

Early help newsletter

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This edition includes news and updates from partners, with a particular focus on Domestic Abuse. Next month, look out for information on early help services in Worcestershire and advice around requesting support.

Early help in your area

The early help website has an 'Early Help in Worcestershire' document which gives information on lots of early help services in Worcestershire that you could request support from or signpost families to. The website also has the Early Help Assessment tool and guidance. Visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/earlyhelp

Drive programme

The Drive programme is a new innovative approach to tackling domestic abuse and encourages people to stop asking "why doesn't she leave?" and start asking "why doesn't he stop?" Drive aims to reduce the number of adult and child victims/survivors by changing and preventing perpetrator behaviour with intensive case management and multi-agency coordinated action. Referrals to Drive either come from MARAC via partner agencies or directly from the police. Partner agencies can refer into Drive via the Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Panel (DAPP) by emailing WorcestershireDAPP@westmercia.pnn.police.uk. For more information visit www.cranstoun.org.uk/service/drive-worcestershire

Information sharing around domestic abuse

Schools in Worcestershire have been giving the opportunity to take part in a national project which is being run locally in partnership with Worcestershire County Council and West Mercia Police. Operation Encompass is a process whereby the police and County Council will inform a member of school staff if a child or young person has experienced any domestic incident. This information sharing will allow school staff to provide emotional and practical support to their pupils experiencing domestic abuse. More information is available at www.operationencompass.org

Do you know an outstanding young person whose effort and determination deserves recognition?

The Tryangle Awards are Worcestershire's premier awards for young people. They recognise and celebrate the effort of real 'tryers' – the young people who achieve against the odds; the unsung heroes who show real commitment and resolve; and those who get on with things without making a fuss. To nominate, complete the registration form available at www.youngsolutions.org.uk/tryangle-awards. Nominations close at 5pm on Sunday 24th February.

Draft SEN Graduated Response document

The County Council and its partners have produced a new Graduated Response document. Where a pupil is identified as having special educational needs, schools/settings should provide support and put effective special educational provision in place. This is called SEN support and should take the form of a four-part cycle known as the Graduated Response. This can be used alongside the early help assessment and support. You can view the document and provide feedback via an online survey available at worcestershire.gov.uk/graduatedresponse

Wyre Forest Night Stop

Wyre Forest Nightstop has expanded the age range of its mediation services to children as young as 11 following the award of a grant from Children in Need. Mediation, which is offered free to young people and families across the Wyre Forest and South Worcestershire, is one of the key tools in preventing homelessness by resolving conflict before it escalates. The charity is also looking at ways to offer longer-term supported accommodation in addition to its existing service providing safe, emergency accommodation in host families. Details of these and other services offered by Wyre Forest Nightstop can be found at:

www.wyreforestnightstop.org.uk

Bromsgrove Youth and Community Hub

Since opening in July, the Hub has seen an increase in young people attending groups including gaming, arts and LGBTQ+ support. The Hub has recently been successful in a couple of project funding bids and will soon be launching a specialist CSE project for young people and a music project. If you'd like further details about the Hub or any of the new projects please email general.enquiries.thehub@ymcaworcestershire.org.uk

Young people can drop in 3-6pm Monday to Friday at Bromsgrove Baptist Church, New Road, Bromsgrove. They can also email the above address or find the Hub on Instagram: [the_hub_bromsgrove](#)

Free Domestic Abuse Training

Worcestershire County Council has just commissioned “free” multi-agency domestic abuse training in conjunction with Sarah Wigley Associates. This training seeks to raise awareness and equip professionals with a better understanding of the dynamics of abuse, including coercive control and to better identify, signpost and support victims. There are three modules of training available:

Module 1: Understanding domestic abuse and how to respond	Module 2: Working with those who are or may be experiencing domestic abuse	Module 3: Understanding and working with perpetrators
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All courses run from 9.30am to 4.30pm		

Full details of the modules and the learning outcomes can be found at: <https://bit.ly/2S5fBS5>. Apply for a place by emailing: bookings@sarahwigleyassociates.co.uk. There are only 20 places per course so book now to avoid disappointment.

Do you have something to share?

If you have something to share about your early help support (good practice, news or case studies) please let us know and we can add it to the next newsletter. Email your information to earlyhelp@worcestershire.gov.uk