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April 2007 to March 2008

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Welcome ...

to the third edition of
Glossop Women's Aid's Newsletter

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter. If you have any comments or questions about it, please email us on gwa@f2s.com, we welcome any comments, including details of how you can get involved and provide your ideas on how we can improve our services, have your say and make things happen.

GWA celebrates 30 years of serving the High Peak

1979 to 2009



Glossop Old Band are holding a charity evening in aid of Glossop Women's Aid at the Old Band Room, Derby Street, Glossop on Sunday 7th June 2009. Ticket price is **£5.00 per head** and includes a Hot pot supper, there will be a licensed bar, raffle & prizes.

Doors open 7 o'clock

Tickets are available from GWA main office,

Tel 01457 856675

Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference

What is a Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)?

A MARAC is where local agencies meet to discuss the highest risk victims of Domestic Abuse in their area. Information about the risks faced by those victims, the actions needed to ensure safety, and the resources available locally is shared and used to create a risk management plan involving all agencies. The aim of the MARAC is to increase the safety, health and wellbeing of the victim – adults and any children.

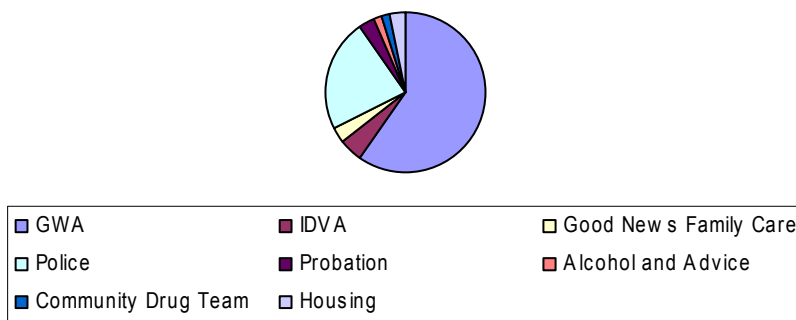
MARAC’s are now being set up in most areas across England and Wales and are promoted by the Home Office as good practice. High Peak’s first MARAC was held in September 2008. The initial evaluation of MARACs in other areas shows that over 40% of victims suffered no further abuse at the one year follow up stage. The early outcomes for more recently established MARACs show a 50% reduction in repeat incidents.

When and where are they held? MARACs are held once a month at Buxton police station.

How to refer a person to MARAC? Any agency can refer a person who they believe to be at very high risk of harm to a MARAC. A **risk assessment** must be completed in respect of the person, to identify a person’s current risk level. Once the current level of risk has been established and a person has been identified as very high risk they can be referred to MARAC by completing a referral form. You or the designated officer within your agency will then attend the MARAC meeting to present the information to other agencies.

Our Services Manager has attended the MARAC trainers course and is available to offer training to other agencies on how to complete a CAADA Risk Assessment form. Please contact GWA on 01457 856675 if you would like further information. The chart below shows the source of referrals to MARAC since September 2008.

MARAC Referrals



For further information please visit the CAADA website, www.CAADA.org.uk

Congratulations to our Domestic Advice Worker, Sue Latusek on successfully completing the CAADA training course and is now an IDVA.

Written by a resident aged 9

Glossop Women's Aid is fun because there is lots of things to do

Wis for all the wonderful things we do like play, art, fun things

A being Allowed to be ourselves

Supporting People Review

Derbyshire Supporting People, which funds GWA's refuge and Floating Support services visited for a week long assessment. The result was a performance level A for our seven service objectives.

For a small organisation like ours to achieve the highest grade possible in all seven of the quality assessment objectives is exceptional. It was a great reward for all the time and effort the team of staff and volunteers put into preparing for the review.

Celebrating 30 Years of serving the High Peak

GWA was formed at a public meeting on **May 10th 1979**, and a fortnight later, its committee met for the first time. Officers were elected and three working parties, which would carry the bulk of the planning set up.

- A fund raising team to draw in the money such a scheme would need.
- A campaign group to assess the size of the problem and produce a report
- A support party offering practical help to women and children suffering domestic abuse. This often meant taking women into their own homes to make sure they were safe.

GWA Are holding a 'FUND RAISING DAY'

IN AID OF 'CAMEO CLUB FUNDS'

(Come and Meet Each Other)

AT GLOSSOP LABOUR CLUB, Friday 19th June 2009

11.00 am to 2.00 pm—ALL WELCOME



Glossop Women's Aid on Show

Some of the events GWA have attended over the last six months are:

- **Avoiding the Fireworks, Lee Wood Hotel, Buxton 5th November 2008**
GWA were invited to do a presentation on how domestic abuse affects children at the High Peak and Dales Safeguarding Children Conference.
- **All Saints RC Primary School - 17th November 2008**
As part of anti bullying week GWA gave a presentation to the whole school About domestic abuse.
- **Glossopdale Community College - Friday 21st November 2008**
Glossopdale Community College hosted its first Careers and Community Exhibition as part of Enterprise week and GWA had a stall to provide students with information.
- **Gamesley Community Festive Market - 27th November 2008**
GWA used the opportunity of the Christmas market to raise awareness of domestic abuse and the services we offer. The evening was successful with a variety of people coming over to chat including people from different organisations.
- **Celebration buffet - 8th December 2008, Glossop Labour Club**
A buffet to celebrate 25 years of the refuge and the result of the Supporting People review, speed networking took place to allow everyone to get to know each other, photographs were taken by the local press to publicise the event.



- **Craft Fair Bradbury House - Saturday 14th March 2009**
GWA held a stall, proceeds went to GWA—the next Fair will be held on Saturday 27th June also at Bradbury House
- **Glossopdale Community College - 29th June 2009**
Our Refuge Support Worker and Child and Family Support Worker will be talking to students about healthy relationships at Glossopdale Community College's Enterprise Day.

Student Social Worker Report

My name is Leanne Stanley and I am a final year social work student from the Manchester Metropolitan University on a 100-day placement with Glossop Women's Aid. I have been on my placement since November 2008 and am due to finish in May 2009. My placement experience has been great! Glossop Women's Aid have provided me with an excellent learning environment and lots of support. I came to Glossop Women's Aid not knowing that much about domestic abuse and my placement has provided me with rich learning in this area. From working directly with women from the initial telephone referral to on going community based case work, I have increased in skills that I can take away with me such as the importance of accurate record keeping, completing risk assessments and multi agency working to name but a few.

I have learnt a great deal from the staff from good practice to an increased knowledge in domestic abuse, which has given me greater confidence to start my social work career, and enhanced my professional development hugely! I have also had the opportunity to attend numerous training courses to further my knowledge and understanding in this area and I will take this learning with me.

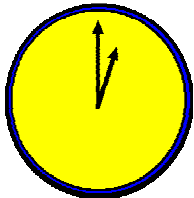
I have completed CAADA (Coordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse) risk indicator checklists and MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) referrals with women Glossop Women's Aid support. I have attended MARAC meetings to see how that information is used and shared to keep women as safe as possible involving all relevant agencies and organisations. I have been involved in partnership working liaising with the Police, Housing and Social Care and many other organisations. I have implemented a system to keep records of all the new referrals, which the outreach team receive, updating these on a monthly basis. As part of my placement I evaluated the refuge exit questionnaire, which women are asked to complete when leaving and its aim is to gauge their thoughts and feelings on future services. The updated questionnaire is now more user friendly and will hopefully encourage more service users to complete. This was a great way for me to work in a service user led way. This was a good learning outcome for me and allowed me to put the good practice we learn at university into the 'real' world of my placement.

High Peak Mayor dropped in to visit the refuge and received a guided tour.

High Peak Mayor Robin Baldry also attended the children's Christmas party, he was so touched by what goes on at GWA that he brought all the children in the refuge presents. He wanted to give the children and their parents the best Christmas possible.



**Please find below our Freedom Programme
Advertisement**



**An hour and a half per week that could
change your life**

**Are you a woman who has experienced
an abusive relationship? Do you want
to avoid getting in to an abusive relationship
again? Would you like to better understand the tactics
used by abusers? Would you like to attend a confidential
support group with women who have had similar
experiences to yourself?**



**If the answer is yes then help us make a difference
in your life.**

The Freedom Programme is held once a week in Glossop and in Buxton. It consists of 12 sessions that each look at a different tactic that an abuser uses against you, such as bullying, persuasion, and mental abuse.

You can come along as often as you like, and participate as much or as little as you like. Remember, your call and interest in the programme will be treated in strictest confidence and all sessions are run in a safe environment.

**GWA also runs Taster Sessions on the Freedom
Programme throughout the year for professionals from
other organisations.**

Information about the programme and taster sessions, and about other services available to victims of domestic abuse, can be obtained from Glossop Women's Aid on 01457 856675