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For items to be included in the next newsletter, please send a short paragraph plus web links (no attachment) by Wednesday 19th October.

News

- **New guidance for victims with No Recourse to Public Funds from the UK Border Agency**
The UKBA has updated domestic violence guidance - this is designed for UKBA practitioners/contractors, but has important information on eligibility and how an applicant's criminal record might be seen. Follow the link and then click on the DOMESTIC VIOLENCE document:
http://search.homeoffice.gov.uk/search?as_sitesearch=www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/asylumsupportbulletins/accesstosupport/pb70&q=domestic+violence&entqr=0&ud=1&sort=date%3AD%3AL%3Ad1&output=xml_no_dtd&oe=UTF-8&ie=UTF-8&client=ukba_frontend&proxystylesheet=ukba_frontend&site=ukba_collection&ip=195.188.208.251&access=p
- **Future of specialist DVA support services (community-based) in Bristol** Support to women and men victims is currently provided by Wish and this will continue until the end of October 2011. From November 2011, these services will be provided in the south and the north of Bristol, to women and men survivors/victims, by Next Link.

Until then, please continue to refer:

- **Women and men** victims/survivors for community-based support in South Bristol to Wish - 0117 903 8632, <http://www.wishforabrighterfuture.org.uk>
- **Women and men** victims/survivors for Bristol-wide support to Victim Support - 0845 30 30 900, <http://www.victimsupport.com/Help%20for%20victims/Different%20types%20of%20crime/Domestic%20violence>
- **Women-only** Bristol-wide support to Next Link - 0117 925 0680, <http://www.nextlinkhousing.co.uk>

We will send you the contact details of the new community-based support services in north and south Bristol as soon as we have them. Any further queries please contact lesley.welch@bristol.gov.uk

Events/Meetings

- **Bristol SlutWalk March to be held on Saturday 1st October** Slutwalk Bristol aims to raise awareness about Sexual Violence and Rape by sharing the facts and in doing so eradicate some commonly held misconceptions about Rape and Sexual Violence - shift

the blame where it should lie, with the attacker, not the victim. The march will start at 3pm outside of Bristol University Students Union building on Queens Road. For more information, please visit their website: <http://slutwalkbristol.co.uk/>

Miscellaneous

- **Free Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum Training:** BDAF provides multi-agency training around domestic violence and abuse. We are currently offering free Level 2 training in Understanding Domestic Violence and Abuse. The next training session is being delivered on Thursday 13th October. To attend, please book via our online booking system: <http://bdaf.org.uk/professionals/training>