

Glasgow East 16 Days of Action for the Elimination of Violence against Women

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“Violence against women and girls continues unabated in every continent country and culture.

It takes a devastating toll on women’s lives, on their families, and on society as a whole.

Most societies prohibit such violence - yet the reality is that too often, it is covered up or tacitly condoned”

Bank Ki0-Moon, UN Secretary-General 8/3/07

Purpose of Report

This report has been prepared to describe Glasgow East’s activities in relation to the 16 Days of Action for the elimination of Violence against women.

The activities unfortunately coincided with extreme weather conditions across Scotland resulting in cancellations, rescheduling and poorer than expected attendances.

Background

16 Days of Action for the Elimination of Violence against Women runs from the 25th November to the 10th December when organisations worldwide raise awareness of violence against women. The date commemorates significant events in relation to women including Worlds Aids Day on December 1st and ends on the 10th December International Human Rights Day.

The events in Glasgow around 16 Days of Action are now a regular feature every year. They are coordinated

citywide by Glasgow Violence against Women Partnership (GVAWP) Campaign's Working Group.

Locally in Glasgow East, events have been organised and supported by members of the Violence Against Women Implementation Group.

East Activities and Events

East Launch: Thursday 25th November 1.30pm at Platform, the Bridge, Easterhouse

Organiser: Glasgow East Women's Aid (GEWA)

Format: The Event comprised a series of workshops looking at issues affecting young people, including alcohol, violence and self harm. Workshops led by Glasgow Council on Alcohol P&E East team, GEWA, SAY Women and Wise Women

Numbers attending: 60

Attendees were a mixture of paid workers and members of the public including Police, Community Planning, Health and Social Work.

What worked well; the format was good each organisation had around 20 mins to talk about their specialism and how they could help women; this included issues around alcohol, eating disorders, sexual abuse and ended with a short play by service users.

What would you change?

Increase the capacity of the audience with low numbers it was very intense.

Any other Comments

The feedback was very positive especially around the involvement of service users this was appreciated.

Attendees indicated their awareness and knowledge had increased.

Child Sexual Abuse and Self Harm Friday 26th,
November, 9.30am Blairtummock House, Easterhouse.

Organiser: SAY Women

Format: A - 1 day on childhood sexual abuse and self harm.

Numbers attending: 18 – all workers. All would recommend the course to others.

What worked well?
Evaluation Feedback

All participants felt their knowledge and confidence around self harming behaviour had improved.

“My knowledge has improved and now more confident in supporting young people”.

“I’ll now be more productive in my work”.

“ I will use the alternative coping mechanisms with people and also a deeper understanding of types, reasons etc of self harm”.

All felt facilitators were very knowledgeable and presented issue in a clear and easily understood manner.

“Tutors very lively and presented topic in an easily understood manner”

“Speakers were good, very knowledgeable”.

“Very informative and personable presentation”.

Both our own and Blairtummock’s technology failed on the day but despite this all participants felt that the

presenters had coped really well and this had not impaired the quality of training. Some comments on presentation methods reflected the failure of technology and that they would have liked to have seen the DVD.

“The facilitators managed to present the information well despite technical difficulties”.

“Good back-up plan and thinking on feet when technology let them down. Top marks”.

What would you change?

None of the participants felt there was anything that wasn't useful in the course.

Any other Comments

Gender Based Violence Discussion Monday 29th
November 9.30am - 12.00pm Bridgeton Health Centre

Organiser: NHS East Practice Development Nurse Diane Allcock. Anne Marie Crawford Health Visitor

Format. This event was for NHS Children and Families staff working in the East to discuss gender based violence. The tool used to facilitate the discussion was 'claim, concerns and issues'. The time table of the session was inclusive of power point presentations to provide data, group activity to facilitate discussion and personal activity to enable personal discussion and expression.

Numbers attending

Staff responded quickly to the invite both in booking into the session and expressing a disappointment that they were unable to attend a session on this topic due to capacity issues. 12 staff across all bands had booked into the session, however, due to severe adverse weather conditions staff found it too difficult to get to

the venue (Bridgeton Health Centre) and also had to reprioritise their working day due to staffing levels.

What worked well? The venue was a good size. It was important to provide staff with Tea/ coffee etc as this was a potentially emotional topic to discuss and it is important to meet the basic needs of those workshop participants to enable them to participate fully. The self protection factor was also important for the same reason.

Stating at the start of the session that it was not a training event but awareness raising and discussion so that expectation was managed.

Having an experienced practitioner deliver the power point and relevant data worked well as there was the ability to add real life examples of practice.

The collage work at the end allowed the practitioners freedom of expression and ended an emotional topic on a positive note.

What would you change? The claims/ concerns/ issues process initially was going to be done to cover the whole topic of GBVAW however as the PDN had attended a meeting which presented GG+C key elements the format was changed in that the three areas of preparation of service/ service delivery and staff support was addressed as three individual aspects. On reflection this would have worked better if the topic of GBVAW was not subdivided in the workshop. This added confusion as staff had no idea of the document and actual little awareness of any work being undertaken on this topic so the divided process constrained their thinking.

The topic could be divided in the future but it was evident that staff found it hard to contribute when they now felt they 'didn't know' about the topic rather than explore what they did know.

Any other comments?

Bring a camera on the day when doing collage work.



Playground (Screen debate) Thursday 2nd December,
10.30am The Bridge
Organiser Women's Support Project

Format: Introduction and snapshot of East End Survey on Reporting Child Sexual Abuse, Showing of documentary Playground, followed by panel discussion.

Numbers attending: 12

What worked well? The venue was good and the content of the film is excellent and prompts discussion around many aspects of violence against women. The panel and audience discussion covered a wide range of issues.

What would you change? Just to have more people there!! Wouldn't change the format or content - this was good.

Any other Comments: Issues raised were interesting and covered - awareness work with young people should be

compulsory and consistent throughout education about the risk of sexual assault, sexualisation of young people and should include the risk of commercial sexual exploitation etc.; vulnerability of young women in residential care; the effectiveness of child sex offenders in targeting that vulnerability; grooming and abuse through social networking sites, internet safety.

Showcase in the East: Friday 3rd December, 10.00am - 3.00pm Tollcross Leisure Centre, 350 Wellshot Road, Tollcross.

Organiser - Strathclyde Police B Division.

EVENT CANCELLED due to weather will e rescheduled Feb/Mar.

Prevention of Violence against Women/Domestic Abuse

(SoB no 10) Information Sessions for housing providers
Monday 6th December Eastbank Conference and Training Centre

Organiser Russell Robertson NHS, Caterine O'Connor
Glasgow training Consortium

EVENT CANCELLED due to weather to be rescheduled 2nd Feb 2011

Glasgow East Women's Aid Annual General Meeting and Coffee Morning Tuesday 7th December, 753 Westerhouse Road, Glasgow.

Organiser: Glasgow East Women's Aid (GEWA).

EVENT CANCELLED due to weather will e rescheduled early in New Year.

Communication

There was a series of information available to paid social work and NHS staff via the Marketing and Communication Manager around activities and events. This utilised a

variety of formats including staff newsletters, and e mails.

Communication to the general public included e mail distributions on activities and events as well as information via Regen (free paper) and East Outlook.

White Ribbons

Were available throughout the campaign at all five East Glasgow Health Centres for staff and members of the public to wear to show support for the campaign.

The NHS Senior Management team supported the campaign and were photographed wearing the ribbons.

Staff were also encouraged to complete the NHS elearning module around Gender based Violence Awareness.

elearning - Gender Based Violence Awareness (GBV)

This module is aimed at all staff working within NHS GGC, it will aims to raise awareness of GBV and inform staff of their role in responding to individuals who are or have experienced GBV . Staff were encouraged via e mail to complete this short learning during the 16 days campaign. Reports run during this short period were disappointing in terms of staff accessing the module.