



Violence Abuse & Mental Health Network: August Newsletter



VAMHN Funding Opportunities

There's just over a week left to submit your proposal for our first VAMHN small grant competition!

We will be making awards of up to £25,000 and proposals should address issues of measurement and definition in relation to violence, abuse, and mental health. The deadline for submission is the **1st September 2019 at 5pm**.

To find out more and to apply [visit our website here](#). Please feel free to share the details with your contacts and networks. The competition is open to all network members – if you received this newsletter from us directly, you are already a member! If you received it from a colleague, simply go to our [website to sign up](#).



VAMHN Upcoming Events

Next network meeting: Don't forget to book your ticket for our next network meeting on the 7th October. The meeting is open to all network members and will take place at the Institute of Mental Health at the University of Nottingham. [Click here to get your ticket](#).

Confirmed speakers include:

- Prof Vanessa Munro, University of Warwick
 - Dr Julie McGarry, University of Nottingham
 - Dr Parveen Ali, University of Sheffield
 - Vickie Crompton, Standing Together Against Domestic Violence
 - Concetta Perôt, Survivor's Voices
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Collaboration Opportunities

NIHR have recently announced a call on perinatal mental health. The call is very wide in scope and includes trauma before pregnancy which may therefore be of interest to those of you working in the areas of childhood and/or adulthood abuse. The call also specifically mentions the aim to be cross-disciplinary and in areas traditionally underserved by NIHR research activity. If anyone is interested in the call and would like to meet people from other disciplines to work up a grant, please email vamhn@kcl.ac.uk so we can put you in touch with each other. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 27th November 2019 at 1pm**. For full details of the call [click here](#).

The UK Prevention Partnership (UKPRP) have announced that they will be launching their second funding call on the 3rd September 2019 on the theme of non-communicable diseases including poor mental health and wellbeing. The UKPRP are hosting an information and networking event on the **24th September 2019** to communicate the grant call priorities, describe the application process and provide opportunities for networking. If anyone would like to apply and find collaborators for this project, please let us know and we will do our best to facilitate this. For full details [click here](#).



Other Funding Opportunities

- SVRI and World Bank Group Development Award for Innovation in the Prevention and Response of Gender-Based Violence 2020
 - 🕒 Deadline 13th September 2019. [Click here for full details.](#)
- The British Academy Funding Call: Knowledge Frontiers – International Interdisciplinary Research
 - 🕒 Deadline 23rd October 2019 at 5pm. [Click here for full details.](#)
- The British Academy and Brazilian Academy of Sciences Knowledge Frontiers Symposium
 - 🕒 Deadline 23rd October 2019 at 5pm (Brazil time) [Click here for full details.](#)
- Nuffield Foundation Strategic Fund – (*Applications accepted from 1st October 2019*)
 - 🕒 Deadline 9th December 2019. [Click here for full details.](#)
- MARCH Network Sandpit Grants
 - 🕒 Deadline 15th September at 5pm. [Click here for full details.](#)



Other Training and Events

The **APPG meeting on Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse** will take place on 10th September from 5-7pm at the House of Commons. Anyone is able to attend with places limited to 1 per organisation. To find out more and to register your attendance [click here](#).

The **South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust** will be hosting a Domestic Violence and Abuse Conference on the 28th November. To register your attendance [click here](#).

Respect are hosting the Working with Perpetrators National Event at Amnesty International in London on the 8th October. The day will include presentations and workshops from individuals working in frontline services, policy, academia and research. To find out more and to buy your tickets [click here](#).

Imkaan are holding a free training event on January 30th 2020 on Understanding Violence Against BME Women and Girls. The expert-led training is part of the London VAWG Consortium and will explore how particular concepts such as 'intersectionality' and 'space' are intrinsic to practice and ways practitioners can analyse and respond effectively. To register your attendance [click here](#).

The **WMHSIG** are inviting competition entries for their new essay prize titled 'What is the role of the psychiatrist in the #metoo era?'. The competition is open to medical students and trainees at any level. The winner will receive £100 + free attendance at their 6th December Annual Conference + joining a panel discussion on the same theme at the conference. Up to 2000 words must be submitted by 14th October to Catherine.Langley@rcpsych.ac.uk.



Ongoing research

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) are conducting a domestic abuse survey. The last one was conducted in 2017 and they are keen to understand what practitioners think about the current police response to domestic abuse and how that might have changed. To complete the survey [click here](#), and feel free to share with your networks and contacts:

<https://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/LE4YI/>



Community Spotlight

THE DEAF HEALTH CHARITY SIGNHEALTH

Among providers of domestic abuse services, SignHealth provides the only Deaf Domestic Abuse Service in the UK, providing support and advice in BSL to Deaf people and children at risk of, or experiencing, Domestic Abuse.

Currently focused on Greater London and some southern counties, their Domestic Abuse team of Deaf staff consist of; Independent Domestic Violence Advisors, Young People Advocates and a Children and Families Worker who provide culturally sensitive services supporting Deaf individuals through leaving violent or abusive relationships and building up their resilience. The team also deliver an educational/preventative service for deaf children/young people, through workshops at schools for Deaf children.

For more information about SignHealth, visit <https://www.signhealth.org.uk/> and follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook at: @SignHealth



Resources

A Realist Review of Which Advocacy Interventions Work for Which Abused Women Under What Circumstances - Rivas et al

This systematic review assesses advocacy interventions for intimate partner abuse in women. The authors conclude that advocacy could have benefits for abused women if undertaken for long enough but highlighted the necessity for the intervention to match the needs of the woman. To read the full review published in *Cochrane Database Syst Rev*. [open access] [click here.](#)

"Only when it starts crumbling down, that's when you'll know": The role of trade union officers and reps in supporting employees who are experiencing domestic violence/abuse. – Bennett et al

This executive summary addresses the key findings of a two-phase research project into the role of trade union officers and representatives in supporting employees who are experiencing domestic violence/abuse. They highlight the need for specific domestic violence/abuse policies in the workplace and suggest a 'toolkit' approach to guide individuals through actions and support. To read the executive summary [click here.](#)

Maternal outcomes associated to psychological and physical intimate partner violence during pregnancy: A cohort study and multivariate analysis. – de-Las-Heras et al

This study evaluates whether the experience of psychological and physical intimate partner violence adversely affects pregnancy outcomes by establishing a cohort of 779 mothers receiving antenatal care in 15 hospitals across Andalusia. They found that psychological IPV was associated significantly with UTI's and spontaneous preterm labour while physical IPV

was associated with antenatal hospitalisations. To read the full article published in *PLoS One* [open access] [click here](#).

Cyber-Defence: A Taxonomy of Tactics for Managing Cyberstalking – Tokunaga & Aune

This study explores how victims respond to cyberstalking. Findings indicated that victims used seven general management tactics of which ignore/avoidance, active technological disassociation, and help seeking were the most common. Using technology to move away from pursuers was reported as the most effective tactic for managing the unwanted relational pursuit. To read the full article published in the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* [open access] [click here](#).

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

Useful Links



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



VAMHN twitter: @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, or you would like your organisation to be featured in our community spotlight, please contact us at vamhn@kcl.ac.uk