



# Gloucestershire DASV Briefing Sheet

*Please circulate widely to all those engaged in addressing the issues of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence in Gloucestershire. Thank you!*

## 16 days of Action!



25<sup>th</sup> November – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### *'What would you do?*

The theme for this year's 16 Days of Action in Gloucestershire will be around **engaging with employers** and the **wider public** (colleagues, family, friends etc.) on **raising awareness of domestic abuse, sexual violence and wider violence against women and girls' themes.**



The campaign will focus efforts on major employers in the county and will join in the Public Health England South West campaign promoting their new domestic abuse toolkit for employers and supporting us all in **how to identify domestic abuse, how to intervene safely or advise those who disclose where to seek support.**



A full programme of activities is being planned across the county for the 16 Days of Action.



*If you have any suggestions or plans for the 16 Days of Action calendar, please let Sophie Jarrett know and she will ensure they are included in the programme.*  
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The programme of events for the 16 Days of Action will be posted in early November on [www.glostekeastand.com](http://www.glostekeastand.com)

## Autumn 2018



Linked to the '*What would You do?*' theme for Gloucestershire's **16 Days of Action** is the **Bystander Intervention Initiative**.

The Bystander Initiative is a free resource with an educational toolkit to be used by universities and colleges for the prevention of sexual coercion and domestic abuse in university settings. It was created at UWE (University of the West of England) Bristol and funded by Public Health England.

[Click here](#) to find out more and to view the toolkit and resources.

## New DASH/ MARAC Referral Form

The DASH form/ MARAC referral has been slightly amended to reflect the changes to information sharing under the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 (GDPR).

The form now includes tick boxes for agencies to confirm which legislation they are using to refer high risk domestic abuse cases without consent into the MARAC.

The MARAC guidance document has also been updated and includes advice on the legislation to support agencies in doing this. Both the form and guidance are available on the professionals' page at  
[www.glostekeastand.com](http://www.glostekeastand.com)

*The new **SafeLives** Strategy '**The Whole Picture - Ending domestic abuse for good**' is available to read by [clicking here](#).*

**Domestic Abuse and Suicide:** Refuge and the University of Warwick have collaborated on investigating the links between domestic abuse and suicide. [Click here](#) to read their report.

# Information HUB

## Including recent and upcoming events



**GSAB roadshows:** The Safeguarding Adults Board has decided that their roadshows this year will focus on domestic abuse, raising awareness of domestic abuse in general, but highlighting domestic abuse amongst older people and those people with care and support needs. The roadshows are being planned for February and March 2019. Further details will be released later this year and bookings will be via the [GSAB website](#).

This November's **CCG Hot Topics event** is aimed at staff delivering patient care in Gloucestershire across all settings including Care Home staff and Domiciliary care staff and will include a presentation around **DA in older people**, raising awareness that this is an issue. The event is being held on **14<sup>th</sup> November** at Cheltenham Racecourse – contact [cate.white@nhs.net](mailto:cate.white@nhs.net) for more information.

The newly published cross-government **Victims Strategy** sets out a criminal justice system-wide response to improving the support offered to victims of crime and incorporates actions from all criminal justice agencies, including the police, CPS and courts. This strategy builds on the good progress made over the past few years to ensure victims have the right help in the aftermath of a crime and are properly supported in the process of seeing justice delivered. [Click here](#) to view a copy

Cardiff University have carried out a **thematic analysis of reviews into adult deaths in Wales**: Domestic Homicide Reviews, Adult Practice Reviews and Mental Health Homicide Reviews – [click here](#) to read the findings from the analysis.

The latest **SafeLives** Insights National Briefing on **Length of abuse and access to services** is available by [clicking here](#). The paper looks at the length of time people typically experience abuse for, and the barriers to accessing support.

**Nowhere to Turn 2018:** The findings from the second year of the Women's Aid 'No Woman Turned Away Project: Nowhere to Turn 2018' are available by [clicking here](#).

**Positive Relationships Gloucestershire (PRG)** is the new name for the countywide service delivering a range of interventions to address the behaviour of perpetrators of domestic abuse and to promote healthy adult relationships. The new branding reflects a broader specification for the new service, commissioned under the Gloucestershire Framework for Domestic Abuse which is being delivered by Splitz Support Service. Splitz are currently developing promotional material for the service. For further information about the PRG, please contact Emma Hazan, Service Co-ordinator, at [emma.hazan@splitz.org](mailto:emma.hazan@splitz.org).

**"Are they shouting because of me?" – click here** to read this new report from the **Children's Commissioner** of the voices of children living in households with domestic abuse, parental substance misuse and mental health issues. The report provides quantitative analysis on the numbers of children in England living in households where the 'toxic trio' of factors affecting adults may be present.

The **Turning the Spotlight** programme was a county-wide project carried out in Cumbria by the Brathay Trust which provided a range of interventions with children, young people and families to reduce incidents of hate crime and domestic abuse. The project also worked alongside perpetrators during the early stages of emergent offending to help prevent repeat offending. An evaluation of the programme is available by [clicking here](#).

The next meeting of the renamed **DASV** Information Network will be held in April 2018 – date and time to be notified. For information about attending this meeting please contact: [Heather.Ellis@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Heather.Ellis@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Please forward any information to be included in the next edition of the DASV Briefing Sheet to: [Tina.Hemingway@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Tina.Hemingway@gloucestershire.gov.uk) by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**