



Violence Abuse & Mental Health Network: April Newsletter

VAMHN Opportunities

End of Network videos – measurement, understanding and interventions

We've had a wonderful 4 years of the VAMHN funded by the UKRI and have amassed over 1,200 amazing members from around the world, all with expertise in the field of violence, abuse and mental health. To showcase some of the work we've done during this time, we're releasing a series of videos and resources over the coming month.

Over the past few weeks, we've been tweeting all about the work we've done under the three themes of the network under the hashtags #MeasuringVAMH #UnderstandingVAMH and #VAMHinterventions. You can follow along and tag us @VAMHN.

We've also launched a series of videos from the project teams who were awarded up to £25k for their research projects under each theme. In these videos, you can find out more about the findings of their VAMHN funded projects, as well as some additional videos from speakers including Nicole Jacobs (Domestic Abuse Commissioner), Concetta Perot and Jane Chevous (Survivors' Voices), and VAMHN grantholders Dr Jude Towers (Edge Hill University), Dr Alana Harris (King's College London) and Dr Leonie Tanczer (University College London). You can watch these videos and read more about their projects on our website [here](#).



Other Training, Events and Opportunities

The ADR UK Conference 2023 in partnership with the Office for National Statistics (ONS) will take place around the theme "Public data for resilience and inclusion: Using administrative data to inform policy and practice in challenging times". The conference will take place on the 14th-16th November 2023. Abstract submissions will close on 17th April 2023. To find out more click [here](#).

The 16th Equality, Diversity and Inclusion International Conference (EDI) will take place at City, University of London on the 10th-11th July 2023. The deadline for abstract submission is 24th April 2023. To find out more click [here](#).

At this conference, Dr Ladan Hashemi and colleagues will be running a session on “Investigating the intersections of disability and gender in experience of violence”. They are inviting long abstracts (up to 1500 words), developmental papers (up to 4,000 words), as well as full papers (up to 6,000 words) to this session. They invite papers on the prevalence, risk and protective factors and wider context of violence among disabled people.

Intersections of disability with gender, age and socioeconomic context in the experience of violence are of particular interest as are studies on the perpetrators/perpetration of violence against disabled people. They also encourage submission of papers that focus on evaluating theories, policies, services and interventions that address violence against disabled people. To find out more about this stream please contact Dr Hashemi at ladan.hashemi@city.ac.uk

The Journal of Gender-Based Violence have made their most read articles published in 2022 free to read. You can explore the collection [here](#). They are also offering VAMHN members a discount on print subscription for £43/€54 (UK & Europe) or £54/US\$83 (Rest of World). Find out more [here](#).

The East Kent Rape Crisis Center are running the “Listen, Support and Believe Conference 2023” on the 19th April 2023. To find out more click [here](#).



Ongoing research

VAMHN LEAG Coordinator Lisa Ward is looking to co-produce an ethical framework for engaging people with Lived Experience in research. If you would like to contribute to developing this, you can access the Padlet [here](#) and add your thoughts.

Megan Webb is a trainee clinical psychologist at Canterbury Christ Church University and is looking to speak to women who have experienced domestic abuse in adulthood about their experiences of navigating adult mental health services. She is hoping to meet with a further 5-8 women who have accessed secondary care mental health services. The study aims to explore what is helpful and unhelpful about current mental healthcare provision and how things might need to change to better serve the needs of survivors. She would like to hear from domestic abuse services, third-sector organisations or individuals who would be interested in supporting recruitment and/or participation to the project. Participants will receive a £10 gift voucher for their time and travel expenses up to £10 will be reimbursed. If you are interested in supporting participation and/or would like more information about the project, please contact Megan at m.webb696@canterbury.ac.uk.



Job opportunities

The University of Bristol have a PhD opportunity on “Co-producing a programme theory and framework for evaluating trauma-informed organisational change interventions in UK primary care”. The deadline to apply is the 20th April 2023. To find out more click [here](#).

IRISi interventions are hiring a Database, Research and Evaluation Manager to work 16 hours a week. The post holder needs experience of managing databases, writing and

running reports and analysing associated data. They also require experience in building and implementing data collection systems and the skills to train and support non-data specialists to use data systems. The deadline for application is 9am on the 25th April. To find out more please contact sally.harrison@irisi.org.



Resources

Asking the Right Questions? A Critical Overview of Longitudinal Survey Data on Intimate Partner Violence and Abuse Among Adults and Young People in the UK – Skafida, Feder & Barter, 2023

In this paper, the authors undertook a critical analysis of UK longitudinal and repeated cross-sectional population surveys which asked about experiences of intimate partner violence and abuse (IPVA). To read the full article published in the *Journal of Family Violence* click [here](#).

Association Between Men’s Exposure to Intimate Partner Violence and Self-reported Health Outcomes in New Zealand – Mellar et al, 2023

This paper investigated whether men’s lifetime exposure to specific, any, and/or multiple types of intimate partner violence were associated with poor health outcomes in a sample of 1,355 ever-partnered men in New Zealand. To read the full paper in *JAMA Network Open*, click [here](#).

For more useful resources and links, take a look at [our website here](#)

VAMHN Forum

Whether you want to share a survey, find collaborators for a bid or discuss a paper you’ve written, the VAMHN forum is a space for you to do that. To sign up to the forum and start connecting to other VAMHN members click [here](#). Full instructions on how to use the forum can be found on the homepage.

VAMHN Directories

The VAMHN has developed three active directories available on our website for our members to access. To access our directories masterpage click [here](#).

1. VAMHN Data Directory

This resource indexes UK datasets, data repositories, and aggregate/published statistics about violence, abuse, and mental health, providing you with information about these resources and how to access them. To access this resource, click [here](#). We’ll be continually adding to the data directory, so if you know of a resource that we haven’t yet indexed, please tell us about it by completing the template at the bottom of the Directory webpage and emailing to vamhn@kcl.ac.uk. Please note that the resource should be either publicly

available or available upon application. You do not need a password to access the data directory.

2. VAMHN Expert Directory

Our Expert Directory collates details of Network member expertise – e.g., academics, policy-makers, practitioners, those with lived experience, etc. This resource can be used to help members find experts to help with bids or research or more general questions and queries. To access the Expert Directory webpage click [here](#). **The password to the webpage is UKRInetwork1!**

3. VAMHN Network Directory

This directory is for organisations and networks – again, academic, policy-making, practitioner, lived experience, third sector, voluntary sector, etc. These may be formal or informal; organisations, discussion forums, mailing lists; etc. The resource can be used to help members find relevant networks to join, to signpost others to and potentially to help with bids or research or more general questions and queries. To access the Network Directory webpage click [here](#). **The password to the webpage is UKRInetwork1!**

Both the expert and network directory webpages include instructions on how to use them effectively, and also include a video introduction from our network co-investigator Dr Jude Towers.

If you would like to add your details either the expert or network directory, you can download the template form from our website at the web-links above and send to vamhn@kcl.ac.uk.

We hope you find the directories useful! If you would like to refer these directories onto colleagues who are not currently members of the VAMHN, please kindly ask them to join the network [here](#) and contact us at vamhn@kcl.ac.uk to request the password.

4. VAMHN Blog Directory

Our blog directory which contains blogs by people with lived and living experience of violence, abuse and mental health. The blogs are about diverse forms of domestic and sexual violence, diverse types of mental health and different experiences of services e.g. health, policing, research etc. To access the blog directory, click [here](#). The password to the webpage is *UKRInetwork1!* For any and all enquiries about this directory please contact vamhn@kcl.ac.uk.

Useful Links



VAMHN website: <https://www.vamhn.co.uk/>



VAMHN twitter: [@VAMHN](https://twitter.com/VAMHN)

We are one of eight UKRI funded mental health networks. To find out more about the other seven, [click here](#)



If you have any collaboration or funding opportunities, events or resources for our newsletter please contact us at vamhn@kcl.ac.uk