Domestic Violence and Young People: Tackling Teenage Relationship Abuse

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

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10:15am – 4:30pm

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Overview

In recent years there has been a growing awareness of teenage relationship abuse, with teenage girls now considered to be the group at greatest risk from violent relationships. Studies indicate that at least 1 in 4 teenage girls have experienced abuse by their partners and 3 in 4 have experienced emotional abuse, whilst 6.2% of young men aged 16-19 have experienced some kind of domestic abuse in the last year.

Building on the ‘Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Action Plan’ (November 2010), the Government has done much to better understand and address this hidden issue. The ‘Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation Action Plan’ (November 2011) and ongoing inquiry into child sexual exploitation in gangs and groups have shed light on the particular vulnerability of young people to physical and sexual violence within their first relationships, irrespective of gender, background, ethnicity or locality. Analysis of the Government’s ‘This is Abuse’ campaign also indicated a normalisation and acceptability of abuse amongst young people and an alarming lack of understanding about sexual consent.

Seeking to underpin its commitment to address teenage relationship abuse, the Government changed the definition of domestic violence to include 16 and 17 year olds and coercive behaviour in March 2013. It is hoped this change will help to raise awareness of teen abuse amongst practitioners and police, and prevent young people from falling through the gap between child protection and domestic abuse services.

Alongside the change to the definition of DV, practitioners will be supported by further training on risk assessments for young people and identifying the right response for the individual to ensure early and effective intervention. IDVAs and ISVAs will be trained in how to work with young people who have been affected by sexual abuse, exploitation, domestic violence and abuse from street gangs. It is also hoped that local areas will be empowered to use their discretion to provide domestic violence services, including MARACs, to younger victims when necessary.

The Government is clear that young people must also be equipped with an understanding of healthy relationships, consent, non-violence and gender equality, and to be able to easily access information, guidance and support when needed.

This special symposium offers an invaluable opportunity for practitioners across the child welfare, education, youth work and domestic violence services and key stakeholders to consider how to identify and tackle physical, sexual and emotional abuse within teenage relationships.

In order to support the inclusion of 16-17 year olds we will: work with partners to develop an understanding of the different situations in which domestic violence may occur and how it may be experienced by young people. This will enable for signposting frontline professionals, who work with young people affected by domestic violence, to appropriate resources and supporting them to use their judgement to identify the right response for the individual victim, which may encompass a holistic approach involving child protection, safeguarding and domestic violence services.”

- Cross-Government Definition of Domestic Violence: A Consultation Summary of Responses, September 2012

Why Attend?

✓ Assess the next steps to tackle teenage relationship abuse and how the latest developments can strengthen front-line responses to domestic and sexual violence

✓ Discuss how to prevent relationship abuse by equipping young people with an understanding of healthy relationships, consent and non-violence

✓ Consider how to strengthen local victim support services to ensure the needs of teenagers are met and their recovery facilitated

✓ Examine how to work in partnership to deal effectively with young perpetrators

Who Should Attend?

• Directors of Children’s Services
• Children’s Services and Families Services Officers
• Education Providers
• Head Teachers and School Governors
• Teachers, PSHE and SRE Teachers
• Local Education Authorities
• Health Promotion Advisers
• School Nurses
• Social Workers and Social Services Officers
• Local Safeguarding Children Boards
• Children’s Health Service Professionals
• Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinators
• Young Offenders Institutes
• Sexual Health Strategy Co-ordinators
• Sexual Health Treatment/Advisory Services
• Sexual Health Support and Outreach Services
• Child and Education Psychologists
• Family Planning Specialists
• Looked After/Children in Care Teams
• Drug and Alcohol Action Teams
• Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
• GUM Clinics
• Children and Youth Organisations
• Youth Engagement Teams
• Youth Workers
• Domestic Violence Co-ordinators
• Families Services Officers
• MARACs
• IDVAs and ISVAs
• Child and Adolescent Mental Health Practitioners
• Counselling Services
• Child Psychologists
• Social Exclusion and Neighbourhood Renewal Teams
• Youth Workers and Youth Offending Teams
• Community Safety Teams
• Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships
• Community Safety Partnerships
• Police Service
• Crown Prosecution Service
• Student Welfare Advisers
• DfE, DfH, DCMS and other Central Government Departments and Agencies
• Third Sector Practitioners
• Academics and Researchers

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