic abuse policies and practices - the Police, the PCT, Probation, CAF/CASS, East Devon District Council, Exeter's RD&E and the Met Office. AdvA aspires to create a 'Devon Excellence Scheme' for all organisations who take a proactive stand on the issue. We want statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations joining forces to tackle this issue. Watch out for the award scheme...to follow!

Domestic violence and abuse contacts within Devon County Council

DCC employs over 24,000 staff across the County and as an organisation has taken a positive stance on supporting employees experiencing domestic violence and abuse. This support is for both victims and perpetrators of domestic violence and abuse and has been made clear in its DVA Policy and Managers Training. An innovative element of the work, initiated by adva, has been to establish a volunteer scheme called DVAC which stands for Domestic Violence and Abuse Contacts.

Staff who want to provide a 'sign-posting'

personal service to victims seeking support have enlisted to become DVACS, which involves attending workshops, several training courses and an interview, and up to five days commitment a year. Over 45 people from across all six Directorates have volunteered for this scheme, and formed three groups of DVACS which are at various stages of 'readiness for action'! The role of the DVAC is to provide a sympathetic ear and signposting to staff in providing support to victims, providing impartial referral information so the individual can decide the course of action best suited to them. DVAC's can provide advice and guidance to managers informing them about the employers flexibility in supporting the member of staff.

Other aspects of a DVACS work includes internal team/Department or Directorate awareness-raising about the issue and several great actions have been implemented including putting posters on staff noticeboards; making leaflets readily available; putting stickers on the back of toilet doors with the telephone number of the referral helpline (01392 382828); inclusion of the DVA Policy and DVAC scheme details in Induction packs and talks at staff meetings.

AdvA hopes to expand this scheme to the Police and the PCT (and wider...) as this resource could easily be shared across organisations.

If you are interested in finding out more about the DVAC scheme of Devon County Council's approach to tackling domestic violence and abuse please visit www.adva.org.uk or email rachel.martin@devon.gov.uk or ring **01392 382233**.

Domestic violence costs the British economy £5.8bn a year

Article from **The Guardian**, 25 Nov 2008

Domestic violence costs the British economy £5.8bn a year and significantly depresses women's ability to contribute to economic growth, the attorney general told French ministers and former victims in Paris yesterday. Speaking ahead of International End Violence Against Women Day, Baroness Scotland said the cost to business alone - through absence, loss of productivity and rapid turnover of employees - is estimated at £2.7bn. The cost to the public sector, in terms of medical and social services, was a further £3.1bn. She was speaking at the invitation of Rachida Dati, France's justice minister. The French minister said efforts to protect vulnerable women and make concrete change was one of France's priorities throughout its presidency of the EU. "Baroness Scotland and I share a determination to campaign for the rights of women and those affected by violence," Dati said. Scotland's appearance at the French Ministry of Justice comes as the government today introduces a law to tackle forced marriage, seen as one of the significant causes of violence against women. The law creates new powers for government and the courts to protect victims, although it "had not criminalised forced marriage", the attorney general said.

A summary report from the Ministry of Justice...

spoke favourably about the performance of Central Devon's Specialist Domestic Violence Courts in 2007-8. Its summary states "Exeter continues to perform consistently well in bringing offenders to justice and supporting victims. It is recommended that the Steering Group address issues highlighted in the report to ensure continued victim safety and successful prosecutions"

Headline performance data includes:

- Nearly 80% of crimes were arrested by the police and 354 cases were taken to MARACS in Exeter, East and Mid Devon in 2007-08, with a fifth being repeat cases
- This SDVC has continued to perform well in successful prosecutions, increasing guilty pleas and convictions at trial, with reduced discontinuances and fewer where no evidence is offered. By Q2 2008-09 performance rose to 82%.

The report highlighted that the Women's Aid support workers (idvas) had achieved very high rates of contact and engagement with referrals, many of whom had been reviewed at MARAC. Idva's had supported an above-average percentage of clients at court and helped a significant percentage of clients obtain a civil injunction. Very nearly all referrals to Women's Aid were high or very high risk at the point of referral, showing that Exeter Women's Aid is providing services commensurate to risk, which is a core tenet of advocacy. The report noted, however, that nearly all of the referrals to MARAC came from the police and suggested that a higher number of referrals from other agencies would be welcomed.

'ASK' domestic violence and abuse adva Devon health project

UPDATE

The latest figures show that from January up to the end of November 2008 1732 patients have been asked the domestic abuse question (routine enquiry) and 153 patients (9%) disclosed abuse in a past or current relationship. 50 patients (33%) took up the offer of referral to the Health IDVA. 11 clients have been risk assessed as very high and been referred to MARAC. Since the Health IDVA pulled out of Holsworthy Medical Centre at the end of August 2008, the Torridge Women's Aid Outreach worker has had 12 referrals from GPs and practice nurses reflecting the impact of ASK in terms of awareness raising and encouragement of best practice among health professionals.

A DV awareness-raising training at the Minor Injury Unit in Totnes prompted great interest in

further training and a structured domestic abuse response. A meeting took place at the end of November to establish if funding could be secured via the Totnes Health Cluster or GP consortia, as the PCT is not able to fund the 'ASK' project from April 2009. The Health IDVA presented a case study which illustrated the annual cost to a GP surgery for a patient, who has experienced escalation of domestic violence. This cost totals £738 per patient per year and could be reduced by implementing a service like the ASK project offering early intervention.

Applying this to the average number of MARAC cases in South Rural Devon alone £115,089 a year could be saved through ASK's early intervention. This does not include treatment at A&E and intervention of mental health and drug and alcohol services, etc. Everyone at the meeting agreed that the impact and benefits of ASK are significant, however a final decision in terms of funding has not yet been made and the future of ASK remains uncertain.

For more information please contact **Christine Fritsch**, Health IDVA on christine.fritsch@devon.gov.uk or on **07969 191508**

You Can Afford to Leave – new Refuge publication

Refuge has produced a free new guide called 'You Can Afford To Leave' to help women experiencing domestic violence or abuse take control of their finances. It's designed to cover all the basics, from benefits and basic budgeting to setting up a bank account and what to do about joint debts (mortgages etc). Its aim is to help women who feel trapped with an abuser, but also to help those who have left and need help getting their finances sorted. You can download it from the Refuge website:

www.refuge.org.uk/page_11-7_12-573_13-3177_.htm to read, or call them on **020 7395 7700**

Devon domestic abuse statistics 2008 - 2009

- A predicted 6.9% rise in reported incidents from the end of 2007/08 to the end of 2008/09. Reported incidents to police in 2007-8 reached 8,925.
- Within Devon Exeter sees by far the highest rate of DV incidents per 1000 population at 22.6 with North Devon following with 14.4 incidents.
- There has been a gradual fall in the number of incidents remaining as crimed over three years with the most recently 2008/09 to date standing at 27%.
- The rolling year to date shows the highest arrest rate being in North Devon with 96 arrests per 100 crimes.
- South Hams and latterly Teignbridge have seen (over the three complete years) the highest proportions of violent crime being DV related whereas Exeter saw the lowest proportion.
- As in 2007/08 the greatest proportion of DV offences are 'Wounding other' (2008/09 to date 43%) followed at a considerable distance by common assault (24%).

SDVC 1 – Exeter, East Devon & Mid

- 84% prosecutions have been successful
- 79% of all cases were guilty pleas; 5% were convicted at trial
- 16% prosecutions were unsuccessful
- 6% of cases were discontinued; 7% offered no evidence

SDVC 3 & Torbay – South Hams, Teignbridge, West Devon & Torbay

- 74% prosecutions have been successful
- 65% of all cases were guilty pleas; 9% were convicted at trial
- 26% prosecutions were unsuccessful
- 6% of cases were discontinued; 7% offered no evidence

(Victims – Idva)

SDVC 1 – Exeter, East Devon & Mid Devon

- Referrals fell from 148 to 117 between Q1 and Q2.
- To date 68% of referrals have been very high risk (Q1: 70%; Q2: 66%).
- To date 20% of referrals have been high risk (Q1: 16%; Q2: 24%).
- 89% referrals have come from the Police (Q1: 86%; Q2: 92%).
- 78% referrals have been contacted. (Q1: 74%; Q2: 83%).
- 58% referrals engaged with service. (Q1: 56%; Q2: 60%).
- 52% victims were supported at court (out of total engaging) (Q1: 51%; Q2: 54%).
- 60% victims were supported at court (out of those with court process) (Q1: 62%; Q2: 58%).
- 14% victims received civil injunctions (out of total engaging) (Q1: 13%; Q2: 16%).
- 80% victims received civil injunctions (out of seeking) (Q1: 69%; Q2: 92%).
- 99% very high risk referrals have been to MARAC (Q1: 102%; Q2: 95%).
- The monthly repeat victimisation rate for those DV cases being managed by MARAC has fallen from 46.2 to 30 cases per 100 in Q2. Overall for the year to date the rate is 34.1.

SDVC 2 – North Devon & Torridge

- Referrals rose from 54 to 71 between Q1 and Q2.
- To date 80% of referrals have been very high risk (Q1: 80%; Q2: 80%).
- To date 17% of referrals have been high risk (Q1: 20%; Q2: 14%).
- 72% referrals have come from the Police (Q1: 67%; Q2: 77%).
- 97% referrals have been contacted. (Q1: 98%; Q2: 96%).
- 92% referrals engaged with service. (Q1: 94%; Q2: 90%).
- 45% victims were supported at court (out of total engaging) (Q1: 53%; Q2: 38%).
- 91% victims were supported at court (out of those with court process) (Q1: 93%; Q2: 89%).
- 12% victims received civil injunctions (out of total engaging) (Q1: 8%; Q2: 17%).
- 92% victims received civil injunctions (out of seeking) (Q1: 100%; Q2: 85%).
- 95% very high risk referrals have been to MARAC (Q1: 88%; Q2: 100%).
- The monthly repeat victimisation rate for those DV cases being managed by MARAC has fallen from 23.0 to 16.9 cases per 100 in Q2. Overall for the year to date the rate is 18.9.

Exeter MARAC

- The monthly number of cases reviewed has varied between 0 and 31 with the average monthly figure for both 2007/08 and 2008/09 to date being 16.
- Repeat cases have varied between 0 and 10 with the monthly average for 2007/08 being 5 and the monthly average for 2008/09 being 7.
- The cumulative repeat victimisation rate has ranged from 13% to 35% per month. The rate for 2007/08 stands at 31% and for 2008/09 is 43%.

East Devon MARAC

- The monthly number of cases reviewed has varied between 0 and 16 with the average monthly figure for 2007/08 being 8 and 2008/09 to date being 10.
- Repeat cases have varied between 0 and 2 with the monthly average for 2007/08 being 0.5 and the monthly average for 2008/09 being 0.7.
- The cumulative repeat victimisation rate has ranged from 0% to 17% per month. The rate for 2007/08 stands at 6% and for 2008/09 is 7%.

Mid Devon MARAC

- The monthly number of cases reviewed has varied between 0 and 10 with the average monthly figure for 2007/08 being 6 and 2008/09 to date being 4.
- Repeat cases have varied between 0 and 3 with the monthly average for both 2007/08 and 2008/09 being 1.
- The cumulative repeat victimisation rate has ranged from 13% to 33% per month. The rate for 2007/08 stands at 18% and for 2008/09 is 25%.

North Devon MARAC

- The monthly number of cases reviewed has varied between 13 and 28 with the average monthly figure for 2007/08 being 21 and 2008/09 to date being 16.
- Repeat cases have varied between 0 and 11 with the monthly average for 2007/08 being 5 and 2008/09 being 3.
- The cumulative repeat victimisation rate has ranged from 18% to 31% per month. The rate for 2007/08 stands at 24% and for 2008/09 is 20%.

Rural Devon MARAC

- The monthly number of cases reviewed has varied between eight and 33 with the average monthly figure for 2007/08 being 16 and 2008/09 to date being 23.
- Repeat cases have varied between 0 and 17 with the monthly average for 2007/08 being six and 2008/09 being nine.
- The cumulative repeat victimisation rate has ranged from 36% to 50% per month. The rate for 2007/08 is 36% and for 2008/09 is 31%.

Victims – Children

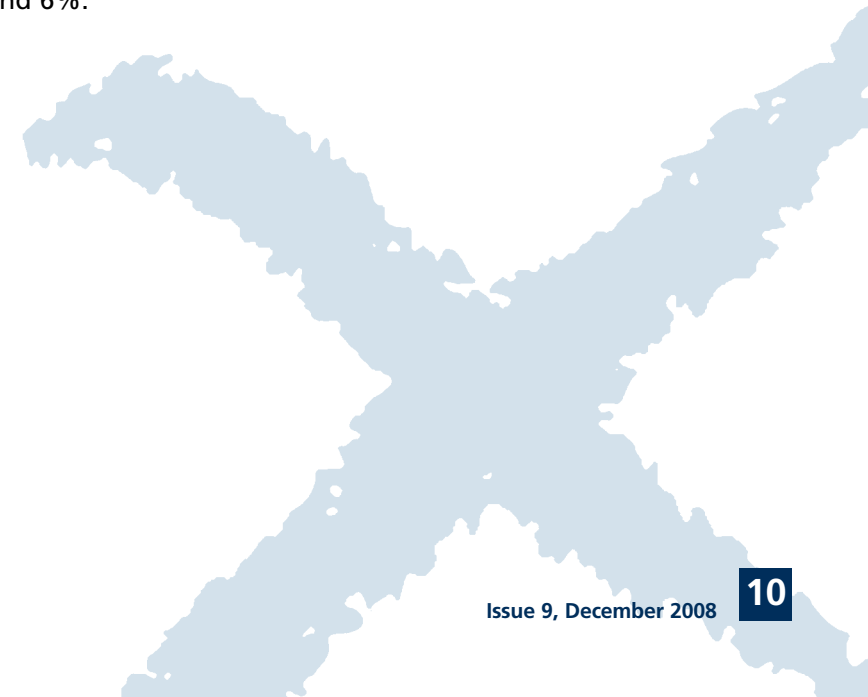
- The proportion of children present at DV incidents is to date 48.6% (Q1: 47.8%; Q2: 48.9%)

Victims – Adults

- To date victims comprise 18% male, 79% female and 3% unknown.

Victims – Homelessness

- In 2007/08 South Hams saw the highest proportion of households accepted as homeless due to DA at 13% followed closely by Exeter (12%)
- To date in 2008/09 Teignbridge (25%) has seen the highest proportion with all other districts following at some distance and comprising between 3% and 6%.



Up and coming events

Next adva Partnership Meeting

22 January 2009

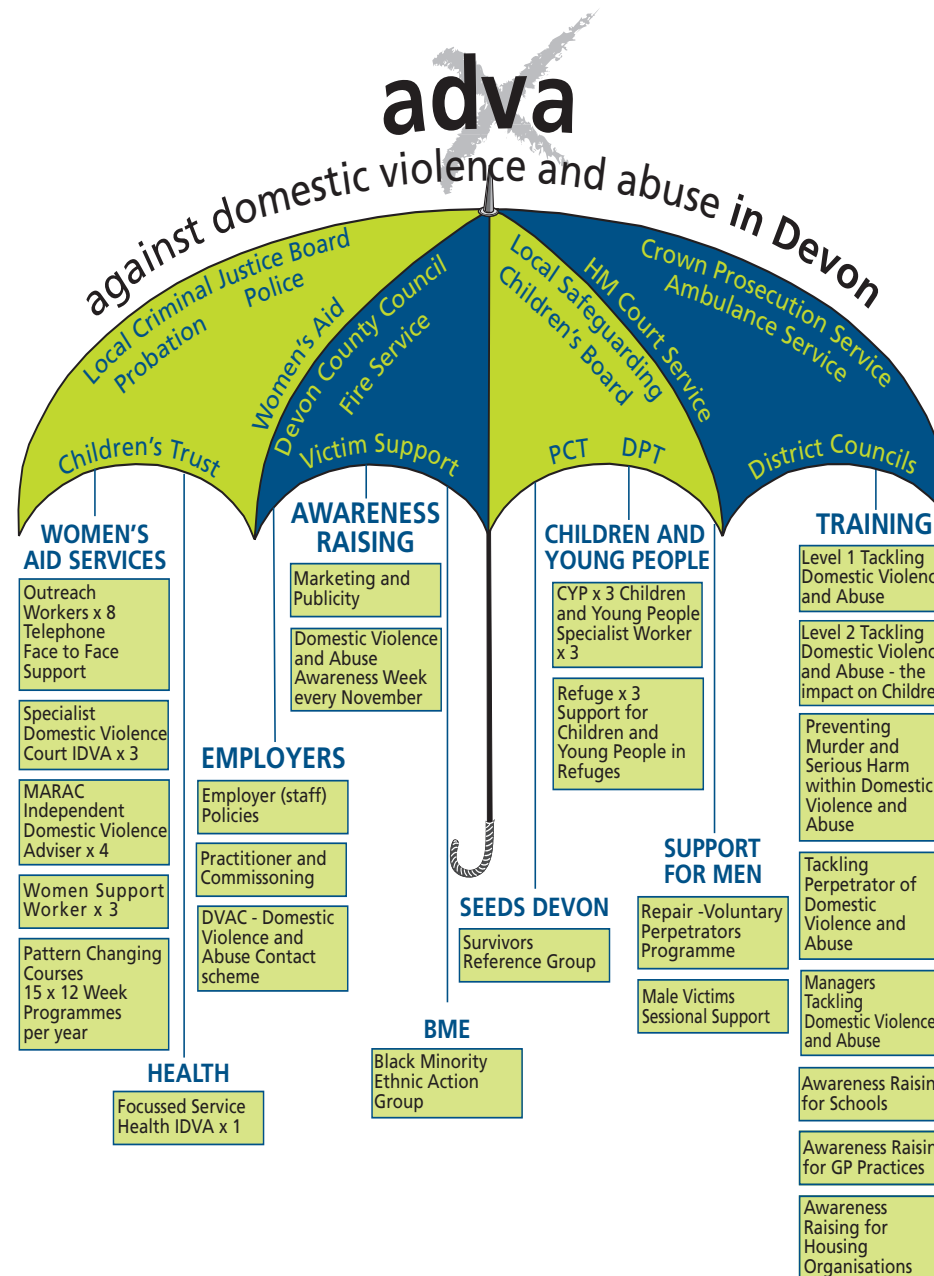
9am to 1pm

**The Ockment Centre,
Okehampton, Devon**

All welcome! Please contact Janice Healey or Claire Heaver (dvinfo@devon.gov.uk) if you would like to attend.

Valentine's Day Event

Tess Biddington (adva trainer) is currently compiling a book of poems relating to domestic violence issues. It is hoped that this book will be launched on the weekend of 13th February 2009. All profits from this book will go to Devon's three Refuges.



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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