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EIP News

Dear all,

We were very excited with the launch of the Specialist Domestic Abuse Court in Portsmouth this week. EIP will take the role of the Independent domestic violence advocates in court alongside specialist trained magistrates, CPS, legal advisors and support from the witness service and witness care unit. The launch of the court should mean more survivors feel supported to go through with the case and more offenders will offer guilty pleas!

By next month the 2006 EIP evaluation will be available. The draft report shows some very positive information including an increase in referrals for both female and male clients, and continued reduction in repeat victimisation!

The evaluation also reflects that there is still some work to be done. EIP have been training midwives to "ask the question" since November 2005, this has been done with the support and tireless efforts of Debbie Hill, named midwife of DV. The report in 2005 showed that 7% of clients were referred via the maternity dept and this figure has not changed! Clearly there are some midwives who are repeatedly asking and referring to EIP. However, all midwives are responsible to ask the question of their clients, this is a murder prevention tool! The training is compulsory, if you have not accessed it so far please contact Sue Jupe in the Child Protection office.

If you require EIP to come out and give a talk about what we do and how you can refer please call us directly on 02392 210 352.

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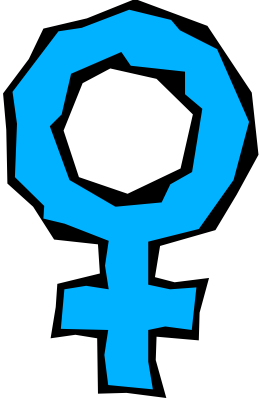
Statistics

February

<u>NHS</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>SARC</u>
Female: 16	Female: 15	Female: 15	Female: 14
Male: 0	Male: 0	Male: 0	Male: 2
Total: 16	Total: 15	Total: 15	Total: 16

Total Referrals: 62

SARC



From 22nd November 2006 – 19th March 2007, the SARC has received 105 clients, 88 female and 16 male clients, including police and people referring via other agencies or phoning the Centre themselves.

All agencies involved in and with the SARC wish to deliver quality services consistently. There has already been encouraging positive feedback for the service, received from clients and the agencies involved with the SARC, and as a SARC team we aim to provide the kind of support required at the appropriate time.

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:

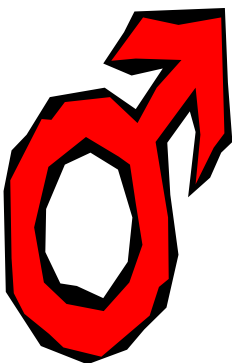
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