

Harpenden Domestic Violence

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Domestic Violence

ANY INCIDENT OR PATTERN OF INCIDENTS OF CONTROLLING, COERCIVE OR THREATENING BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE OR ABUSE BETWEEN THOSE AGED 16 OR OVER WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN INTIMATE PARTNERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS REGARDLESS OF GENDER OR SEXUALITY. THIS CAN ENCOMPASS BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF ABUSE:

- PSYCHOLOGICAL
- PHYSICAL
- SEXUAL
- FINANCIAL
- EMOTIONAL

CONTROLLING BEHAVIOUR IS: A RANGE OF ACTS DESIGNED TO MAKE A PERSON SUBORDINATE AND/OR DEPENDENT BY ISOLATING THEM FROM SOURCES OF SUPPORT, EXPLOITING THEIR RESOURCES AND CAPACITIES FOR PERSONAL GAIN, DEPRIVING THEM OF THE MEANS NEEDED FOR INDEPENDENCE, RESISTANCE AND ESCAPE AND REGULATING THEIR EVERYDAY BEHAVIOUR.

COERCIVE BEHAVIOUR IS: AN ACT OR A PATTERN OF ACTS OF ASSAULT, THREATS, HUMILIATION AND INTIMIDATION OR OTHER ABUSE THAT IS USED TO HARM, PUNISH, OR FRIGHTEN THEIR VICTIM.” *

THIS DEFINITION, WHICH IS NOT A LEGAL DEFINITION, INCLUDES SO CALLED ‘HONOUR’ BASED VIOLENCE, FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM) AND FORCED MARRIAGE, AND IS CLEAR THAT VICTIMS ARE NOT CONFINED TO ONE GENDER OR ETHNIC GROUP.

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RECENT STATS HARPENDEN

▶ FROM 1ST JANUARY TILL 27TH NOVEMBER, THERE WERE 307 CRIMES RECORDED IN RELATION TO DV INCIDENTS AND FOR 150 NON-CRIME.

▶ INTIMATE DV CRIMES

- ▶ 87 ASSAULTS
- ▶ 7 SEXUAL ASSAULTS
- ▶ 78 HARASSMENTS AND STALKING
- ▶ 135 OTHER CRIMES INCLUDING CRIMINAL DAMAGES,

▶ NON CRIME DV INCIDENTS

▶ 150



How to stay safe.

- ▶ Personal safety alarms (as demonstrated by officers)
- ▶ Alarms at address
- ▶ Ensuring windows and doors can be locked and secured
- ▶ Ensuring locks are changed
- ▶ Talk to friends and neighbours who can call police if needed
- ▶ DVPN and DVPO
- ▶ Referrals can be made to partner agencies and charities.
- ▶ Hollie Guard application



Hollie Guard

- ▶ THE HOLLIE GAZZARD TRUST WAS CREATED FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF 20-YEAR-OLD HOLLIE GAZZARD IN 2014 BY AN EX-PARTNER.
- ▶ HOLLIE WAS MURDERED AT HER PLACE OF WORK BY HER EX-PARTNER
- ▶ SHE HAD ENDED THE RELATIONSHIP A FEW DAYS EARLIER
- ▶ EX-PARTNER THREATENED HER FATHER, STOLE MONEY FROM HER ACCOUNT.
- ▶ SHE WENT TO THE POLICE AND PROVIDED A STATEMENT.



Make Hollie your
Guardian Angel



Introducing Hollie Guard

In danger? A simple tap or shake automatically activates Hollie Guard



GOOD NEWS + Events

- ▶ Sam HARRIES – Remanded for DV assault. Victim was deemed extremely high risk
- ▶ Stalking case which ended up with the female being glassed – male found Guilty for GBH.
- ▶ Male approached and followed a stranger. Grabbed her and put her hand on his erect penis. Charged with stalking assault by touching
- ▶ 2 males have recently been charged with sexual offences against a vulnerable female
- ▶ 19 years old male sexually assault 14 year old – bailed at present

Events

- ▶ Increased Vigilant patrols
- ▶ Extra patrols on night turn economy
- ▶ Working with local pubs re Hollie Guard, Ask for Angela, Ask for Clive
- ▶ Supporting White Ribbon (CC has already done this)
- ▶ School presentations are coming – I am waiting for this
- ▶ Op Advisory – operation for Xmas and New Years, working closer with all local licencing operations
- ▶ Approached BID for some anti-spiking kits and protective stuff (will approach PCC as well)



Questions