



# EIP News

Dear all,

You may have noticed that there is a lot of information in the media at the moment around domestic abuse. This is because the government are involved in a media campaign to highlight domestic abuse as part of their national plan. It is a positive move to have a national response to Domestic Abuse and most practitioners in the field would encourage a national campaign in the hope that we would create the same abhorrence for domestic abuse that there now is for drink driving after those very effective national campaigns.



Additionally this month the advisory council on the misuse of drugs (ACMD) has looked into the factors surrounding drug facilitated sexual assault (DFSA). "The 2001 British Crime Survey showed that of those who had ever been subjected to a serious sexual assault, 5% stated that they had undergone rape whilst drugged in some way and 15% admitted to penetrative sexual activity whilst incapable of giving consent due to alcohol." It is important to note here that alcohol is a clear factor in sexual assault that may be because the perpetrator is able to take advantage of a survivors vulnerability or that he is so intoxicated that he feels more able to perpetrate sexual violence. It is clear from the report that DFSA does happen, however, it is not as prevalent as the media would like women to think...there is recognition that the low reporting rates for DFSA are "due to feelings of guilt or self blame because of prior voluntary ingestion of alcohol and/or drugs; confusion and uncertainty,". When sexual violence does occur it is always the responsibility of the perpetrator and is an issue of power and control.

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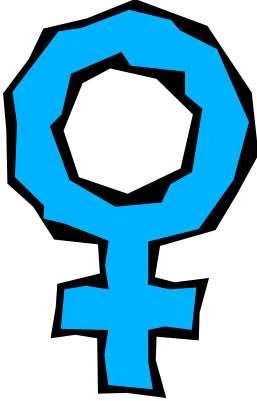
## Statistics

### February

<u>NHS</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>SARC</u>
Female: 11	Female: 17	Female: 6	Female: 29
Male: 1	Male: 0	Male: 0	Male: 5
Total: 12	Total: 17	Total: 6	Total: 34

**Total Referrals: 69**

## White Ribbon



The next White Ribbon group is on 16th May at 2pm in the Navigators centre.

The last meeting was very productive and we were able to put together the start of a communications strategy so that we can begin to campaign and raise awareness about domestic abuse across the year.

We would like to hold a night march at some point before the end of the summer and we are also working towards this years white ribbon day.

If you are interested in joining us please feel free to attend! We welcome any support to this group and if you are not part of an agency we will refund your travel.

## Training

Domestic Violence awareness training is being held within the city, this training provides an opportunity to look at all the aspects of domestic abuse including a follow on day to look specifically at the issues of children and the affect that Domestic abuse has on them. The training is being held on 8th May and 23rd May.

The Children and Families day is being held on 18th June. You must complete the DA Awareness training in order to book on the Children and Families day.

This is **FREE** to all PCC staff via Learning and Development. Other professionals can also access this training at a very reasonable rate; if you wish to do so please contact:

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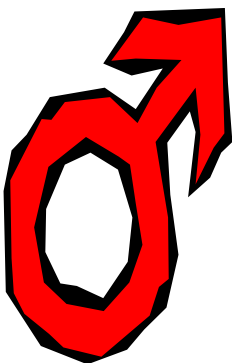
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