

Solihull Local Safeguarding Children Partnership Newsletter

Domestic Abuse Edition



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16 Days of Action

Domestic abuse is one person exerting power and control over another. Abuse may be psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional. Domestic abuse can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation. For help and support for domestic abuse in Solihull, visit

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Resident/crimeandemergencies/Domestic-abuse/Help-and-advice-about-domestic-abuse>



16 Days of Action is an international, national and regional campaign to raise awareness of violence against women. Spanning across 16 days from 25th November to 10th December, a theme will be identified each day to explore the various forms of domestic violence. For more information on the 16 Days of Action campaign and to view their toolkit consisting of blogs, podcasts, videos, posters and more; visit <https://16daysofaction.co.uk/>.

The campaign begins on the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women & Girls. To find out more about this, visit <https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism> #OrangeTheWorld #GenerationEquality #WhiteRibbonDay #DrawingTheLine



Act and Take Action: Why public services must ask about domestic abuse

Domestic abuse is everyone's business and should be embedded across agencies, services and the wider public. Due to the Domestic Abuse Bill, introduced in July 2019, this is a once in a generation opportunity to make this a reality.

Victims and survivors of domestic abuse may access a range of public services – from the health system to social services. These services have a vital role to play in recognising the signs of abuse and ensuring survivors get the support they need and these opportunities to help should not be missed. The Act and Take Action report evidences the need for services to ask more questions regarding domestic abuse.

The report can be found <https://weareagenda.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Ask-and-Take-Action-report.pdf>

Employers can help to support the fight against domestic abuse. They have a duty of care to employees and a legal responsibility to provide a safe and effective work environment. Email everyones.business@hestia.org for help to develop a workplace policy.

Working with People Suffering Domestic Abuse

90-minute webinars for frontline staff: dates just released

The first of a series of webinars looking at different aspects of domestic abuse, this free ninety-minute session for front-line staff working with rough sleepers and homeless people will cover:

- What is coercive control?
- Key tactics of coercive control
- Institutional coercive control
- Key questions to ask / recording evidence
- The ubiquity of victim-blaming - a case study.

This webinar will be held from 10-11.30am on the following dates:
Wednesday 4 December

Dates for other domestic abuse related webinars will be released shortly.

Please request your place at www.shelter.org.uk/keygroups clearly stating both the subject and date you wish to attend and entering 'webinar' in the location field.

Support for child victims of domestic abuse: patchy, piecemeal and precarious

Action for Children has published a report looking at the level of support on offer to children who are affected by domestic abuse across England and Wales, and the barriers to accessing this support. To take a look at the report, visit:

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/news-and-blogs/policy-updates/2019/november/support-for-child-victims-of-domestic-abuse-patchy-piecemeal-and-precarious/>

Domestic Abuse: The impact on children

Day 4 of the 16 Days of Action focuses on the impact of domestic abuse on children. Adults aren't the only victims – sadly one in five children is exposed to domestic abuse. Children and young people can visit <http://thehideout.org.uk> for help. Watch Daisy's story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2L19wPZ7t1o>

Witnessing domestic abuse is really distressing and scary for a child, and can cause serious harm. Children living in a home where domestic abuse is happening are at risk of other types of abuse too. Children can experience domestic abuse or violence in lots of different ways. They might:

- see the abuse
- hear the abuse from another room
- see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards
- be hurt by being nearby or trying to stop the abuse

LSCP Training on Domestic Abuse

Solihull LSCP also offers training around domestic abuse. Module 6b is delivered in partnership with Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid and focuses on the signs of domestic abuse, including coercive and controlling behaviour. Further to this, the course explores some of the many barriers faced by victims of domestic violence. Finally, the impacts of these behaviours on the child are considered and safety plans and assessments are discussed.

Module 6e, a new LSCP training module also looks at domestic abuse with the aim to provide participants with:

- An increased understanding around how domestic abuse is used as a tool to control women and children
- Greater understanding as to why we work with perpetrators
- Increased awareness around how to approach/open the conversation with a perpetrator about their behaviour
- Skills and confidence to challenge perpetrators about domestic abuse
- How to respond to disclosures of perpetrating domestic abuse
- Greater understanding of how to work with the perpetrator to take responsibility for their behaviour
- Improved understanding of how to work with perpetrators to increase motivation to change their behaviour
- An understanding of learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews
- An awareness of what women might do to assess their own risk, and the impact this may have on her behaviour
- An understanding of how perpetrators may use engagement with professionals and multi-agency forums to further control women
- Greater understanding of their professional role in maximising safety of women and children
- Skills and confidence in good practice risk management and safety planning in line with the West Midlands Domestic Violence Standards

The next date for module 6b is 11th February 2020 and module 6e on 15th January 2020, both of these dates can be booked via the LSCP training portal:

<https://solihulllscp.co.uk/training.php>.

LSCP Training Courses: 2019/2020

Course	Aimed at	Dates
Module 1: Early Help	Those who identify additional needs and carry out early help assessments	16 th January 2020
Module 2: An Introduction to multi-agency working	Those who identify child protection concerns and make child protection referrals	22 nd January 2020 12 th March 2020
Module 3: Child Protection: The challenges of multi-agency working	Those who also regularly attend child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do, or lead organisations that do	17 th March 2020
Module 4: Child Protection: Analysis, judgement and leadership in partnership working	Those who may provide evidence in criminal and civil proceedings and those who lead or contribute to serious case reviews and those involved in the LSCP including sub-groups	18 th March 2020
Module 5(a) Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness	Those who work with young people and who are responsible to identify and respond to child sexual exploitation	5 th February 2020
Module 5(b) – CSE: Skills for working with vulnerable children & young people	Those who work directly with vulnerable children and young people in relation to child sexual exploitation	11 th March 2020
Module 6 Neglect: Impact on child development	Those who identify and assess child protection concerns and regularly attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do	6 th February 2020
Module 6(b) Neglect: Domestic Abuse	Those who identify and assess child protection concerns and regularly attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do	11 th February 2020
Module 6(c) – Neglect: The Graded Care Profile 2	Those who identify and assess child protection concerns and regularly attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do. Those who make home visits as part of their duties.	4 th March 2020
Module 6 (d) Neglect: Substance Misuse	Those who identify and assess early help or child protection concerns and regularly follow a multi-agency approach and /or attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do	3 rd March 2020

Module 6 (e) Neglect: "Who is he"	Those who identify and assess early help or child protection concerns and regularly follow a multi-agency approach and /or attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do	15 th January 2020
Module 7- Physical Abuse: Impact on child development	Those who identify and assess child protection concerns and regularly attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do	27 th February 2020
Module 8- Emotional Abuse: Impact on child development	Those who identify and assess child protection concerns and regularly attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do	26 th February 2020
Module 9- Sexual Abuse: Impact on child development	Those who identify and assess child protection concerns and regularly attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do	30 th January 2020

Practitioners are also able to access safeguarding training from the Safeguarding Adults Board:

<http://training.ssab.org.uk/Learning-and-Development.aspx>

Learning and Development Forum (Previously the Learning Faculty)

The next Learning and Development Forum will take place on:
21st January 2020, 2-4:30pm

**For more information and booking visit the LSCP website.
<http://www.solihullcsp.co.uk/training.php>**