

## Update on Current Projects

The group has now met 3 times and is making good progress in planning how we can address the needs of children and young people in the borough who are affected by domestic violence.

### Training

We are putting together a proposal to offer basic domestic violence training to all frontline staff in the borough and hope to have the programme finalised by September this year. Meanwhile check out the training section of this newsletter for details of other courses and events and do contact us with your training needs.

### Education

Providing children and young people with the knowledge and skills to build relationships based on respect, shared power and a commitment to non-violence is key to preventing them becoming involved in abusive relationships in the future. We hope to have a plan in place by October this year to roll out a co-ordinated domestic violence education programme to all schools in the borough.

### Support for families

Various programmes have been piloted across the country that provide a safe space for children to explore their feelings and come to terms with their experiences, as well as supporting the non-abusing parent and helping them to communicate with their children and rebuild relationships. We are researching which of these models might be appropriate to use in Kingston. See the resources section for a number of tools and useful websites.

### Safeguarding Processes

The group is working hard to ensure there are clear information sharing arrangements in place and that safeguarding responses are understood, implemented and effective. We will be producing local protocol and practice guidelines on how to respond to and support children affected by domestic violence later this year.

### Important Contacts

**24 Hour Domestic Violence Helpline  
Safeguarding Services**

**0808 2000 247  
020 8547 6587**

(if you are worried a child is being hurt or abused)

**Domestic Violence One Stop Shop** drop-in service offering confidential support and advice) Mondays 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Baptist Church, Union Street, KT1 1RP



**IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999**

## Useful Resources

### **The Hideout ([www.thehideout.org.uk](http://www.thehideout.org.uk))**

This is a website that provides help and support for children and young people who have been affected by domestic violence. You can download a free poster to put up in your reception at [www.womensaid.org.uk](http://www.womensaid.org.uk)



### **NSPCC booklets**

The NSPCC have produced 2 small booklets which look at ways in which women and children have overcome domestic violence, using the words and experiences of victims. You can order these at [www.nspcc.org.uk/inform](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/inform)



Aimed at 7-12  
year olds



Designed for  
mothers

## Talking to my Mum

'Talking to my Mum' is an activity pack for 5-8 year olds whose families have experienced domestic abuse. It is a useful tool for families with children who have lived through domestic abuse or for professionals working with them. It is published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

## Training and Events

- **Parenting and Domestic Violence:** A two day course for staff involved in delivering training and support to parents who have experienced DV is being hosted by Camden women's Aid on 5th and 12th June.  
Call 0207 267 9496 for further details
- **Positive Parenting Workshop:** 15th June 07, 9.30 - 1pm, Kings Centre, Chessington. A chance to be consulted and involved in the development of the 'Being positive and responsible about parenting' strategy.  
For further details or to confirm attendance call 020 8547 6216
- **LSCB Training:** Free child protection training (which includes a domestic violence course) is available to all staff working in both voluntary and statutory agencies in Kingston.  
Call 020 8547 6092 for further details or visit [www.kingstonlscb.org.uk](http://www.kingstonlscb.org.uk)

?????? LSCB stands for Local Safeguarding Children Board ???????

### **Your views are important .....**

As workers or users of services in Kingston, your feedback is really valuable. If you have any comments or ideas about services for children and families affected by domestic violence please contact:

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