



**Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Newsletter**  
A monthly newsletter brought to you by the  
**Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Partnership**

**August 2024**

Hi All

Welcome to our August Newsletter – lots has been happening and there is much more to come. Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council are working towards their re-accreditation for White Ribbon, and there was a White Ribbon stand across the three days of the Cambridge Folk Festival. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, we had lots of visitors to the stand who were keen to learn more about the campaign and about services that could support those subjected to abuse. We look forward to attending again next year.

The 2023-24 Annual Report has now been published and is available on our website at [Cambridgeshire County Council DASV Partnership - Strategic Documents \(cambsdasv.org.uk\)](https://cambsdasv.org.uk) it really demonstrates the breadth of work across many agencies to reduce the harm caused by domestic abuse and sexual violence.

The DASV Partnership commissioned training for professionals about Child to Parent Abuse, and the 100 spaces were allocated within a week. Respect and YMCA who are delivering this training have increased the number of sessions with a payment of £75 per person for a whole day training – details of this and free training from Peterborough Women's Aid can be found within.

We hope you have managed to have a break over the summer and thanks for all that you do in your work to support this agenda.

As always – if you need anything, please get in touch.

*Vickie & Julia*

**Vickie Crompton & Julia Cullum**  
**DASV Partnership Managers**



## Police highlight epidemic of violence against women and girls

Police chiefs have outlined the scale of violence against women and girls (VAWG) in England and Wales in a [national policing statement](#) bringing together comprehensive data and analysis.

Police leaders are calling for a whole-system approach that brings together criminal justice partners, government bodies and industry, in a new partnership that seeks to reduce the scale and impact of VAWG.

Scale

The National Policing Statement for VAWG, commissioned by the National Police Chiefs' Council and College of Policing, found:

- Over one million VAWG related crimes were recorded during 2022/23, accounting for 20% of all police recorded crime.
- Police recorded VAWG related crime increased by 37% between 2018/23.
- At least 1 in every 12 women will be a victim per year, with the exact number expected to be much higher.
- Child sexual abuse and exploitation increased by more than 400% between 2013 and 2022.

Deputy Chief Constable Maggie Blyth, Deputy CEO of the College of Policing and NPCC lead for violence against women and girls, said:

*“We are absolutely determined to turn the tide on violence and abuse faced by women and girls and will continue to work tirelessly to do better for victims. Our focus will always be to bring the men behind these pervasive crimes to justice. By enhancing the way we use data and intelligence, we will improve our ability to identify, intercept and arrest those causing the most harm in communities. We know that continuous improvement is needed to strengthen policing’s response to VAWG. Improvements must be driven nationally, ensuring consistency from force to force to give victims the service they expect and deserve.”*

The full statement can be read at [Call to action as VAWG epidemic deepens \(npcc.police.uk\)](https://npcc.police.uk)

**Project dIdI conference resources**

On 19-20 June 2024, Project dldl/ድልድል held its Annual Conference 2024 on the topic **‘Domestic Violence, Religion and Migration: Integrating cultural and religious diversity in UK domestic violence and abuse services and developing a future roadmap for the sector.’**

The aim of the conference was to build bridges between domestic violence and abuse (DVA) researchers, secular DVA providers, religious institutions and ‘by and for’ organisations catering to specific religio-cultural communities to move the conversation around faith-sensitive and culturally appropriate responses in the UK forward and to delineate a concrete roadmap of priority areas to be addressed collectively by the sector. It also sought to enlarge knowledge and good practices in the UK by channelling into the conversations knowledge and experience from numerous African countries, including Ethiopia and South Africa.

Conference recordings and presentations, alongside other resources from the project, are available at [2024 Conference Outcomes - Project dldl/ድልድል](#)

## **No Woman Turned Away report 2024**

Findings from a new Women’s Aid report show that a staggering 22.2% of women supported by the charity’s No Woman Turned Away project have experienced further abuse from the perpetrator while waiting for a refuge space, with 2.9% forced into sleeping rough to escape life-threatening abuse.

The No Woman Turned Away project, now in its eighth year, provides vital support for women and children experiencing barriers to accessing refuge provision, working alongside local services to ensure the most vulnerable survivors have access to the support they need when they need it the most.

The report highlights that only five out of 58 women who had a disability, and only eight out of 67 women with mental health support needs were accommodated in refuge by the end of the support period. Women who faced multiple barriers to accessing support found it particularly difficult to access refuge, with only three out of 69 women with three or more barriers and neither of the two women with four barriers finding a refuge space by the end of the support period.

The full report can be read at [Women's Aid shares finding of the No Woman Turned Away project for the eighth year in a row - Women’s Aid \(womensaid.org.uk\)](#)

# EMPOWERING MUSLIM WOMEN

Understanding the rights of Muslim  
Women in the 21st century



A two session event open to professionals for free,  
please attend both

Friday 20th and 27th September, 9.30-11.30 Anne's House.  
32-34 Cromwell Road, Peterborough

Visit [www.peterboroughwomensaid.co.uk](http://www.peterboroughwomensaid.co.uk), training section  
to register

Improve  
your  
practice



Peterborough Womens Aid are offering two free workshops for professionals to understand the rights of Muslim women. We hope that this will improve practice when working with women from the South Asian Community. Please register your attendance <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/peterborough-womens-aid/t-vvdgggz>

A promotional poster for the PWA Charity Ball. The left side features a photograph of two champagne glasses filled with bubbly liquid, set against a dark background with bokeh light effects. The right side has a light beige background with a pattern of gold snowflakes and stars. Text is written in a mix of elegant cursive and simple sans-serif fonts. At the bottom, there are logos for 'straightahead', 'Peterborough Women's Aid', and a QR code for ticket scanning.

*PWA Charity Ball*  
*Saturday November 2nd*

*Join us....*  
*£60 per ticket*

*Drinks on arrival*  
*3 course meal*  
*Raffle*  
*Auction*  
*Dancing*  
*Entertainment*

*November 2nd 6.30pm*  
*Holiday Inn Peterborough*

*The Holiday Inn Peterborough*

**straightahead**  
**Peterborough Women's Aid**  
*Set yourself free*



*Scan for tickets*

Peterborough Women's Aid are delighted to launch their first Charity Ball! Join us for a three-course meal, entertainment, surprises and much much more! We can't wait to see you! All proceeds go towards keeping our life saving services open. Please scan below or book your tickets at [Peterborough Women's Aid Charity Ball at Holiday Inn event tickets from TicketSource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/events/peterborough-women-s-aid-charity-ball-at-holiday-inn)



## **Domestic Abuse in Higher Education Conference at Anglia Ruskin University June 2024**

June saw the second conference that Anglia Ruskin University has hosted on the Cambridge Campus, around domestic and sexual violence within higher education, bringing support services, academics and individuals together to help tackle domestic abuse within the sector. The conference had a particular focus on the prevalence and realities happening within the higher education sector and the vital role and responsibility that universities have in supporting survivors, safeguarding and addressing risk, being opened by ARU's very own Vice Chancellor, Roderick Watkins.

The conference heard from key speakers such as Fiona Druet, founder of the charity Emily Test, who have launched a charter adopted by universities in Scotland, and soon to be in England. Fiona not only brought the very serious and fatal realities of domestic abuse through her daughter, Emily's own experiences but also the missed opportunities that could have helped save Emily's life.

Other speakers included Dr Roxanne Khan who talked about the research undertaken by the Harm Network and the work that has been undertaken by universities since. Chris Down, Investigations Officer at ARU and Sharon Livermore from Domestic Abuse Education also delivered presentations that not only provided key learning from their specialist work but also highlighted further opportunities for progress within the sector.

The conference also highlighted the inspirational work that the domestic abuse consultants are doing at ARU to raise awareness around domestic abuse and support available. These are appointed students of ARU, not offering support directly to other students, but are organising events such as the Survivor's Art Exhibition due to be held on the Cambridge campus on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October between 10am and 4pm. Please see flyer attached.

The conference was followed by some key organisations in the afternoon, with Adam Constable from Hollie Guard, Anup Manota from Karma Nirvana and Angie Stewart, CEO from Cambridge Women's Aid.

Suzanne Drieu, Head of Counselling and Wellbeing ARU, who has been instrumental with others in the progress ARU has been making with regards to its support for students and staff at ARU, closed the conference with a Call to Action to other universities in the room. ARU aims to continue its work in supporting students and staff around domestic abuse, and knows very well that there is still a long way to go, with much more to do and we welcome involvement from any local partners who want to support ARU's work to ensure universities stand against domestic abuse.

# Open Call For Art



*Home* by Laura Noble (2019)

Apply to display your art at a nonprofit art exhibition at ARU in collaboration with a variety of charities to raise awareness on domestic abuse. We welcome diverse perspectives on the theme and its complexities.

## Exhibition Date & Location

**02 October 2024**

**LAB 027 - ARU Cambridge Campus**

\*Please note that artwork will need to be dropped off, and collected, on the day of the exhibition

## Submission deadline

**16 August 2024**

 **alison.hunte@aru.ac.uk**

Successful applicants will be contacted by 31 August 2024

## Application email should include:

- "Open Call" in the subject of the email
- Type(s) of art (poetry, painting, digital, etc.)
- Brief description of the artwork
- Pictures/videos/links of the artwork
- Size and display requirements

## First International CPA Conference

PEGS is thrilled to bring you the first International Child To Parent Abuse conference – designed to bring together CPA professionals from across the world to share updates, policies, research and education.

The not-to-be-missed day includes an amazing international speaker line-up, Q&A panels and exclusive resources.

The International Child to Parent Abuse Conference is aimed at bringing together researchers, policy-makers, decision-takers, frontline professionals and campaigners. It is the first time professionals from across the globe will gather together to share updates, policies, research and education, alongside the team at PEGS.

We'll share current knowledge, best practice and case studies, and focus on how we can collaboratively work to better support parents, carers and guardians impacted by Child to Parent Abuse.

[PEGS Events - Child to Parent Abuse Virtual Conference](#)

## White Ribbon at Cambridge Folk Festival

We were delighted to be invited to attend the Cambridge Folk Festival again at the end of July, with information about White Ribbon UK and local support services for victims and survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

The stall had lot of visitors, we handed out lots of White Ribbons and stickers and were thanked by several festival goers for raising the profile of VAWG. We shared information from local support services including Domestic Abuse Support Service and the BUnited Project for male survivors.

The photo below shows Cambridgeshire County Council lead White Ribbon Ambassador, Cllr Neil Shailer, at the White Ribbon stall.





## **Introduction to Child to Parent Abuse (CPA)**

As the recent online training was booked up so quickly, Respect and the YMCA Family Respect Project have agreed to add another two dates.

**Participants will be required to pay a small fee to cover the cost of this unfunded training (please see below for price per person).**

This online 1 day training course will give learners an increased understanding of the causes, effects and risks associated with Child to Parent Abuse (CPA). The training will be delivered using interactive methods including a range of media, discussion opportunities and local case studies to engage learners.

### **Learners will....**

- Understand what Child to Parent Abuse (CPA) is and the benefits and limitations of positioning it within a domestic abuse framework.
- Understand the dynamics of CPA and recent research about the causes, prevalence and risks.
- Explore the impact on parents who experience abuse from a child as well as the experiences of young people and adult children using harmful behaviour.
- Build an understanding of trauma responses in the context of CAPVA and be better able to identify indicators of Child to Parent Abuse.
- Develop an understanding of best practice principles when responding to CPA including initial risk assessment and safety planning.
- Know where to signpost families experiencing CPA for support in the local area.

**Places are £75 per learner + VAT.** This training is only available for multiagency staff from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Please follow the links below for the date you are interested in to sign up and pay for the training.

10<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

[Introduction to Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse \(CAPVA\) \(respect.org.uk\)](https://respect.org.uk)

3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024

[Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse \(CAPVA\)-Introduction training \(3.10.24\) \(respect.org.uk\)](https://respect.org.uk)

**The training will be delivered via zoom from 9.30am- 4pm.** For any additional queries about the training, please email [yps@respect.org.uk](mailto:yps@respect.org.uk).

## Focus on older survivors

Kings College London have set up a group of practitioners, researchers and academics who are working with older survivors of domestic abuse. The Older People and Domestic Abuse Symposium will bring together research, data and knowledge across the country and aims to develop best practice standards and training. Cambs DASV are part of the Symposium and the Older People's DASH we developed is being considered as part of the best practice recommendations.

In related news, people aged over 60 in Cornwall who have experienced domestic or sexual abuse are being asked to share their views so services can be improved. The Older People's Project is a partnership between the Women's Centre Cornwall, Age UK Cornwall, local authorities and Victim Support. Again, the Older People's DASH is being shared with the Cornwall project to improve risk identification for older survivors.

Remember you can find the OP DASH on our website and professional guidance around working with older survivors at [Cambridgeshire County Council DASV Partnership - Older People \(cambsdasv.org.uk\)](http://Cambridgeshire County Council DASV Partnership - Older People (cambsdasv.org.uk))

## Job Vacancy – Duty ISVA

Cambridge Rape Crisis are recruiting a Countywide Duty ISVA to provide initial support, advice and information to adults, young people and their families who have been subjected to sexual violence at any time in their lives.

The Countywide Duty ISVA role is part of a countywide ISVA team providing a pro-active service to children, young people and adult survivors of sexual violence and abuse, within and outside of the Criminal Justice System.

**Hours:** 35 hours per week (full time)

**Location:** Cambridge and Huntingdon, covering Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

**Salary:** £25,206 per annum

**Contract:** Fixed term contract to March 2025 (possible extension dependent on funding)

Full details of the post are available at [Job vacancies – Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre | Support for survivors of sexual violence](#)

**Please note:** It is an occupational requirement that the post holder is female, in line with the Equality Act 2010, Schedule 9, Part 1, Paragraph 1.

## Job Vacancy - Refuge Manager at Cambridge Women's Aid

**Salary:** £39,513 for a 37-hour week (potential for part-time hours, minimum 32 hours/week)

**About Us:** CWA is dedicated to providing life-changing support and safe accommodation to women and children experiencing domestic abuse. We are very passionate about our work and we are immensely proud of the support we have offered in Cambridge since 1977. We are seeking a dynamic and motivated manager to lead our refuge service and help us continue our critical work in the community. The successful appointee will work alongside the current manager for a short period to ensure a smooth handover and enhanced induction and training for the job.

We appreciate that few women will have specific experience of working in a refuge. If you would like an informal chat about your transferrable skills before completing the application, please email [admin@cambridge.org.uk](mailto:admin@cambridge.org.uk) to arrange this.

**The Role:** As the Refuge Manager, you will be at the forefront of our safe accommodation services, ensuring the highest standards of housing management and support for women and children in need. Your responsibilities will include:

- **Leadership and Management:** Overseeing all CWA safe accommodation services, providing line management and support to refuge staff.
- **Complex Casework:** Managing complex casework issues and operational emergencies with expertise and sensitivity.
- **Quality Assurance:** Ensuring that all contractual and funding requirements are met and maintaining CWA's high quality standards.
- **Strategic Input:** Being an integral part of the Senior Management Team, contributing to organisational strategy, responding proactively to changes in the wider environment, and leading the development of the refuge service.
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**Application Process:** To apply, please download a copy of the application pack here: [APPLICATION PACK](#). Return your completed application form to [admin@cambridgewa.org.uk](mailto:admin@cambridgewa.org.uk).

**Deadline for Applications:** midnight on 19th August 2024

**Please note:** It is an occupational requirement that the post holder is female, in line with the Equality Act 2010, Schedule 9, Part 1, Paragraph 1.