

This briefing sheet is produced with the support of the DASV Implementation Group (IG). Please circulate amongst all those engaged in addressing the issues of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence in Gloucestershire. *Thank you!*

Winter 2016/ 2017



16 days of action

A review of the events held during the 16 days of action (25th November-10th December) which focussed on Coercive Control



During the 16 days of action, many events were held across the county with huge success in raising awareness of coercive control.

A county-wide **poster campaign** was rolled out and supported by all agencies involved in the DASV IG; this was boosted by a **social media reach** of 345, 067 people in Gloucestershire.

A **conference** on coercive control was held for professionals in collaboration with the PCC and Hollie Gazzard Trust, with 200 professionals attending and excellent feedback on the conference content and learning outcomes.

The **Districts** each planned their own coercive control awareness events with excellent attendance at the Gloucester run **Jane Monckton-Smith lecture**, and the Stroud and Cheltenham talks by **Nick Gazzard**.

The Forest of Dean also went out into the community with an **information bus**, while Cheltenham held an **awareness day**. A successful and well attended **'reclaim the night' march** was also organised by GRASAC.

A big **'thank you'** to everyone who helped raise awareness of coercive control during the 16 days of action.

Safe Lives have produced two 'Spotlight' reports on:

- Older people and Domestic Abuse, and
- Disabled people and domestic abuse

To read the reports, go to:

<http://www.safelives.org.uk/>

Mandatory reporting of female genital mutilation:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mandatory-reporting-of-female-genital-mutilation-procedural-information> Click on the above link for procedural information providing relevant professionals with an understanding of the female genital mutilation (FGM) mandatory reporting duty.

Women's experiences of financial abuse:

Women's Aid, together with the TUC, has produced a report on women's experiences of financial abuse and the potential implications for Universal Credit. The report is available at:

<https://www.womensaid.org.uk/financial-abuse-report>

Serious Case Reviews and Learning from Reviews:

Information and learning from Serious Case Reviews in Gloucestershire, including for 'Abigail', 'Ben', 'Lucy' and 'Philip' may be found on the GSCB website at:

<http://www.gscb.org.uk/article/121640/Serious-Case-Reviews--Learning-From-Reviews>

Also, look out for GSCB 'Lucy' SCR Briefings due to be held in March and April 2017 to raise awareness of abuse within teenage relationships – further details will be sent out via GSCB Alert and on the GSCB website. If you have not already signed up to GSCB alerts, please go to the top of page . <http://www.gscb.org.uk/article/113723/Useful-contacts-and-sign-up-to-the-GSCB-alert-system>

To sign up for Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board (GSAB) Alerts [click here](#)

Including recent and upcoming events

DASV Implementation Group (IG)

Work in Progress:

DATA Project - Analysis is underway of data submitted. Public Health is supporting this task. Work has now commenced on gathering information on spend in relation to DA and requests have been sent out to organisations for their help with providing this data. This information is key to understanding the complete picture for DASV in Gloucestershire.

Concordat & Policy Development - Work on developing an overarching policy statement, draft policies and guidance documents will get fully underway once the Data Project (above) has been finalised. If you are interested in joining in this work, please contact:

Sophie.Jarrett@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

DASV Pathway Mapping -. Information from the mapping exercise, which includes mapping activity in schools and for teenagers is now being brought together to provide a picture of the current pathways for DASV, alongside information on identified needs, gaps, opportunities and best practice examples. This information is now being tested with practitioners and will then be shared more widely and used to inform future commissioning intentions. If you are interested in being involved in this work please contact:

Sandra.Walker@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Training Mapping - An initial overview pathway for training around DASV has been drafted and is being tested with the Training Group before being shared more widely. The Group is also mapping the current range of DASV training available in organisations across the county, **so please forward details of any training you provide or are aware around DASV to Izzy Dougan and this will used to further our understanding of the training pathway.** A Countywide DASV training statement will also be developed and included in the DASV Concordat. Contact isobel.dougan@gloucestershire.gov.uk

'Ask For Angela' campaign: A new campaign has been launched by the police together with GRASAC. The campaign encourages those who feel unsafe on a date to ask for support from bar staff using the 'Ask for Angela' code word. Participating licensees have been briefed on the campaign. The campaign will begin in Gloucester and Cheltenham, and if successful, it will be rolled out across the county. Go to [Glostakeastand](http://www.glostakeastand.com) to download an Ask for Angela poster and guidance for pubs and bar staff on the campaign. <http://www.glostakeastand.com/2017/02/01/ask-for-angela-campaign/>

The link to all policies, statements and documents around the government's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy is <https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/violence-against-women-and-girls>

National Stalking Week: A conference is being organised for 24th April 2017 to mark National Stalking Week. Further details will be published on <http://www.glostakeastand.com/>

Survivors of Sexual Violence: GRASAC is running a monthly survivors' group called the Friendship Group for survivors of sexual violence. For more information, contact info@glosrasac.org.uk.

The next meeting of the DASV IG will be on **Monday 28th April 2017, 9.30am - 12.00 noon**, at GLIC (Gloucester Language Immersion Centre, 4-6 Commercial Rd, Glos). There is a set membership for this group, if you would like to raise any issues please contact your identified representative or Sophie.Jarrett@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

Please forward any information to be included in the next edition of the DASV Briefing Sheet to: Tina.Hemingway@gloucestershire.gov.uk by **Monday 10th April 2017.**