



VAWDASV Gwent Newsletter

White Ribbon walk success in Newport



On Sunday 25 November, we were joined by people from across Gwent to mark the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.



The walk started at Llamau's Stow Hill Offices with a talk from Newport AMs, John Griffiths and Jayne Bryant. Attendees then walked a mile to the Riverfront Theatre, where there were presentations from Detective Inspector Chris Haire of Gwent Police and members of The Brothers, a Charter Housing and Bron Afon partnership group.

Sincere thanks to everybody who turned up and made this such a great event. Particular thanks go to Michele Parker of Llamau for her organisational skills, the Riverfront Theatre for hosting and making us feel so welcome, and to Lubas Medical for their first aid support on the day—luckily nobody needed to make use of their services during the day. Special thanks go to students of the Foundation Course at the Arts Academy in Cardiff for making this amazing split tree which people hung their pledges from. If you have any ideas for next year's event please let us know.

Focus on 'Honour'-based violence

'Honour'-based violence (HBV) can be distinguished from other forms of violence, as it is often committed with some degree of approval and/or collusion from family and/or community members.

Before accessing support, victims at risk of HBV experienced abuse for two years longer (five years compared to three years) than those not identified as at risk of HBV.

Nearly a quarter (23%) of victims at risk of HBV were not eligible for most benefits, tax credits or housing assistance. In total, 68% of victims at risk of HBV were at high risk of serious crime or homicide, compared to 55% of those not identified as at risk of HBV.

Victims at risk of HBV were more than 7 times more likely to be experiencing abuse from multiple perpetrators (54% vs 7%) compared to those not identified as at risk of HBV.

Safeguarding events



The team were thrilled to be part of the Local Safeguarding Practitioner Events across Gwent in November 2018.

November's events were based on the National Safeguarding Week topic of 'exploitation' and included presentations on Modern Day Slavery, Adverse Childhood Experiences, County Lines and the impact of exploitation on front-line services.

Events were held in Newport, Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen, Monmouthshire and Caerphilly and the turnout was exceptional. It was amazing to see so many people give up their time over the two weeks.

Massive thanks go to Alex (not her real name) for allowing us to share her story in the form of a case study. This gave professionals from across Gwent the opportunity to think about their approach to the people they work with and showed how each one of us has the ability to make a real difference to people's lives.

New Year Training

Does the 'New Year, New You' involve more learning?

Please visit the safeguarding children website to take a look at the training offered.

This includes National Training Framework Ask and Act and specialist training.

Go to training.sewsc.org.uk

Inspiring for Change

Our sexual violence conference was held at the start of February and was a great success.

We had some inspirational key speakers and great workshops on the day, held at the Riverfront Theatre in Newport.

Big thank you to everyone who took part.

Dewis Choice Petition

The Dewis Choice Project petition 'Transforming the response to older people experiencing domestic abuse—a call for action' is now live on the Senedd's website.

Dewis Choice is a Big Lottery UK-funded community-led project, based within the Centre for Age, Gender and Social Justice at Aberystwyth University.

It would be grateful if you could take [sign the petition](#) so that the Senedd Petitions Committee will consider the petition and ask for a response from the relevant minister.

Draft National Indicators

Welsh Government has launched a consultation into Draft National VAWDASV Indicators and is seeking views from across Wales.

A [copy of the consultation document](#) can be found on its website. The document details draft proposals for a list of VAWDASV indicators and information on how to feed in your views. This is the first step in identifying a full, inclusive and robust set of National Indicators.