

Bexley Domestic Abuse Champions Network newsletter

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Welcome to our second Bexley Domestic Abuse Champions Network newsletter.

There are now nearly 100 champions in Bexley and by the Spring 2019 we are hoping to triple that number. Members of the Bexley Domestic Abuse Champions Network are seen as the lead for domestic abuse issues within their agency / organisation. They are trained to develop knowledge of asking, responding and supporting people affected by domestic abuse and to use their knowledge to help their colleagues respond effectively and appropriately.

To find out more about becoming part of the Bexley Domestic Abuse Champions Network visit:

www.bexleydomesticabuseservices.org.uk/professionals/ or contact

deborah.simpson@bexley.gov.uk, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy Manager to find out more.

NEW

Bexley Domestic Abuse Partnership have launched its new domestic abuse website, www.bexleydomesticabuseservices.org.uk for victims and where professionals can find a wealth of guidance and material to help support victims. The launch coincided with the start of a new partnership publicity campaign to raise awareness of the services available for victims of domestic abuse. You can download the publicity material from the website including a new MARAC information leaflet for victims.

DOMESTIC ABUSE

SUPPORT SERVICES IN BEXLEY

Advice and support services in Bexley

Don't suffer in silence;
if you're in an abusive
relationship seek help



www.bexleydomesticabuseservices.org.uk

Partnership (BCSP) organised events and initiatives across the borough to highlight the serious issue of domestic abuse against women and girls. Using the theme 'Orange the world' to represent a brighter future, a fantastic response was forthcoming from across the Partnership.

Highlights included a public engagement event in the Broadway Bexleyheath on 30th November promoting our new domestic abuse services website and the support that is available in Bexley for victims of abuse.



Deborah Simpson with Claire Boothby, Community Partnerships Team

RAISING AWARENESS

Orange the world in 16 days #HearMeToo

To mark the worldwide campaign, 'orange the world in 16 days', Bexley Community Safety

To promote a healthier lifestyle, Public Health contributed oranges and at the event, 144 were given away and over 200 people visited the stand. During the campaign there was also a huge push to reach out to large employers and charities to pledge to introduce a work place domestic abuse policy.

On White Ribbon Day, the annual campaign to raise awareness of family violence, white ribbons were made available in the Council Atrium to help raise pennies to buy mobile phones for high risk victims of domestic abuse. £50 was donated—thank you to everyone who contributed and wore their ribbon with pride.

PROFESSIONALS TRAINING

DASH training

When: 27th February 2018

Where: Civic Offices, Bexleyheath

Space available for 20 people. Email: leslee.williams@bexley.gov.uk to register your interest.

Elearning (control + click to visit web pages)

Understanding domestic abuse and violence Against

Visit: <http://elearning.avaproject.org.uk/>

Understanding female genital mutilation

Visit: <https://www.fgmelearning.co.uk/>

Domestic and sexual violence, problematic substance use and mental ill-health

Visit: <http://elearning.avaproject.org.uk/>

Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)

On 5th December 2018 Bexley held its first DHR lessons learnt seminar following the publication of the DHR report. James Rowlands Independent Chair and Deborah Simpson held the session to highlight the purpose of a DHR and discuss the 20 recommendations made in the report.



The report was intended to:

- Establish what lessons are to be learned about the ways in which local professionals and organisations work individually and together to safeguard victims
- Identify what is expected to change as a result
- Apply these lessons to service responses (including changes policies and procedures)
- Improve service responses to ensure that domestic abuse is identified and responded to effectively
- Improve understanding and highlight good practice.

Practitioners are urged to read the DHR [overview report](#)