



## Violence Abuse & Mental Health Network: July Newsletter

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### VAMHN Funding Opportunities

Applications are open for our first 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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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### Recent Activities

- The VAMHN recently awarded five Early Career Researcher bursaries. Thank you to everyone who applied, and we look forward to receiving your applications in our next round which will open in November. Congratulations to our five successful applicants:
  - Dr Michelle Degli Esposti [@Michelle\\_Degli](#), University of Oxford  
Michelle is a postdoc researcher at the University of Oxford and researches the distributions and determinants of violence and mental health at the population level.
  - Ashley McCarthy [@AshleyMcC3090](#), King's College London  
Ashley is a research assistant at King's College London and is currently working on The Improving the Health of Young People (HYPE) Project & The Evaluation of Youth Violence Interventions (EYVI) project.
  - Dr Grace Carter [@DrGraceCarter](#), Coventry University  
Grace is a postdoctoral research assistant at Coventry University and is currently working on a project evaluating sexual assault referral centres across England.
  - Erin McCloskey [@ER\\_IN\\_RESEARCH](#), Canterbury Christ Church University

Erin is a PhD student at Canterbury Christ Church University. Her research looks at bereavement in parents of stillborn children.

- Katie Lambe [@katie\\_b\\_lambe](#), King's College London

Katie is a research assistant at King's College London and is currently working on a project evaluating an existing youth violence intervention programme.

- On the 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> July, our Network Co-lead Sian Oram ran the CPD accredited Women's Mental Health Summer School at King's College London. The 3-day course covered research methodologies, perinatal mental health and violence to women and mental health. Thank you so much to everyone who attended for taking part in some fascinating conversations.



## VAMHN Upcoming Events

**Next network meeting:** Booking for our next network meeting is **now open!** The meeting is open to all network members and will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 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
- Prof Julie McGarry, University of Nottingham
- Dr Parveen Ali, University of Sheffield
- Vickie Crompton, Standing Together Against Domestic Violence
- Concetta Perôt, Survivor's Voices

We offer funding to support the attendance of people with lived experience of violence, abuse, and mental health problems, early career researchers, and representatives of third sector organisations. Funding is available on a first-come first-served basis: please contact Anjuli at [vamhn@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:vamhn@kcl.ac.uk) to request.



## Other Funding Opportunities

The **UK Prevention Partnership (UKPRP)** have announced that they will be launching their second funding call on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **24<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

- SVRI and World Bank Group Development Award for Innovation in the Prevention and Response of Gender-Based Violence 2020
    - 🕒 Deadline 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019. [Click here for full details.](#)
  - The British Academy Funding Call: Knowledge Frontiers – International Interdisciplinary Research
    - 🕒 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 at 5pm. [Click here for full details.](#)
  - The British Academy and Brazilian Academy of Sciences Knowledge Frontiers Symposium
    - 🕒 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 at 5pm (Brazil time) [Click here for full details.](#)
  - NIHR ‘Global Health Policy and Systems Research (Global HSPSR) Development Awards’
    - 🕒 Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019. [Click here for full details.](#)
  - ESRC Research Grants Open Call
    - 🕒 No fixed closing date. [Click here for full details.](#)
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## Other Training and Events

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 14<sup>th</sup> October to [Catherine.Langley@rcpsych.ac.uk](mailto:Catherine.Langley@rcpsych.ac.uk).

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## Community Spotlight



**maytree**

Maytree are a national suicide charity that run a one off, short stay, non-medical respite centre in Finsbury Park, for individuals experiencing suicidal ideation. The ethos of Maytree is centred around a holistic and person-centred approach to mental health/wellbeing. The respite centre has been home to over 1600 guests and is a safe and nurturing space for guests, where guests can find understanding, kindness and non-judgement. Maytree are in the exciting process of replication and are going to be opening a second home in Manchester for the year 2020. To find out more about Maytree click [here](#).

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## Resources

### **A Qualitative Study of Sexual Assault Survivor's Post-Assault Legal System Experiences**

*Lorenz et al*

This study looks at the post-assault experiences of 28 survivors and 13 support providers with the criminal and civil legal system. They found that when deciding whether to report their assault to the police, survivors considered institutional biases, perceptions of the police and the perceived strength of their case. Reasons for legal involvement often extended beyond perpetrator prosecutions, such as filing for child custody or seeking financial compensation. To read the full article published in the *Journal of Trauma & Dissociation* [open access] [click here](#).

### **Coercive Control: Update and Review - Stark & Hester**

This article reviews the background, introduction, and critical response to new criminal offenses of coercive control in England/Wales and Scotland. They review new evidence on the link between control and violence, the measurement of coercive control as well as same-sex and children's experiences of coercive control. To read the full article published in *Violence Against Women* [open access] [click here](#).

### **Sleep and women intimate partner victimization: prevalence, effects and good practices in health care settings – Matos & Goncalves**

Sleep disturbances are an important symptom when diagnosing post-traumatic stress disorder, depression or anxiety. This article discusses how the identification of sleep disturbances in patients can help health professionals to identify potential victims of intimate partner violence, and discusses potential personal and organisational barriers to disclosure that survivors may face. To read the full article published in *Sleep Science* [open access] [click here](#).

### **Poor antenatal care attendance is associated with intimate partner violence: Multivariate analysis of a pregnancy cohort – Martin-de-las-Heras et al**

This study looked at a cohort of 779 mothers who received antenatal care in hospitals in Andalusia, Spain. They found that poor antenatal clinical attendance was associated with both physical and psychological intimate partner violence. To read the full article published in the *European Journal of Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Reproductive Biology* [open access] [click here](#).

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

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## Ongoing research

The National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles (Natsal) have launched an online consultation survey. The findings of this consultation will be used to help decide what

information will be collected by the next Natsal which will launch in 2021. For more information and to complete the survey please [click here](#).

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