



## Violence Abuse & Mental Health Network: January Newsletter

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### VAMHN Update

Happy new year! We hope you had a great Christmas break. Now that we've completed our first year here at the Violence, Abuse and Mental Health Network, we'd love to hear your thoughts on what we've done so far and where we can go from here.

Please let us know your feedback by completing this [short 5 minute survey here](#). All responses are completely anonymous.

Thank you so much to all our members for making it such a great year, and we look forward to engaging with you all in 2020.

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### VAMHN Upcoming Events

#### VAMHN Network Meeting

Registration for our next open network meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March in London is now open! Confirmed speakers include:

- Prof. Andrea Danese, King's College London
- Akiko Hart, NSUN
- Laura Fischer, Researcher, Mental Health Activist and Artist

Full programme to be updated shortly. [Click here for full details and to get your ticket.](#)



### VAMHN Funding Opportunities

#### VAMHN Early Career Researcher Bursary Awards:

We are excited to announce that our third round of ECR Bursary Awards are now open! The bursary aims to support junior researchers (including independent researchers and researchers based at third sector organisations) to attend training courses, research placements at institutions other than their own, and conferences. Bursaries can be used

towards training course and/or conference fees, or for travel and accommodation to support attendance. The maximum bursary value is £250, and applications for this round will close on the **3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at 5pm**. For full details including how to apply [click here](#).

We kindly encourage PhD supervisors and NGOs to share this opportunity with their students and early career researchers.

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## Other Funding Opportunities

- The Loneliness and Social Isolation in Mental Health Research Network Funding Call
    - 🕒 Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at 5pm. [Click here for full details.](#)
  - Journey to Scale: Funding for Scaling Humanitarian Innovation
    - 🕒 Deadline 14<sup>th</sup> February. [Click here for full details](#)
  - SAGE Concept Grants
    - 🕒 Deadline 23<sup>rd</sup> February. [Click here for full details](#)
  - NIHR Public Mental Health Interventions
    - 🕒 Deadline 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 1pm. [Click here for full details.](#)
  - Nuffield Foundation Strategic Fund
    - 🕒 Next deadline 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. [Click here for guidance](#) and [here to apply](#). Applicants may also want to apply for seed corn funding in the first instance – [click here](#)
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## Other Training, Events and Opportunities

**The Section of Women's Mental Health** will be hosting a talk from Prof. Sylvia Walby OBE, Director of the Violence and Society Centre at City University of London and UNESCO Chair in Gender Research. Prof. Walby will speak on "Violence, Health and Society: Making the changing forms of violence visible" on the 7<sup>th</sup> April from 4-5pm followed by a reception from 5pm. For full details and to get your ticket, [click here](#).

**The Journal of Gender Based Violence** have issued a call for papers for "The European Conference on Domestic Violence 2019 Special Edition: Digital Technologies and Gender Based Violence: Mechanisms for oppression, activism and recovery". They are looking for

abstracts of no more than 500 words to be submitted to Dr Christine Barter ([Cabarter@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:Cabarter@uclan.ac.uk)) by 1<sup>st</sup> April. [Click here for full details.](#)

**The British Science Festival** are calling for proposal submissions for their next festival in Chelmsford from 8-12<sup>th</sup> September. They welcome proposals on a diverse range of scientific subjects. For full details [click here.](#)

**The Anti-Trafficking Review** are issuing a call for papers for a special issue themed “Trafficking in Minors”. They invite a range of submissions including full-length conceptual, research-based, or case study focused thematic papers or shorter, blog-style pieces connected to the theme that focuses on practical issues arising from service provision and advocacy. The deadline for submissions is 1<sup>st</sup> June. Full details [available here.](#)

**King’s College London** are running a 5-day course on “Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis for Cross-Disciplinary and Global Health Research”. The course will run from 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February and will cover a detailed theoretical and practical understanding of how to effectively use different qualitative methods and methodologies in the context of cross-disciplinary health research. Applications close on 9<sup>th</sup> February. For full details [click here.](#)

**King’s College London** are also running a 10-day course on “Epidemiology and Statistics for Mental Health Research” from the 9<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March. The course aims to provide students with a thorough grounding in core epidemiological and statistical methods for mental health research. The application closing date is 24<sup>th</sup> February. For full details [click here.](#)

**The University of Jyväskylä, Finland** will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Violence Interventions on 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June 2020. For full details [click here.](#) Early career researchers wanting to attend may consider applying for a [VAMHN ECR bursary](#) to support their attendance in our next round in Spring 2020.

**The Royal British Legion** are hosting a community conference on ‘Understanding domestic abuse within the armed forces’ at the Council House in Birmingham on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The conference aims to share insights from new research undertaken within the Armed Forces community into domestic violence and abuse. For full details and to register your attendance [click here.](#)

**The University of Central Lancashire** are hosting a series of seminars. The next upcoming one is titled ‘This Is Me: Increasing Mental Health Awareness in the Workplace’ on the 24<sup>th</sup> January from 8-10pm. For full details and to register your attendance [click here.](#) The seminar after is titled ‘What can we learn from dyad research about how substance use contributes to intimate partner abuse perpetration?’ on 5<sup>th</sup> February from 4-5.30pm. For full details and to register your attendance [click here.](#)



**Collaboration Opportunities**

[The Dash Charity](#) seeks to innovate and pioneer ways to reach children and young people, to give them the best outcomes. During 2020 they want to embark upon ground-breaking research, to understand how domestic abuse affects mental health and how this further isolates children and young people.

The Dash Charity are currently looking for someone to support them with their [UKRI Loneliness and Social Isolation Network](#) grant call application (deadline : 31<sup>st</sup> Jan), which will focus on women and children that have witnessed domestic abuse. If you have experience in this area, primarily as an academic or as another NGO and would like to partner with them, please contact Joanne Blythen and [joanne@thedashcharity.org.uk](mailto:joanne@thedashcharity.org.uk) or call on 07834 532103.



## Ongoing Research

**AVA** have launched #CombatMisconduct, a two-year project which aims to address sexual misconduct on campus through the development of a wide variety of resources. As a first step in this project they are looking to hear from students and staff at UK universities.

Please consider taking some time to complete their survey if:

- you are currently a student at a U.K. (or have recently graduated) who has experienced sexual misconduct
- or
- you work at a U.K. university and have either had to deal with reports or potentially could be approached by a student with a disclosure or report of sexual misconduct

If you are eligible, please [click here to complete the survey](#).

**Siofra Peeren** (King's College London) is looking for participants of a qualitative interview study that forms part of her PhD research. Siofra would like to speak with around 15 women who have experienced sexual violence and/or abuse after the age of 16 and who have been pregnant since (including women who have had a miscarriage or termination). The interview will explore participants' experiences of pregnancy, birth, early motherhood, or maternity care. For further information about the study [click here](#). For any questions, please contact Siofra at [siofra.peeren@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:siofra.peeren@kcl.ac.uk). If you work with women who might be eligible to take part, please feel free to get in touch with Siofra and or/pass the information on.



## Job and Education Opportunities

**The University of Exeter** is hiring 7 lecturers at their Department of Psychology across the Education and Scholarship (E&S) and Education and Research (E&R) job families. The deadline for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> January. For full details and to apply click on the appropriate link below:

- [Education and Scholarship \(E&S\) vacancies](#)
- [Education and Research \(E&R\) vacancies](#)

**The University of Southampton** has an opening for a PhD position on “Mental health outcomes of children exposed to domestic abuse in low- and middle-income countries” at Highfield Campus. The closing date for applications is the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. For full details and to apply [click here](#).



## Resources

### **Technology-Facilitated Intimate Partner Abuse: A Qualitative Analysis of Data from Online Domestic Abuse Forums – Leitão, 2019**

This article reports on a qualitative analysis of data gathered from online discussions forums for victims and survivors of domestic abuse. It examines the types and methods of technology facilitated abuse as well as looking at the advice being exchanged by the users of the forum. It also explores how survivors use technology within the context of intimate partner violence. To read the full article published in *Human-Computer Interaction* [click here](#).

### **A systematic review of short and medium-term mental health outcomes in young people following sexual assault – MacGregor et al, 2019**

This systematic review aims to describe the mental health outcomes following sexual assault in young people. They found that most studies observed reduced rates of psychopathology over time but noted there is a distinct lack of longitudinal research. To read to full review in the *Journal of Child & Adolescent Mental Health* [click here](#).

### **Connecting up Care Report – London Assembly Health Committee**

This report looks at the combination of three ACEs which commonly co-occur (domestic violence and abuse, parental mental ill-health and parental alcohol and drug misuse) to assess how access to and support from services could be improved. The report emphasises the need for a trauma-informed approach to be adopted across services. To access the full report [click here](#).

### **Psychiatry’s Role in the Management of Human Trafficking Victims: An Integrated Care Approach – Gordon et al, 2018**

This review proposes interdisciplinary guidelines for providing care and services to human trafficking victims and highlights the importance of psychiatry for intervention and reintegration. To read the full article in the *Journal of Psychiatry Practice* [click here](#).

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

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## 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](mailto:vamhn@kcl.ac.uk)**