



**Cambridgeshire
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Domestic Abuse & Sexual
Violence Partnership

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

November 2023

Hi All

November is a big month in the UK as it marks the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls, and also White Ribbon Day, on 25th November – and this date is the start of 16 Days of Action around Violence Against Women & Girls. As well as these events, November also seeks International Men's Day on 19th November and Safeguarding Adults Week from 20 – 26 November. Look out in the newsletter for more details of how we're marking these dates.

As part of the 16 Days of Action around Violence Against Women and Girls, we have arranged several online showing of the film Rattle Snake by Open Clasp Theatre. Rattle Snake was co-created with survivors of Coercive Controlling Domestic Abuse and is endorsed by the government's Domestic Abuse Commissioner. The film tells the real-life stories of women who have faced and survived coercive controlling domestic abuse and also touches on experiences of the Family Court as the actors depict the effects that domestic abuse has on survivors and children. The showing on **Friday 8th December at 12.00 still has places**. The session will be via Teams - the film is one hour long and will be followed by 30 mins for informal discussion. If you'd like to book a place, please contact Vickie.Crompton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

As ever, if there is anything we can do to help your organisation improve their response to domestic abuse, please don't hesitate to get in touch, we love hearing from you.

Thanks all

Vickie & Julia

Vickie Crompton & Julia Cullum
DASV Partnership Managers



DASV Champions sessions – 2024 dates

The January and April dates and topics are now set up – for Cambridgeshire County Council staff, you can book via Our Development. For external staff guidance on how to book on sessions is at [Cambridgeshire County Council DASV Partnership - DASV Champions \(cambsdasv.org.uk\)](http://Cambridgeshire County Council DASV Partnership - DASV Champions (cambsdasv.org.uk))

January – Supporting Deaf Survivors/Tech abuse and stalking

April – Working with Family Violence and Supporting survivors with learning disabilities

Children and Young People subjected to DA – Insights briefing

The Domestic Abuse Commissioner has shared an Insights document from some roundtables held with professionals in June about children and young people as victims of domestic abuse.

The 11 regional roundtables gathered rich information about people's interpretations of the definition within the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, good practice, and the challenges and barriers in supporting children and young people subject to domestic abuse. The feedback has been pulled together into insights that will be useful to practitioners.

[Children and Young People Subject to Domestic Abuse: Professionals' Insights Briefing](#)

Ministry of Justice introduces Jade's Law which will better protect children from harm

The government has announced that the Victims and Prisoners Bill will be amended so parents who kill a partner or ex-partner with whom they have children will automatically have their parental responsibility suspended upon sentencing.

The law will be named after Jade Ward, who was murdered by her former partner in 2021. Her family have campaigned tirelessly for this change.

You can read the announcement in more detail and the Commissioner's response [here](#).

Government update on the 'Enough' campaign's work with universities

Following two successful launches, the government's 'Enough' campaign has partnered with over 30 universities for the 23-24 academic year to help university staff and students tackle the issue of violence against women and girls.

Through this partnership, the 'Enough' campaign worked with universities across England and Wales to co-create assets that included messaging specific to university environments, to be displayed on university campuses and shared through communications channels over the course of the Freshers period and throughout the academic year ahead.

These assets included digital animations and editable posters providing different ways for bystanders to safely intervene if they saw abuse happening in common university settings through the use of the 'Enough' [STOP mnemonic](#), as well as signposting ways to get help and support for victims.

The full range of university assets can be found [here](#). If your institution would like to use them, or discover more about the Enough campaign, please contact the [Enough campaigns team](#).

Free workshops at The Edge Café

The Edge (just off Mill Road in Cambridge) offer a wide range of free face to face and online events including:

- Monday – Edgy Women’s Group (in person)
- Tuesday – Men’s Friendship Group (in person)
- Thursday – Beginners guitar and songwriting and art group (in person)
- Friday & Sunday – Seated Tai Chi (via Zoom)

For more information, visit [The Edge Cafe - Groups & Workshops \(theedgecafecambridge.org\)](https://theedgecafecambridge.org)

Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week takes place from 13-19 November this year.

A report from Safe Lives in 2018 found that the most common type of abuse experienced by trans victims/survivors was jealous and controlling behaviour, and two-thirds had experienced physical abuse. The briefing collated from Safe Lives national database also found that almost three-quarters of victims/survivors experienced multiple types of abuse.

Trans victims of abuse also experience unique forms of abuse when perpetrators attack their trans identities by, for example, deliberately using the wrong pronouns, forcing them to perform a gender they are uncomfortable with, or preventing them from medically transitioning through hiding hormones or creating barriers to surgery.

Galop are a national charity supporting LGBTQA+ survivors of abuse – they offer a helpline, email support and webchat via their website www.galop.org.uk

Locally, The Kite Trust support young people around LGBTQA+ issues and also offer advice and support to families of young people [Home - The Kite Trust](#)

International Men’s Day

International Men’s Day is marked on 19th November, the aims of the day are:

- Making a positive difference to the wellbeing and lives of men and boys
- Raising awareness and/or funds for charities supporting men and boys’ wellbeing
- Promoting a positive conversation about men, manhood and masculinity

There are a number of events taking place across the country to celebrate the day (although we couldn’t find any listed for Cambridgeshire) but take a look at this link as some events are online or not too far away [Events | UK Men's Day \(ukmensday.org.uk\)](https://ukmensday.org.uk)

The BUnited project supports male victims of domestic abuse across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and offers long and short term help as well as advice and guidance [B-United – Peterborough Women's Aid \(peterboroughwomensaid.co.uk\)](https://peterboroughwomensaid.co.uk)

Stopping prisoner contact

Did you know YOU can apply to stop prisoners contacting:

- * Victims
- * Witnesses
- * Families of victims / witnesses

What it can prevent:

- Suspect contact via phone, text or letter
- Other prisoners contacting via above means

Victims / Witnesses and anyone else concerned can also apply.

The form also allows for information, such as current Restraining Orders to be added to ensure the prison is aware. Further information can also be added, if required, to update

This is a national Government scheme that, after trials, has proved to be very effective.

To apply, please complete below online form:

[Unwanted Prisoner Contact \(justice.gov.uk\)](https://www.justice.gov.uk/unwanted-prisoner-contact)

The Victim / Witness does not have to give consent.

Don't Assume someone else will do it, multiple requests are better than none.

DASV Champions survey

Thank you to the DASV Champions who completed our annual survey, we really appreciate getting feedback on the network and topics and suggestions for future areas to cover.

Some of the comments from the survey are below.

DASV champions provides a safe space to explore best working practices and how to implement this into current ways of working. across our individual sectors.

Being able to share the knowledge with my colleagues has helped us become more informed in areas we don't specialise but can offer emotional support with.

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'Keep doing what you're doing!! It feels so connected'

Our plans for White Ribbon Day and 16 Days of Action

As you all know, 25th November marks the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls and also White Ribbon Day. The DASV Partnership support Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council with their White Ribbon accreditation as well as coordinating our own plans to mark the event and the 16 Days of Action against VAWG that follow.

The White Ribbon theme this year is **#ChangeTheStory** so women and girls can live their lives free from the fear of violence. We have developed a set of posters based upon well-known Shakespeare plays but we have added a plot twist to highlight domestic abuse, familial abuse and misogyny. The posters have been distributed to libraries across the county, and some 6th forms and colleges have also offered to display them. Look out on our social media for the posters and if you want some to display in your area, the PDFs will be sent out with the newsletter.

We have also planned a series of social media posts for the 16 Days of Action that highlight a wide range of VAWG related issues and signpost to support organisations.

Also, look out for an exciting new film being developed with Peterborough City Council!

White Ribbon UK are hosting some online events some of which are free [White Ribbon Day 2023 Resources & Events – White Ribbon UK](#)

Othello

Iago is furious about being overlooked for promotion and plots to take revenge against his General, Othello. Iago manipulates Othello into believing his wife Desdemona is unfaithful, stirring Othello's jealousy.

Othello allows jealousy to consume him, murders Desdemona, and then kills himself.

CHANGE THE STORY

– Othello is in a trusting, healthy and mutually respectful relationship with his wife. When Iago tries to convince him that Desdemona is unfaithful, Othello realises that Iago clearly doesn't understand how a healthy relationship works and suggests that Iago examines his attitude towards women.

WHITE RIBBON.ORG.UK

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Safeguarding Adults Week

This year, Safeguarding Adults week takes place from Monday 20th November and leads into White Ribbon Day.

We'll be sharing information on our social media channels about support for adults with disabilities and mental health issues and older people who are being subjected to abuse.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Adults Board are hosting a conference with some amazing speakers which we're really looking forward to.

Ann Craft Trust are hosting some online events during the week – details at [Safeguarding Adults Week 2023 - Links, Resources, and More - Ann Craft Trust](#)

If you work with older adults, remember that the Hourglass Community Response service has a dedicated worker for Cambridgeshire who can offer advice and guidance to professionals – contact KarenHunt@wearehourglass.org

Job vacancy – Project Manager

Changing Futures is an ambitious new partnership programme, working to improve the experiences of people facing multiple disadvantage, by enabling them to guide professionals across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in transforming local systems.

Changing Futures are looking to recruit a Project Manager to manage the delivery of the new programme. The successful candidate will work in partnership to transform services and systems across the criminal justice, drug and alcohol, homelessness, mental health, and domestic abuse sectors. You will work with the Programme team, managing the development, implementation and marketing of the programme. You will have experience managing projects and finances, have strong communication skills with a good understanding of customer focus, and be able to work collaboratively in a fast-paced environment.

This is a role that will allow you to develop and stretch your skills and demands a motivated and talented individual.

This role will be hosted by Cambridgeshire County Council on behalf of the Changing Futures Partnership, funded and supported by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Public Service Board (CPPSB).

This is a full-time role (37 hours per week) that is fixed term for 18 months. This role is open to job sharing and home working is an option.

The team are particularly interested in secondments from across the homelessness, domestic abuse, substance misuse, mental health problems and/or the criminal justice systems and applications are welcomed from people with experience of issues including homelessness, substance misuse, mental health problems and/or contact with the criminal justice system.

[Project Manager | 14 November, 2023 | Jobs and careers with Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Easy Fundraising at The Meadows

The Meadows Children And Family Wing are now registered with easy fundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate when you use easy fundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mcfw/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Free Webinars on gambling-related harms

Please see below for details of upcoming sessions for the free, CPD accredited webinar on gambling related harms.

These sessions offer training about women and gambling related harms. Suitable for those working in the Public /Third Sector in the East of England.

Book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/women-and-gambling-related-harms-free-online-training-tickets-420483687027?aff=oddtcreator>

Coordinated Community Response webinar

The CCR (Coordinated Community Response) Network aims to bring together VAWG and DA professionals across the country to share, learn, and support each other to develop and embed the CCR in their local settings.

The CCR Network are holding a webinar on 5th December about the benefits of becoming a CCR Network Member and hear from experts on how the CCR approach can be materialized and embedded in local areas. This event is for professionals who are DA or VAWG Leads, Coordinators, or any other similar type of role in any organisation, statutory and non-statutory.

To book a place, please visit [Evolving The CCR Network Tickets, Tue 5 Dec 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Children's Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (KIDVA)

Embrace have a fantastic opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of children and young people who are suffering from trauma caused by the crimes of others. They are looking for 2 individuals to join the KIDVA team, delivering trauma-informed support and safety planning to children and young people in Luton and Bedfordshire

Hours – 37.5 hours per week Salary - £26,500 to £28,500

Find out more at www.embracevoc.org.uk/vacancies or call Jenny Raine (Head of Service Delivery) on 0345 6099960 for an informal chat.

Dear Santa
2023

embrace
Child Victims Of Crime
Mending hearts, minds & families

DO YOU WORK WITH CHILDREN
WHO HAVE BEEN HARMED BY
SERIOUS CRIME? IF SO – WE
NEED YOUR HELP!

YOU CAN HELP US BY
VOLUNTEERING & REFERRING
CHILDREN FOR A FREE DEAR
SANTA GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS.

WWW.EMBRACECVOC.ORG.UK/DEAR-SANTA-2023/

Dear Santa Christmas Toy Appeal aims to share the Santa's love this Christmas.

As Christmas approaches, the spirit of giving and sharing becomes more important than ever, especially in the face of ongoing economic challenges being faced by most families.

We know that the cost of living has become an increasing pressure and Christmas may be difficult for many families, but for those families, whose lives have been turned upside down by the crimes they have experienced, this year will be more desolate than most.

Children who have experienced trauma due to crime often struggle emotionally during the holiday season and a gift from Santa can provide a sense of normalcy and joy. Many of the families we support will not be able to afford any presents this year, and their will be little to celebrate.

Embrace's Dear Santa Christmas Toy Appeal aims to make a difference in the lives of children and families who have been through traumatic experiences due to the crimes of others, and who

are facing financial difficulties at Christmas. This heartwarming appeal encourages people from all walks of life to help us Share Santa's Love so that these children can have at least one special gift under the tree.

This Christmas we are asking families, communities and business to share Santa's love and buy a gift for a child that might otherwise receive nothing. Dear Santa is unique as it enables supporters to buy a gift that has been specifically requested by a child, something that they would have asked Santa for. The impact it can have on children, and their families who have one less thing to worry about, one less cost to cover, is huge.

One mum wrote "I cannot tell you how happy my son was when Santa left a new scooter for him on Christmas Day. He has been very active and scooted to school today! My most sincere and grateful thanks to both Embrace and everyone involved in making this possible. It added to the magic of Christmas for us both!"

Each child referred to Dear Santa is asked to choose a gift, up to the value of £25, that they would like to ask Santa for. We add these to Santa's special wish list which is posted on our website and encourage supporters to help share Santa's love by purchasing a gift, which is sent to Embrace to be wrapped and sent in time for Christmas. Jenny Raine, Head of Delivery for Embrace said: *"Dear Santa embodies the true spirit of Christmas in bringing joy to others. Our aim by providing gifts is to help to restore a sense of wonder and happiness to children whose lives have been devastated by crime. Together we can make a difference in the lives of these children, reminding them that they are not alone."*

Embrace CVoC supports children and young people who have suffered trauma due to the crimes of others. They may be grieving the loss of a mum, dad, brother or sister. They might have experienced sexual, physical or emotional abuse or have been living in a home torn apart by domestic abuse. These children have already had to deal with unimaginable horrors in their young lives and police, social services and schools refer them to Embrace to get the therapeutic and practical support they need to begin their journey of recovery. To find out more visit www.embracecvoc.org.uk

How you can help

To make a referral to Dear Santa 2023, please complete the referral form on our website www.embracecvoc.org.uk/refer-a-child/ and choose 'Dear Santa' from the Services list. If you can identify the gift they would like, please include this too. We can accept referrals for children (and their siblings) who have been harmed by crime in the past year and who are experiencing poverty.

If you would like to volunteer with Embrace to help us call families to find out what gifts they would like, please contact Sally Chalfont on 0345 6099960 or sally.chalfont@embracecvoc.org.uk.

Every child referred to Dear Santa 2023 gets to choose a gift they would like to receive from Santa and these gifts are available for you to buy at www.embracecvoc.org.uk/dear-santa-2023 or you can also donate to the appeal at www.justgiving.com/campaign/dearsanta2023.