

Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Partner Update

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A monthly update on how we are responding to domestic abuse across the county and delivering our strategic priorities

Progress

- Facilitators of our new multi-agency training, from 8 different local agencies, have completed their train-the-trainer programme! The roll out of our new training model begins this month with Domestic Abuse: Basic Awareness. This is the first module and is a universal course suitable for all practitioners and volunteers that come into contact with the public in Oxfordshire. Places are available to book via OSAB for both the [morning](#) and [afternoon](#) sessions on Wednesday 27th February.
- HM Government have published the [draft Domestic Abuse Bill](#). The Bill introduces our first ever statutory government definition of domestic abuse!
- The Home Office have also published a [report into the economic and social cost of domestic abuse](#). The report revealed the crime cost to England and Wales to be £66 billion in 2016-2017, with the largest cost element the physical and emotional harm suffered by victims themselves, with the next highest cost for lost output relating to time taken off work as a result of the abuse. Recognising this, organisations might like to have a look through the [Public Health England Domestic Abuse Toolkit for Employers](#).

Request for help!

One of our Oxfordshire residents is co-delivering the Springboard programme for women who have left an abusive relationship. They're looking for a free venue in central Banbury with space for 20 people for 1 full day per month for 4 months, plus 1 full day 2 months after the programme is completed. The venue needs to be easy to access via bus and would ideally be somewhere women might usually visit. If you think you might be able to offer a venue please get in touch with Jo.Lovell@yahoo.com – thanks so much for your help & support!

Raising Awareness of Coercive Control

Thames Valley's Victim's First service have launched a coercive control awareness raising campaign! For further information and free downloadable posters and graphics please visit the [campaign page](#).

Local News

Oxfordshire services have been instrumental in the development of another BBC documentary exploring Domestic Abuse. [Behind Closed Doors: Through the Eyes of the Child](#) explored children's experiences of growing up with domestic abuse, and features our local specialist services. It follows the 2016 BAFTA award nominated documentary [Behind Closed Doors](#). Both programs are a powerful watch, with Oxfordshire voices at the centre.

Next Steps

- We'll be scheduling in more of our training modules, including Domestic Abuse: Children & Families, Domestic Abuse: Risk and Safety Planning and Domestic Abuse Champion. Further information on modules and course content is available on the [Oxfordshire County Council Domestic Abuse page](#). Places will be able to be booked via [Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board](#).
- The Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategic Board will be developing our Data Dashboard, to help us see how well our Strategic Objectives are being delivered, and our 2019-20 Delivery Plan outlining our work over the upcoming year.
- We're holding consultation workshops on our new 5 year Strategy at the end of March!

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