



Domestic and Sexual Abuse Newsletter

May 2024

Hello and welcome to the Doncaster domestic and sexual abuse newsletter.

This newsletter is designed to keep you up to date with local, regional and national information about domestic and sexual abuse.

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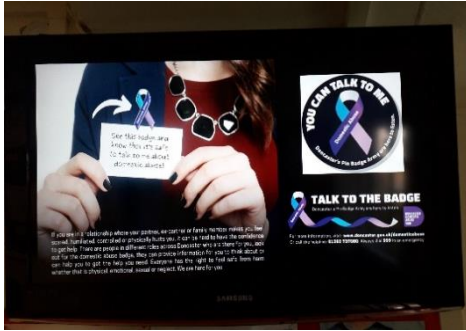
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- Is it useful?
- Do you share it wider?
- What content would you like to see here?

Could you take a few minutes to complete a very quick survey with feedback on this monthly newsletter please? Your time is precious and we all receive lots of emails. The aim of this survey is to get your feedback to ensure that this newsletter is useful and not just clogging up your inbox on a monthly basis. Any suggestions for improvements are very welcome.

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Hawthorn Primary School Charter Success



Leaders at Hawthorn primary school have been focussing on raising awareness of domestic abuse within school and working with community engagement officer, Angie Emerton from City of Doncaster Council's Domestic Abuse Navigator service.

In addition, the school has successfully evidenced that they meet the standards needed to receive Doncaster Domestic Abuse Charter Status. This included training over 20 members of staff in domestic abuse and ensuring that posters are on displays, in the staff room and information is on their school website for parents.

Parent Support Advisor, Jane Mountain, said:

“To enable us to achieve this award, Angie came in to school to deliver domestic abuse awareness training to all staff members as we felt that it was important for everyone to have an awareness of these issues.

Angie also conducted the One of a Kind Programme with a small group of children, which they all thoroughly enjoyed and benefitted from.

This has raised awareness throughout school of domestic abuse, and the impact that this has on families, and we are very proud to receive the Domestic Abuse Charter Award in recognition of this.’

A very big thank you to Parent Support Advisor, Jane Mountain, and Head Teacher Graham Rhodes for spreading the word that domestic abuse is not accepted in your school or your Cantley Community, and for going the extra mile to achieve the Doncaster Domestic Abuse Charter.



YWCA colleagues correctly answer quiz questions

YWCA Yorkshire have been busy quizzing colleagues on domestic abuse to explore the knowledge and understanding staff have in relation to domestic abuse and identify any areas where further learning would be beneficial.

Questions including support available to victims, legal support and protection orders and aspects of coercive control. Staff were asked to complete the quiz individually and after completion information was provided for each answer to ensure that any gaps in knowledge were addressed.

The results from the quiz were collated and the percentage of correct answers for each question was recorded and graded. This enabled the management team to immediately identify areas that required further exploration and learning.

A directory of terminology relating to domestic abuse has also been produced and shared with the team. The directory covers every aspect of the quiz and can be used as a quick reference guide when dealing with matters of domestic abuse.



Also - congratulations to Chloe Chester who has recently completed all her required Domestic abuse training and is now a Domestic Abuse Champion.

Like the rest of the YWCA Yorkshire Green Gables team, Chloe will wear her domestic abuse pin badge with pride.

Businesses supporting employees

Employers Initiative Against Domestic Abuse (EIDA) has collaborated with 'Heart of the City', to produce essential guidance tailored to small and medium sized enterprises on how to help and support those in the workplace experiencing domestic abuse.

There is practical guidance suitable for smaller organisations on how they can best respond to domestic abuse, focusing on the "Recognise, Respond, Refer" framework and the importance of leadership. It also contains links to free and useful resources any employer can use.

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Zone 5-19 trained in domestic abuse

Angie and Katie from City of Doncaster Council's Domestic Abuse Navigator service recently delivered domestic abuse training to the Zone 5-19 service which includes the school nursing team and the young people's sexual health and substance team based at the Flying Scotsman.

The session was interactive, and Angie and Katie's knowledge, experience and excellent communication skills helped to demonstrate the complexities of domestic abuse.



Jayne Mulhern, Community Practice Educator at RDaSH said:

'It was very relevant for all practitioners who will be able to use this knowledge to support children, young people and families in the future. To follow on from this session we are committed to completing the domestic abuse charter and to identifying champions.'

Thank you Angie and Katie in the DAN service and to the Zone 5-19 service for your passion and commitment to preventing domestic abuse and supporting victims. ❤️

Updating the DHR guidance

The Home Office is undertaking a consultation to seek views on an updated version of the domestic homicide review statutory guidance.

It's aimed at:

- people and organisations involved in coordinating, conducting and participating in domestic homicide reviews
- people who have been affected by fatal domestic abuse and may be contributing to a domestic homicide review

The closing date is 1st July 2024.

[DHR consultation](#)

In the News

[Stronger protections for stalking and harassment victims](#)

The government has announced measures making it easier for police to apply for stalking protection orders, meaning more victims will be protected earlier.

[Campaign Win: Government changes law to better protect survivors' counselling notes](#)

The government has accepted an amendment to the Victims and Prisoners Bill that will raise the legal threshold for when rape survivors' counselling notes can be requested by the police.

The government will now amend the Victims and Prisoners Bill, meaning there will be a change in the law that gives greater protection for survivors' counselling notes.

[Three-year-olds being 'manipulated into sexual abuse online'](#)

In 2023, there was a 27% increase in the amount of "self-generated" child sexual abuse images and videos, according to a new report by the Internet Watch Foundation. The charity wants children under six to be educated about the dangers of being online.

For more information about:

- [Sexual abuse - Doncaster Council](#)
- [DRASACS](#)
- [Services for victims and people who are abusive](#)
- [Domestic and sexual abuse training for practitioners](#)
- [The domestic abuse protocol](#)
- [Digital copies of leaflets and posters and how to order hard copies](#)
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