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

**WEEKLY BRIEFING NOTE – w/c 15/08/22 and w/c 22/08/22**

**Press releases and media**

1. Link to press release for Victim’s Commissioner Nicky Brennan’s work with football clubs to promote consent training - <https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/teams-in-english-football-league-urged-to-give-players-sexual-consent-training/>
2. OPCC Press release – Statements on the new guidelines for violence police officers – Police officers who are violent towards women or girls can expect to be sacked. It comes after the misconduct guidelines have been changed by the College of Policing. Below is a statement from the Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner and Victims’ Commissioner.

<https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/statements-on-the-new-guidelines-for-violent-police-officers/>

# **Victim’s Commissioner News Alert**

**The Ministry of Justice has today**[**announced**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvictimscommissioner.us7.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Df50d6c746e65c760f7620a28e%26id%3D7b1d414cb0%26e%3Db3ee323872&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Ce44a54376c0141c0e2b808da86abd885%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637970369875581770%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=w6v%2Fee7BUaSM%2BivPvbcVdpX8wCVuv3PBXk2VLS7HoPg%3D&reserved=0)**it is relaunching the recruitment process for the role of Victims’ Commissioner for England and Wales.**

The competition launches 25 August and will run until 19 September.

As the present incumbent, Dame Vera Baird has agreed to continue in post until 30 September, with an option to extend until the end of the year. Dame Vera has also been invited to reapply.

According to [the public appointments portal](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvictimscommissioner.us7.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Df50d6c746e65c760f7620a28e%26id%3Daeba82bb17%26e%3Db3ee323872&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Ce44a54376c0141c0e2b808da86abd885%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637970369875581770%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gEax2z%2FMNFkErv6lrBdaA1TsCv0FIrFrDQHyGSqO46Y%3D&reserved=0), an announcement on the successful candidate is not expected until January 2023.  
The Victims' Commissioner has issued a public statement.

1. BBC Panorama – Contains adult themes – the secret online world of trading sexually explicit images of women.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001bf69/panorama-the-secret-world-of-trading-nudes>

1. Unsung heroes from across the West Midlands are being given their moment in the spotlight.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner has launched his Outstanding Citizens Awards 2022, celebrating those who make our communities safer and happier places to live and work. We want to show appreciation to people who have made an outstanding contribution to their community, and recognise outstanding acts of good citizenship across the whole of the West Midlands.

The deadlines for nominations is **12th September 2022** and the ceremony will take place on Saturday 8th October 2022 where winners can collect their awards

There are four awards categories up for grabs including:

* Outstanding Citizen
* Outstanding Young Citizen (under 18s)
* Outstanding Community Project
* Outstanding Young Community Project

So if you know a tireless community campaigner or a member of the public who went above and beyond, nominate them now.

Further details and nominations forms are also available from: [Search begins for the region’s unsung heroes - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner (westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk)](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk%2Fsearch-begins-for-the-regions-unsung-heroes%2F&data=05%7C01%7Clucy.hulston%40westmidlands.police.uk%7C3ba5c72ab24743350a1e08da842fcb0f%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637967638064715592%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BbVjWcWmxID%2FI9ckKw0XSWIH6vD003DH6q1sVIkE3GI%3D&reserved=0)

We would be grateful if you could circulate this email amongst your networks – thanks



**Research/Publications**

1. [**No safe space:** Lessons for national policy and local practice in a new CWJ report onthe West Midlands multi-agency response to women involved in offending who are victims of domestic abuse](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.centreforwomensjustice.org.uk%2Fnews%2F2022%2F7%2F29%2Fno-safe-space-lessons-for-national-policy-and-local-practice-in-a-new-cwj-report-on-the-west-midlands-multi-agency-response-to-women-involved-in-offending-who-are-victims-of-domestic-abuse&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Cb54bff4dcd5d47fa6ed308da7ec8246b%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C1%7C637961695313303651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nUzNFqO2kL9ylvqPmxq6dHbT%2FjYTRTjriMf%2FWgqF7CE%3D&reserved=0)

***“Modern slavery is more likely to be considered … than the impact of domestic violence.”***

Prosecutor

***“When women are engaged with a support organisation, they are more willing and likely to disclose.”***

Probation practitioner

***“They are not giving us a safe space.”***

Woman with lived experience of domestic abuse and the criminal justice system

At least 57% of women in prison and under community supervision are victims of domestic abuse.  The true figure is likely to be much higher because of barriers to women disclosing abuse.  [Research](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.centreforwomensjustice.org.uk%2Fdouble-standard&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Cb54bff4dcd5d47fa6ed308da7ec8246b%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C1%7C637961695313303651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OYw2kiZAyjThJHwWoSrDa53j1RE%2FQXPjR56EcpjS9yU%3D&reserved=0) suggests that for many of these women, their offending or alleged offending resulted directly from their experience of abuse.  In this new report, CWJ offers insights from women with lived experience and frontline practitioners in an examination of the approach taken by local agencies in the West Midlands in relation to victims of domestic abuse who are accused of offending, and draws out lessons for national policy and local practice throughout England and Wales.

Katy Swaine Williams, the report author and CWJ’s criminalisation project lead, said:

*“The insights in this report from those with firsthand experience of the criminal justice process make clear that wide ranging reforms are needed to end the unjust criminalisation of victims of domestic abuse.  The women taking part in the study felt punished rather than protected, and had been given no safe space to disclose their experience of abuse, receive support, and allow their experience of abuse to be taken into account in criminal proceedings against them.*

*“Days after the House of Commons Justice Committee* [*reported*](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommittees.parliament.uk%2Fpublications%2F23269%2Fdocuments%2F169738%2Fdefault%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Cb54bff4dcd5d47fa6ed308da7ec8246b%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C1%7C637961695313303651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=obveGOU8cPmQ%2Bh92VJgecqnEGCP2I9qp4lrDE8dpOiM%3D&reserved=0) *on the government’s ‘slow progress’ in implementing its Female Offender Strategy, this new study reminds us where the solutions lie.  A rigorous whole system approach is needed at national and local level, with relatively modest additional investment in women’s specialist services, to help prevent more victims being needlessly drawn into the criminal justice system, relieve pressure on the police, courts and prison and probation services, and give women access to the support they and their children need to thrive.”*

[Read the report](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstatic1.squarespace.com%2Fstatic%2F5aa98420f2e6b1ba0c874e42%2Ft%2F62e399f9c6627c1930bc734a%2F1659083258953%2FCWJ%2BNo%2BSafe%2BSpace%2Breport%2BFINAL%255B30%255D.pdf&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Cb54bff4dcd5d47fa6ed308da7ec8246b%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C1%7C637961695313303651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OjddDC%2BtJ4YAy9NwrITdJ%2FtmJcsTGq5vnQxqMY7PEFc%3D&reserved=0)

The report makes seven overarching recommendations, calling on the Ministry of Justice and local agencies to:

1. **Take a strategic approach** by ensuring the whole system approach to women’s offending includes a strategic focus on protecting victims of domestic abuse from unjust criminalisation.

1. **Provide a safe space** for victims to disclose domestic abuse and receive support - including (a) national and local investment in third sector women’s specialist services; (b) co-located, women-only probation teams as standard everywhere; and (c) improved pathways for women into gender-informed healthcare services.

1. **Foster improved diversion and stronger decision-making on arrest and prosecution** by investing in continual awareness raising and improved guidance and training for frontline police officers and prosecutors, maximising the use of out of court disposals where appropriate, and removing the blanket exclusion of women accused of domestic abuse offences from diversion at the point of arrest.

1. **Work to achieve fairer court proceedings** by ensuring court staff, judges and magistrates have the information they need about domestic abuse and how it can contribute to women’s offending, and use of safeguards.

1. **Maintain a focus on improving probation services** to ensure a trauma-informed response to victims of domestic abuse who are convicted of offences, including (a) continual review of trauma-informed practice; (b) improvements to risk and needs assessments; and (c) addressing any gaps in domestic abuse support following the reunification of probation services.

1. **Draw on lived experience** by investing in consultation with women and girls with lived experience to inform continuous practice improvements, including Black, Asian, minoritised and migrant women and girls.

1. **Undertake further study** to inform practice development, including gathering and analysis of quantitative data to shed light on the experiences of victims of domestic abuse and other forms of violence against women and girls who are accused of offending – including Black, Asian, minoritised and migrant women and girls; considering the specific experiences of girls in this context; and investigating what support is available to the children of victims of domestic abuse who are accused of offending.
2. NPCC - Outcomes for police misconduct proceedings – updated guidance Published on 17 August 2022.

Update includes tougher sanctions for officers who damage confidence in the police and new section on violence against women and girls. We've updated our guidance on outcomes in police misconduct proceedings - <https://news.npcc.police.uk/releases/college-of-policing-update-guidance-on-outcomes-for-misconduct-proceedings>

**Legislation**

1. New legislation comes in on 27th Feb 2023 next year that raises the marriage age from 16 years to 18 years.

[Implementation of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Act 2022 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fnews%2Fimplementation-of-the-marriage-and-civil-partnership-minimum-age-act-2022&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Cb1418283b4b04864780408da7e9292b7%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637961465231469196%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ARbwEaO1g4WUvzLV%2FWZlXt6G8rB1NMzsW%2BZv4rzpEjg%3D&reserved=0)

I am also told that two new offences have been created to outlaw hymenoplasty and virginity testing that have already come in to effect on 1st July 2022.

[Virginity testing and hymenoplasty multi-agency guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fvirginity-testing-and-hymenoplasty-multi-agency-guidance&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Cb1418283b4b04864780408da7e9292b7%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637961465231469196%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VhuZOp2eAhMQcI7ioMERGQ5Fp%2FMPHPo8hrN%2FXcwG3pM%3D&reserved=0)

Karma Nirvana have done some training on this and the link to book on is below.  They have also produced the below video on Youtube that explains the changes.

Karma Nirvana Hymenoplasty and virginity testing webinair

[https://karmanirvana.org.uk/news-item/training-virginity-testing-hymenoplasty/](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fkarmanirvana.org.uk%2Fnews-item%2Ftraining-virginity-testing-hymenoplasty%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Cb1418283b4b04864780408da7e9292b7%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637961465231469196%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HvDbXtYM6TVR1QEnPZAdAQwQgYgPuRCXarm%2BH%2B2uPqE%3D&reserved=0)

Karma Nirvana hymenoplasty and virginity testing video link

[Tackling Virginity Testing Myths, May 2022 - YouTube](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DfcDsi0C7fFc%26list%3DPLIJkE15RrVLdsktKMIf41Ao7lWfuPtH6p%26index%3D3&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Cb1418283b4b04864780408da7e9292b7%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637961465231469196%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VqLrv9t6GyXocDD43v6EFsqQxZQSEz8PrMepqQqPnbM%3D&reserved=0)

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or DC Gill Squires, who was part of the working group for the legislation changes.

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**Resources**

1. [**Armed forces domestic abuse: a handbook for civilian support services**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Farmed-forces-domestic-abuse-a-handbook-for-civilian-support-services%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dgovuk-notifications-topic%26utm_source%3De3fba331-f1bd-4e7c-9f9c-9ffde442fd71%26utm_content%3Dweekly&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7C261157ffdefa4c934bee08da828083c2%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637965785754434817%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BFvU%2Bs2mzkhr6nb5DYCglwpFCMhsnAHL7UhGuA2LN6U%3D&reserved=0)

Page summary:  
This handbook is designed to help and inform civilian support services who are working with armed forces families affected by domestic abuse.

Change made:  
Updated text under heading ‘Victims’ Concerns – I will have to leave my house’ in ‘Armed forces domestic abuse: a handbook for civilian support services’ attachment.

Time updated:  
9:37am, 18 August 2022

**Events/Conferences**

1. MIMoS Study: Sexual Assault Referral Centres, Mental Health and Substance Use – 5TH September

This event aims to gather a range of stakeholders in order to discuss the implications of the findings of the MIMOS study. The [MIMOS study](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmimosstudy.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Cc48a0cf817b8441a07ca08da85ec0576%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637969545997500339%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=lHds9LHakILYeAN%2FOLUjy8OGGuicCql%2BskdfVlLWvsw%3D&reserved=0) was a 3 year NIHR funded research project led by Prof Liz Hughes at University of Leeds with colleagues from UCL, Kings, University of Huddersfield, University of Sheffield and The Survivors Trust.

The aim of the study was to evaluate what works for whom in what circumstances for people who attend Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) in England with regard to mental health and substance use. The study was completed in Autumn 2021.

This workshop is aimed at people who:

* Work in SARCs including crisis workers, SARC managers, forensic examiners, SARC nurses
* Work in NHS psychological therapies including IAPT, clinical psychology or third sector rape/ SV counselling services
* Work in substance use provision
* Represent the interests of survivors of sexual assault

The event will comprise of short presentations from the study team, but will mainly consist of group discussions related to the main findings of the study. These are indicative timings for the day.

10.30-11.00am Arrival and coffee/refreshments

11.00am Introduction to day: Liz Hughes

11.10am First presentation

11.20am First small group discussion

11.50am Whole room reflection & feedback

12.15-12.45pm Buffet lunch and second presentation

12.45pm Second small group discussion

1.15pm Whole room reflection on feedback

1.40pm Coffee and third presentation

2.00pm Third group discussion

2.30pm Whole room reflection on feedback

2.50pm Close

This event is free to participants but funded by the NIHR grant. Places are limited so please do let us know as far in advance as possible if you can't make it in person as we will operate a waiting list.

In addition to the in-person event we have also invited The Mental Elf to take the event "Beyond the Room" by live tweeting. We will use the hashtag [#MIMOSstudy](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2Fsearch%3Fq%3D%2523MIMOSstudy%26src%3Dtyped_query%26f%3Dlive&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Cc48a0cf817b8441a07ca08da85ec0576%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637969545997500339%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=kNUvndMoRTR%2F22BOvJcos4H0OBAH8azNXXAxeSpo2H8%3D&reserved=0).

We abide by the [Survivors Voices Pain into Power Charter](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsurvivorsvoices.org%2Fcharter%2F%23%3A~%3Atext%3DTurning%2520Pain%2520into%2520Power%253A%2520A%2CLondon%2520and%2520the%2520Wellcome%2520Foundation.&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Cc48a0cf817b8441a07ca08da85ec0576%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637969545997500339%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=84vQegbBSpuN5BPbNiMNPvkMgHMA6e0k3KsZ66jWW3o%3D&reserved=0) and actively encourage survivors to join this event. No one will be required to identify as a survivor unless they wish to. We will have a quiet space for people to use if needed. It is an informal programme with opportunity to take breaks as needed. Resources related to support for survivors can be found in the ["Where to get help"](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmimosstudy.org.uk%2Fhelp%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Cc48a0cf817b8441a07ca08da85ec0576%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637969545997500339%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Wz1O26R%2F5ZDoHLcHgDFiz7KMUV%2FZJiTlfGO4P3ypwlM%3D&reserved=0)section on our website.

[Find out more about the MIMOS Study and why this research is important](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmimosstudy.org.uk%2Fwhy%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Cc48a0cf817b8441a07ca08da85ec0576%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637969545997500339%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xxw156xMEw15imt3W5lvXpXB%2F1qeXuvdlzul7vdZ0fQ%3D&reserved=0).

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1. **The Rainbow Project**

**Join us and hear about this pilot group work programme specifically designed for Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans survivors of Domestic Abuse**

**SEPTEMBER 8TH 2022    10AM-2PM**

**About this event**

Written by Birmingham LGBT ,designed for Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans women this pilot group work project represents the first specifically designed programme for these survivors. The agenda for the morning includes a chance to hear about the programme from the people who designed and delivered it, the team that evaluated it and will give you an opportunity to network and meet the IDVA team from Birmingham LGBT and hear more about the IDVA service.

Speakers for the event include the authors of the programme :Steph Keeble (CEO Birmingham LGBT) and Sajida Bandali (Senior LGBT IDVA, Birmingham LGBT), Dr Jasna Magic (AVA) a member of the team that evaluated the programme and a representative from Comic Relief, the project funders.

Presentations will be followed by a panel Q&A.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Please book via this link:  [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-rainbow-project-launch-tickets-404096432307](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.co.uk%2Fe%2Fthe-rainbow-project-launch-tickets-404096432307&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.alder%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Ccb66ff66912c4b3922a108da86b3ef2d%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C1%7C637970404619339257%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JEIJPjTRaAekqAKfFAF%2BSJt1vauAI7S%2F17OOtkrnxeQ%3D&reserved=0)

We look forward to meeting you there

1. WAITS Announces The Silver Ribbon Trail – 8th September 2022

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| **The Silver Ribbon Trail will be launched at Chapter Edgbaston by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Councillor Maureen Cornish JP at 4:00pm on the 8 September 2022.**  Join us for a mile walk with 100 strong and elated women coming together in solidarity, their every step led by vibrant musicians, tying beautiful silken ribbons along the way in honour of all WAITS survivors.  Not only this, on every decorated tree there will be motivational posters celebrating the great women who have overcome adversity or have achieved for the City of Birmingham. |
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1. **ANNUAL MIDLANDS SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE – 2ND DECEMBER 2022**

As preparations continue for our Annual Midlands Safeguarding Conference, we are pleased to be able to share with you the theme of the event **“Safeguarding Children in the Family Context”.**Our conference will explore the context of how family/ parent issues impact on the safeguarding of children, a think family lens.

Registration is now open [Midlands Annual Safeguarding Conference - Safeguarding Children in the Family Context | NHS England Events](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.events.england.nhs.uk%2Fevents%2Fmidlands-annual-safeguarding-conference-safeguarding-children-in-the-family-context&data=05%7C01%7Cjade.hibbert%40westmidlands.police.uk%7Cb3c82703f663420c80f608da84ec359f%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C637968447293311975%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NFJ9fHxilKOqY5AqVtoXs%2FQLzS6uhqC2AtsRZPoZUNI%3D&reserved=0)

Please do share the link with colleagues who you may think will be interested in attending this FREE event