**DOMESTIC ABUSE BOARD AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AND ABUSE BOARD**

**WEEKLY BRIEFING NOTE – w/c 05/12/2022**

**New 24/7 support service for victims of rape launched**

Victims of rape across England and Wales will have access to round-the-clock support as a new 24/7 Support Line is launched on the 7 December 2022. See more information on the press release [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-24-7-support-service-for-victims-of-rape-launched?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=37979e13-46b5-4f49-9bd4-64de3a4e635c&utm_content=daily)

**A patchwork of provision mapping report**

This report details the provision and substantial gaps in DA services across the country. Please find the report here:  [‘A Patchwork of Provision’ - Domestic Abuse Commissioner](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdomesticabusecommissioner.uk%2Fnational-mapping-of-domestic-abuse-services%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cnatasha.cullen%40westmidlands.police.uk%7C68563009e98d4878237508dad21e9ccb%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C638053326156587956%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Mo%2BElwHIj3uEsbmY%2B0wTWgNYJO%2FkIyk%2FI7wREySS1Vo%3D&reserved=0)

**Domestic Abuse Crime survey data for November 2022**

Figures on domestic abuse from the Crime Survey for England and Wales, police recorded crime and a number of different organisations. View [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/domestic-abuse-in-england-and-wales-overview-november-2022?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=5de9ee8d-0eed-4333-8589-e6785d2621e1&utm_content=daily)

**DA world cup research from Lancaster University**

This report discusses whether the FIFA world cup football tournament be associated with an increase in domestic abuse.

In particular, this is focusing on if watching the world cup remotely via television can be associated with a rise in reported domestic abuse incidents.

The study found two statistically significant trends. A match day trend showed the risk of domestic abuse rose by 26% when the English national team won or drew, and a 38% increase when the national team lost. Secondly a tournament trend was apparent, as reported domestic abuse incidents increased in frequency with each new tournament.

If replicated this study presents significant opportunities to identify and reduce incidents of domestic abuse associated with televised soccer games.

Please see the full report [here](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0022427813494843)

**New film highlights barriers women with learning disabilities face when reporting sexual violence**

Research shows that people with learning disabilities are at increased risk of sexual assault, but when they report such crimes to the police, their reports are less likely to result in conviction.

This film aims to help women and girls in similar situations to get the support they need. View the press release and book tickets [here](https://www.learningdisabilitytoday.co.uk/new-film-highlights-barriers-women-with-learning-disabilities-face-when-reporting-sexual-violence)

**Gender-related killings of women and girls (femicide/feminicide)**

Global estimates of gender-related killings of women and girls in the private sphere in 2021. This report, produced by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and UN Women, can be viewed [here](https://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/briefs/Femicide_brief_Nov2022.pdf)

**Information for SAA abroad**

Information for British nationals affected by rape or sexual assault abroad. Guidance is listed and separated by country. View the information [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/rape-and-sexual-assault-abroad?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b5482511-af91-47cd-9143-7e0efc42e6d2&utm_content=daily)

**Sex work and the cost of living**

Research report detailing the impact the cost of living crisis has had on women with experience of sex work, sexual exploitation and survival sex. The report will take a look into the concerns, anxieties and difficulties that the cost of living has caused this demographic and how projects like ours can use this information to assist us with our support going forward.



**Join ICMEC's webinar: Receiving Disclosures of Abuse**

Did you know that 50% of all interviewed child victims of sexual exploitation report that they did not feel that the adults they spoke to handled their case with care?

You have a chance to ensure every child feels heard by joining ICMEC’s next webinar, Receiving Disclosures of Abuse: Do’s and Don’ts.

This webinar will include a presentation covering what disclosures might look like at different ages, how to employ active listening, and what to say or not to say if a child discloses to you. This presentation will be followed by discussion breakout groups and a Q&A where you can ask questions and gather guidance from our experts.

Join us for free on December 13, 2022 from 8:30 am - 10 am EDT.

[Register today](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ficmec.us5.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Da5f82ee5a09c15e43e6074e9b%26id%3D75e7315069%26e%3Dbf6ea2fa4d&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Ce4bf82e5a9f64055ffc808dad878e43b%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C638060310982441556%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uP8xVNqxzA8i1Lt4tQXt0xWvTdGQ2g1vnehADyiBCHE%3D&reserved=0)

Thank you for doing your part to build a safer world for every child.

**Progress on the Sustainable Development goals**

View data and insights from the gender snapshot 2022 [here](https://www.unwomen.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/Progress-on-the-sustainable-development-goals-the-gender-snapshot-2022-en_0.pdf)

**RSVP Training Schedule - January - March 2023**

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself as RSVP’s new specialist trainer. I have been with RSVP since 2019 through the helpline and then became an ISVA in 2021. I now split my time between my ISVA role and my specialist trainer role.

After a short break while RSVP continued to work on the training we offer, we are now pleased to be able to offer our online ‘Bite Size’ sessions throughout January and March 2023.

Please see attached the full training schedule and details of how to book, all sessions are £30 per participant.

**“The Rape and Sexual Violence Project (RSVP) specialist training team would like to invite you to attend our ‘Bite Size Training Sessions’ which will be held throughout 2023 on a variety of subjects related to supporting survivors of sexual violence and abuse. All training sessions are 2-hour interactive on-line sessions via Zoom.”**

**If you would like to book a place onto any of these sessions follow this link and our upcoming sessions are on the bottom of the page:**

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/rsvp-29690469567](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.co.uk%2Fo%2Frsvp-29690469567&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7C5566fab750334d49228308dad922e524%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C638061041159961551%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5qAmYhngXTyr60E%2BiRJCpDNoQkoCo0vcP8VA2JzYU0Y%3D&reserved=0)

**Alternatively, if you would like to buy tickets via BACS payment, please contact the training team directly at** [**trainer@rsvporg.co.uk**](mailto:trainer@rsvporg.co.uk)

**Each session is 30 per participant**

Any of these sessions can also be delivered to groups/teams of up to 20, either online or face to face, please contact **Olivia Bethell** via[trainer@rsvporg.co.uk](mailto:trainer@rsvporg.co.uk) for further details and prices.

Full training schedule attached below:



**Super-complaint on the police response to stalking**

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust, on behalf of the National Stalking Consortium, launches a super-complaint against the police finding systemic issues in the response to stalking across England and Wales.

Please see more information [here](https://www.suzylamplugh.org/super-complaint-submitted-on-police-response-to-stalking) and the full super-complaint [here](https://www.suzylamplugh.org/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=cf3fdc8b-f958-4cc0-9fc7-9ce6de3e9137)

**SBH training flyer - Birmingham**

See the flyer here. Double click to view in a separate document



**VAWG national research update - November 2022**

An update of the Office for National Statistics’ (ONS) current and future work related to Violence against Women and Girls. See [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/violence-against-women-and-girls-research-update-november-2022?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=178b4c12-8830-4b0b-954b-592e1dd99f8a&utm_content=daily)

**Victim Support's iMatter and WeMatter Programmes**

iMatter is a 10 week online group programme, available across England and Wales (please see leaflet attached), and as part of the 16 Days of Activism, we are holding a webinar to hear how the iMatter programme is supporting survivors on their journey. The event will include 2 first-hand experiences of the programme. Should you wish to join, please register your interest using the link below:

[Victim Support iMatter Programme - 16 days of activism - online event Tickets, Fri 9 Dec 2022 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.co.uk%2Fe%2Fvictim-support-imatter-programme-16-days-of-activism-online-event-tickets-479883413207&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7C70c3a78120934362aa2e08dad7623626%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C638059114074673443%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HfG0r3VXrC3ymD9tNfBV%2BakXJpVwkNaiopmdVf37JZc%3D&reserved=0)

The WeMatter programme is for CYP and currently being piloted in 3 regions until March 2024. There’s scope to expand locations in the final year of the pilot as the briefing attached describes. Should you wish to chat about this, please let me know.



**HMICFRS inspects vetting standards**

Following a review of vetting standards and misogyny and misconduct within the police service, HMICFRS published a [report](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk%2Fhmicfrs%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2Finspection-of-vetting-misconduct-and-misogyny-in-the-police.pdf&data=05%7C01%7Cnatasha.cullen%40westmidlands.police.uk%7C367eb2fc76214a14c65608dad92e0820%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C638061088969857670%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=XTstZDLOMTUmGFyBMMvXYTpmcvDbwQsAUS%2BjVtkCtDg%3D&reserved=0) featuring 43 recommendations to improve the system. Read the [APCC’s statement](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.apccs.police.uk%2Flatest-news%2Fhmicfrs-release-report-on-vetting-misconduct-and-misogyny%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cnatasha.cullen%40westmidlands.police.uk%7C367eb2fc76214a14c65608dad92e0820%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C638061088969857670%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=B8nudC6yV3OOqSZ%2B1T%2FMws58CGPiHBtzATobqgFM4dA%3D&reserved=0) in response.

**Police, Crime, Sentencing & Courts Act**

Commencement Schedule Updates have been made to the commencement schedule of the Police, Crime, Sentencing & Courts Act, including relating to pre-charge bail and disclosure of digital information provisions. Full schedule available via [GOV.uk](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fpolice-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-2021-overarching-documents%2Fpolice-crime-sentencing-and-courts-act-2022-commencement-schedule&data=05%7C01%7Cnatasha.cullen%40westmidlands.police.uk%7C367eb2fc76214a14c65608dad92e0820%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C638061088969857670%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4ugs%2FnpvnLqggect549p8%2FwOf8YU0y3iLyxY%2FpiM4iQ%3D&reserved=0).

**Helping to end violence against women and girls is a priority for PCC’s**

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) has been bought into sharp focus by recent tragic and high profiles cases, however these are neither isolated incidents nor is VAWG a new challenge. PCCs recognise that a whole system approach is needed which draws together partners from across the board to affect change.

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/ten-years-of-pccs-making-a-difference/helping-to-end-violence-against-women-and-girls-is-a-priority-for-pccs/>

**The Amber Project – Enhancing the Response to Child Abuse Linked to Faith and Belief**

Please see below information below about a free training session ‘The Amber Project’ – Enhancing the Response to Child Abuse Linked to Faith and Belief. This will be taking place on Thursday 1st December – 1pm-3pm over MS Teams. For more information and to book a place see [here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/enhancing-the-response-to-child-abuse-linked-to-faith-belief-tickets-441531290977)

**Police forces to trial a system for investigating VAWG and DA cases**

Forensic experts at Staffordshire University and the Forensic Capability Network (FCN) are looking for forces to trial a new system that will dramatically improve the way cases of violence against women and girls (VAWG) and domestic violence are investigated. The system will provide crucial evidence which could lead to more prosecutions. See more [here](https://www.fcn.police.uk/news/2022-11/forces-wanted-trial-new-system-improve-vawg-and-domestic-violence-investigations)

**Thousands of survivors to be protected from prison abusers**

Survivors will be better protected from domestic abusers who attempt to continue their campaign of terror from behind bars. See more [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-survivors-to-be-protected-from-prison-abusers?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=21053400-cba8-415d-b46f-66ade376f71d&utm_content=weekly)

**Empowering young people to end violence against women and girls**

The Haven Wolverhampton’s MENgage and EmpowHER projects are empowering young people to end violence against women and girls across Wolverhampton.

The press release, along with photos, can be accessed using this link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Vp1MEvRsAOxFBHlds1Dgt8Hk6zTUVq4x?usp=sharing>