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News

NHS and Police Press Release: Supporting a friend, neighbour or family member:

A press release has been issued by the NHS and the police this week encouraging people to phone the police or the charity Crimestoppers if they are worried about domestic violence and abuse happening to a friend, neighbour or family member. Crimestoppers are running an ad on their website (www.crimestoppers-uk.org) for a year in conjunction with Heart FM. Callers can call the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. A leaflet about helping a friend or family member is available free on the BDAF website <http://www.bdaf.org.uk/professionals/resources>.

Wish: New domestic abuse service aimed at 11 to 24 year olds:

Wish are running a pilot project to work with young people between the ages of 11 and 24 who are using and experiencing violence and aggression in their close relationships through one to one and group work support. Referrals can be made from anywhere in Bristol, but the groups will initially take place in South Bristol. Wish anticipate running groups in central Bristol next autumn. Referrals can be made from January 3rd 2012. To speak to a member of the Wish team, or to make a referral please call 0117 9038632.

Home Office to hold consultations on forced marriage and definition of domestic violence:

Forced marriage: The Home Office is seeking views on whether forcing someone to marry should be a criminal offence or whether current arrangements provide adequate protection. <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/forced-marriage>

Definition of domestic violence: Consultation has been launched to ask for views on whether the current cross-government definition of domestic violence should be widened. It also seeks views on whether the current definition is being applied consistently across government, and if it is understood by practitioners, victims and perpetrators. <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/definition-domestic-violence>

Both consultations have a **closing date of 30th March 2012**.

Serenity House: New Delta Recovery club starts soon:

The Delta Recovery Club Programme will provide support and education to people wanting to come off methadone and other substitute and prescription drugs, who are signed up for detoxification. This will enable them to make an informed decision to move towards abstinence, in order to improve their health and quality of life and spread the message of recovery to others still suffering from addiction.

For more information, please contact Serenity House on 0117 927 7839 or email recovery@serenityhouse.org.uk

Events/Meetings

FREE Conference: Victims of Trafficking and the Law:

Monday 23 January 2012 at: Bristol Law School, University of the West of England, Frenchay Campus, Coldharbour Lane, BRISTOL, BS16 1QY

This conference, for third sector and public sector organisations, is aimed at building individual and organisational capacity to identify victims of trafficking and respond effectively. Specialist legal practitioners working in the field of human trafficking from London and the South-West of England and Wales will lead practical and interactive sessions on identifying victims of trafficking and their rights under a range of protective measures.

Places MUST be booked in advance. Download the booking form:

<http://www.airecentre.org/pages/sexually-exploited-and-trafficked-young-people.html>

Ending Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Together Community Conference:

Wednesday 29th February 2012 10.00am-3pm Muller Hall, 39 Seymour Road, Easton, Bristol. The conference will consist of a number of presentations by key professionals and a series of consultation sessions on the issue of FGM.

Lunch & Refreshments provided; onsite crèche is available

Book your place with Mrs Layla Ismail by email: laylalayla12@gmail.com or mobile: 07983428077

Job Vacancies

Bristol Rape Crisis (BRC) Trustee Vacancy:

BRC are looking to expand their board of trustees. Trustees play a vital role in supporting and steering the work of Bristol Rape Crisis. Trustee meetings take place from 6.00 - 8.00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. All expenses, including childcare and travel costs, can be reimbursed. If you are interested, please visit www.bristolrapecrisis.org.uk. For further information on the role of a Bristol Rape Crisis trustee, please email info@bristolrapecrisis.org.uk or contact Vice-Chair, Pamela Trevithick on 07703 120 970.

Training

Bristol Drugs Project: Working With Drug Using Parents Workshops

A Workshop for Professionals led by Bristol Drugs Project. Forthcoming dates 2012: Fri 24th Feb, Thurs 17th May, Thurs 20th Sept, and Thurs 6th Dec (you only need to attend one session) Sessions run from 9.45am to 1.00pm; Tea and coffee from 9.30am At 11 Brunswick Square, Bristol BS2 8PE. To book a place, please email info@bdp.org.uk

FREE: BDAF Level 2 Training: Understanding Domestic Violence and Abuse:

The next BDAF Training session is on the 24th January 2012. To book a place, please visit: <http://www.bdaf.org.uk/professionals/training>