

Domestic Abuse Newsletter

Bracknell Forest and RBWM

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Local news

18 July

[Bracknell MP Phillip Lee named in Theresa May's new Government](#)

19 July

[Police raid Bracknell homes amid crackdown on drug dealers and ...](#)

13 August

[£137k boost to the community with latest Louis Baylis trust grants](#)

FGM described as 'child abuse'

The head of the United Nations Population Fund has called for an end to the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM). For the first time, Dr Babatunde Osotimehin has described the practice as 'child abuse' and has said it needs to end immediately.

FGM is practiced mainly in parts of Africa, the Middle East and Asia, and 200 million women and girls around the world have undergone the procedure, which involves removing parts of the female genitals. The UN estimates a further three million women and girls are at risk of being mutilated. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-36805117>

Extended opening times for honour network helpline

From 1 August 2016, the helpline run by Karma Nirvana for victims of honour based violence and forced marriage, will extend its opening hours to cover evenings and weekends. The helpline is now open from 9am to 9pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday. **0800 5 999 247**

Upcoming events

#EndDV126 reminder

On 3 September, Anthony Wills will cycle 126 miles to honour the 126 women who were murdered in 2015. Anthony is undertaking this challenge in order to raise money for The Dash Charity, who work to support those affected by domestic abuse.

You can sponsor Anthony and the #EndDV126 campaign via the [Virgin Money Giving](#) event page. For more information, contact Olivia on 01753 549865 or olivia@thedashcharity.org.uk

Dash Charity crowdfunding campaign

The Dash Charity are running a crowdfunding campaign to support the work of their crisis helpline. They need to raise £5,000 to ensure they can continue to provide a manned helpline for victims. The helpline is currently manned by existing staff on a rota basis, diverting them from other vital work.

£5,000 would enable them to employ a dedicated individual to take calls and respond to messages, ensuring they can meet the needs of those asking for help. To support the campaign, visit <https://chuffed.org/project/dash-helpline>

Intimate partner violence survey

The Oxford Institute of Clinical Psychology Training is investigating abusive relationships. Intimate partner violence (IPV) has been defined as 'any behaviour within an intimate relationship that causes physical, psychological or sexual harm to those in the relationship' It can include acts of physical aggression, sexual violence, emotional/psychological abuse and/or controlling behaviours.

It is well documented that many women return to abusive relationships; however there is relatively little research into this. This study hopes to learn more about why some women return to abusive relationships and why some don't. It is hoped that a greater understanding of this issue will help inform services and health care professionals to support women to be able to stay away from abusive relationships. The study is looking for women who:

- have experienced abuse in an intimate relationship,
- have left the abusive relationship at least once
- are aged over 18.

To take part in the survey, visit https://psychiatryoxford.eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_54SnzxK9nwrMMSN&mc_cid=86d3958714&mc_eid=dc2743a7a5&Q_JFE=0

Spotlight on services

Highlighting national and local service providers

SupportLine

SupportLine is a telephone helpline providing confidential emotional support to children, young people and adults on many issues including domestic abuse. The service also keeps details of other agencies, support groups and counsellors throughout the UK.

01708 765200
info@supportline.org.uk

Fearless

Fearless is a new service for survivors of domestic abuse in Scotland. A partnership between Sacro, Shakti Women's Aid, Respect UK, and LGBT Youth Scotland, *Fearless* provides support to those over the age of 16 who are less likely to engage with domestic abuse support services. This includes survivors from the black and ethnic minority community, LGBT and male victims.

0131 642 7266 www.fearless.scot
fearlessinfo@sacro.org.uk

Dates for your diary

Meetings

Bracknell Forest

Domestic Abuse Forum

20 September 10am – 12pm

13 December 10am – 12pm

Boardroom, Easthampstead House

Domestic Abuse Executive

16 August 1pm - 3pm

15 November 1pm - 3pm

Boardroom, Easthampstead House

Contact:

Vicky Kurlus, Community Safety Officer
vicky.kurlus@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

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Domestic Abuse Executive Group

4 October 3.00pm – 4.30pm

Ascot and Bray Rooms, Maidenhead Town Hall

Domestic Abuse Forum

26 October 10am – 12pm

Ascot and Bray Rooms, Maidenhead Town Hall

Contact:

Christopher Nash, Community Protection Principal
christopher.nash@rbwm.gov.uk

Training

Introduction to domestic abuse, Bracknell

Gives participants an understanding of domestic abuse issues through increasing knowledge and understanding, and how to respond supportively.

Dates:

2016: 15 September
8 December

2017: 16 March

Time: 9.30am – 4.30pm

Venue: Bracknell Forest Homes

Charge: Free

Contact: Charmaine Jenking-Rees

charmaine.jenking-rees@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

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MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) and DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Harassment and Honour Based Violence)

Gives participants increased confidence and skills in relation to responding to victims of domestic abuse. Including an understanding of high risk factors for serious harm and homicide, how to use the DASH risk identification checklist and make appropriate referrals into, and engage effectively with the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC).

Bracknell

Dates:

2016: 17 November
2017: 23 February

Time: 10am – 4.30pm

Venue: Bracknell Forest Homes

Charge: Free

Contact: Charmaine Jenking-Rees

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RBWM

Dates:

2016: 30 August
23 November
2017: 7 February

Time: 10am – 4.30pm

Venue: Maidenhead Town Hall

Charge: Free

Contact: Debbie Brady

learninganddevelopment@rbwm.gov.uk

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National and International News

15 July

[Driver of Nice massacre lorry was known to police for domestic violence](#)

16 July

[Family of Coventry woman murdered in honour killing to mark her 46th birthday](#)

18 July

[The dishonourable killing of Qandeel Baloch](#)

27 July

[Domestic violence victims are disappearing from homeless statistics](#)

30 July

[New Light On Ellie Butler Parents' Relationship](#)

31 July

[We need better data on FGM, not propaganda](#)

2 August

[Murder of toddler Madison Horn 'could not be anticipated'](#)

5 August

[Stalker sets schoolgirl on fire in deadly attack in southern India](#)

8 August

[£1.3bn troubled families scheme has had 'no discernible impact'](#)

11 August

[Child marriage shows it takes a village to achieve a goal](#)

11 August

[Man jailed for 'brutal' manslaughter of partner](#)

11 August

[Domestic abuse victim receives £75000 compensation from police over privacy](#)

13 August

[French court refuses to release woman pardoned for killing her abusive husband](#)

15 August

[Lawyers use victim-blaming language in domestic violence cases, says report](#)

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