



Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Update

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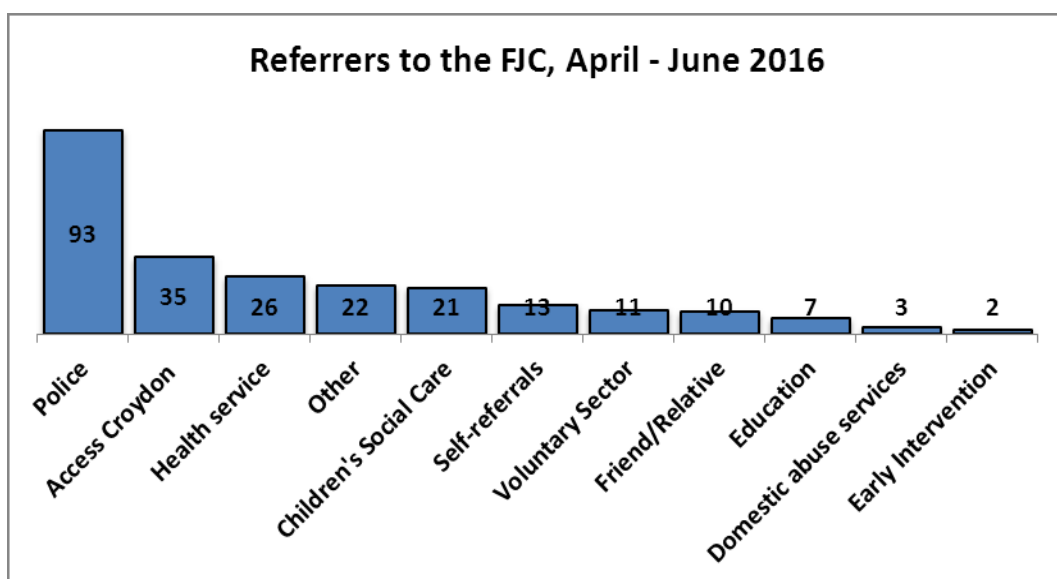
In the last quarter, 690 appointments were completed at the Family Justice Centre. 243 of these were first time visitors and we highlight here where referrals originate.

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) affects all communities.

Often, those affected will seek help from within their social networks such as family, friends or other community members. These are often the first point of disclosure and their responses greatly influence help seeking. For those with a protected characteristic, this can serve as either a hindrance or an aid in dealing with their experiences.

As a council, we would like to partner with the wider community to ensure there is a greater degree of success for victims/ survivors and their families regardless of where within the borough they seek support.

Referrers to the FJC, April - June 2016



We are developing a network of community champions with access to training, up to date information on local and national developments as well as pathways for support.

Training for community champions will start in September. Leaders, staff, volunteers and members within the local community from a broad range of backgrounds are invited to participate as they are an invaluable resource for developing a unified approach to responding to the needs of those affected by DASV in the borough.

To enlist as a community champion, please contact fjc@croydon.gov.uk

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Croydon FGM project

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) comprises all procedures involving partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons. Further information on FGM can be found [here](#).

There are estimated to be 3,480 females living in Croydon who have been affected by FGM at some point in their lives. This is equivalent to 1 in 104 people. 180 of these women are estimated to be aged under 16, 2250 16-49 years old and 1050 aged over 50.

It is estimated that over 180 births per year in Croydon are to women affected by FGM.

In July 2015, Croydon CCG took the lead in investing in an exciting twelve month FGM Project, put in place to:

- Scope and map the prevalence of FGM in Croydon
- Improve outcomes for women and children affected by FGM
- Reduce and prevent FGM prevalence in Croydon
- Improve multi agency response to FGM in Croydon
- Engage with professionals and communities on FGM to effect positive change in Croydon

Croydon Council and NHS England have now committed to continue to fund the Croydon Project for a further year.

Look out for : -

- Key training, learning and networking events
- Accessible resources, publicity materials, guidance on FGM
- Monthly support group for women affected by FGM in Croydon
- The opportunity to have your voice heard in improving and planning services for people affected by FGM
- The opportunity to train as an FGM Professional or Community Champion

Plus much more

To find out more, please email Beth Kelly, FGM Project Consultant;
beth.kelly@croydonpct.nhs.uk

London Councils has launched application rounds for:

Priority 1: Combatting Homelessness

Priority 2: Tackling Sexual and Domestic Violence

All the information needed and the online application process is available at this [link](#).

The deadline is Thursday 15 September 2016 (12 noon).





Break the silence campaign

Rape Crisis South London is proud to announce the launch of their Break The Silence Campaign.

A series of four short films following the journey of a survivor accessing support and going through the criminal justice system has been created.

The films feature BAFTA winner Georgina Campbell and show a survivor calling the National Rape Crisis Helpline, meeting with an Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) at Rape Crisis South London, choosing to report to the police,

and going to court to give evidence. Too often people come through to the service who were overwhelmed and confused by the criminal justice system, and the choices and support available.

The films are available here: <http://rapecrisis.org.uk/breakthesilence-film-campaign>

It is hoped that these films will be a really helpful resource to:

- explain the process particularly for younger survivors
- Challenge myths around sexual violence
- help improve society's response to sexual violence

Please share them amongst your networks to extend the reach to as many young people as possible .

Specialist refuge accommodation

The Ascent London Specialist Refuge Network, a partnership of Ashiana Network, nia project and Solace Women's Aid is providing additional refuge and accommodation based services for sexually exploited women and women with no recourse to public funds.

Funded by London Councils, this service will be operating until March 2017 and further information is available at this [link](#).

Ashiana will extend its refuge provision for women with no recourse to public funds and provide an advice and advocacy

service specifically for women with insecure immigration status.

Nia project is operating Daria House, a new refuge for women who have been sexually exploited, with a particular focus on supporting women who have been exploited through their involvement in prostitution.

Solace will deliver the Amari Project, which will provide floating support via a Floating Support Worker to sexually exploited women in 2nd stage accommodation and will support these service users into independent living.

Ashiana Network

0208 539 0427

info@ashiana.org.uk

Nia

0207 683 1270

[info](mailto:info@niaendingviolence.org.uk)

@niaendingviolence.org.uk

Solace Women's Aid (The Amari Project)

T: 0808 802 5565

[advice](mailto:advice@solacewomensaid.org)

@solacewomensaid.org





Dates for your diary

Family Justice Centre—a centrally located service for victims of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence.

Opening times:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday; 9a.m. until 5p.m.
Wednesday ; 8a.m. until 5p.m.

Call or email for an appointment:

Phone: 020 8688 0100

E-mail: fjc@croydon.gov.uk

Would you like to
contribute to this
newsletter?

email fjc@croydon.gov.uk

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harm Risk Indicator Checklist (DASH RIC)

7th September, 20th September, 13th October

One day training to help them identify those who are at risk of harm from domestic abuse

Preparing men for change

14th and 15th September

4th and 5th October

26th October and 10th November

1st December and 7th December

Two day training outlining basic principles and tools useful for initial engagement of fathers.

Email fjc@croydon.gov.uk to express interest

Invitation to tender : whole school prevention programme

The Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) is commissioning a whole school prevention programme to be piloted in up to four Croydon schools – one secondary school and its three main primary feeder schools.

The work will be commissioned by MOPAC in two phases.

Phase one will involve a successful Provider working in partnership with colleagues from the London Borough of Croydon in the design of a whole schools programme. This work will involve significant stakeholder engagement (including with and not limited to the four schools, local Croydon partners, parents, young people, Governors and the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS); desk based research and ongoing regular engagement with MOPAC.

This first phase of the work has a maximum value of £60,000 and will run from November 2016 – May 2017. A competitive, conditional grant award process will be used by MOPAC to commission this work.

This **Invitation for Tender** (ITT) allows MOPAC to obtain detailed information from potential providers and to establish which tender is the most advantageous based upon the award criteria set out in the ITT.

Bids should be emailed to VAWG@mopac.london.gov.uk.

Closing date for submissions of bids is 14 October 2016.
