



Reducing the Risk Domestic Abuse Champions Network Survey

Including: Bucks, Havering, MK, Oxford, Slough, West Berks

Feedback from those responding

	Very useful/useful
RTR Champions Training	84.70%
E-bulletin	78.38%
Champions Database	49.84%
RtR website	74.02%
Discussion Forum	29.39%
DA Champions Guides	52.65%
Champions Network Meetings	50%
My colleagues are aware and understand my role as a DA Champion	66.48%
I feel appropriately supported as a DA Champion	72.08%
I know where to signpost victims if I feel unable to help them	94.92%
I feel equipped to talk with a victim of DA about safety plans	77.36%
My manager/organisation supports my role	76.72%

Champions' comments:

"The knowledge I gained from my training has been invaluable. I am able to support victims and advise where to go for help."

"Have supported numerous cases in my role as a children's Safeguarding Nurse."

"My knowledge of DA assists my day to day triage work."

"Since the training from RtR I feel much more confident about questioning things in a safe manner that may be going on in our residents' lives, and letting them know they can contact me."

"The Trainers were very knowledgeable and made the training interesting and interactive; they made a difficult subject easier to think about."

"I enjoyed the training and the 'Train the Trainers' training. I look forward to being able to deliver the Champions training."

"RtR website is a very popular signpost."

"Working with more and more young people who are living in families where there is DA. A number of our students are experiencing DA at home."

"Children in DA households are victims too."

"Role focused on safeguarding children- DA often a key factor."

"We work with young people up to the age of 18 but have come across many times DV within the family home."

"Being able to talk with some knowledge with many people in the community."

"Word gets around that there is someone in school who can help."

"The training has given me clarity on the psychological mind games and abuse that victims often speak of, but feel they are to blame or feel at fault. I feel more able to support the victims."

"The training assisted greatly in progressing my understanding of coercive control and how insidious it can be."

"It contributed to me getting a job as a DV Outreach officer."

“More confident and knowledgeable about services, available safety planning, stalking, impact on children and dangers at the point of trying to leave. Better able to support and advise colleagues with their cases.”

“I feel better equipped to ask questions and answer them too. I also feel much better equipped about knowing which organisations I can/should signpost residents to. If I have my own queries, I know who to contact. It’s quite comforting knowing there are many of us (professionals) out there, all trying to fight for the same (horrific) cause.”

Hospital Social Worker covering Orthopaedics- sees victims with severe injuries- (Should A&E and Minor Injuries be covered? Also at-risk patients with neuro-degenerative disorders unable to protect themselves?)

Problems identified by Champions:

- Poor multi-agency working and information sharing
- Victims being passed between multiple agencies before accessing services.
- Delays from support organisations in getting in touch when victims call for help
- Referrals from Social Services of young people who have experienced DA, but not been given support.
- Social Services insisting on police bail when not appropriate.
- Housing stating those in need have to be homeless before they can help.
- Are senior school workers/teachers confident or aware of DA and signs that children and parents display?

Effects attributed to work of DA Champions

- Good signposting
- Clear communications through regular emails
- Clearer pathways
- Increased awareness of DA
- Close affiliation with network

What else could be included in Champions' network meetings?

- What support is given at Refuges?
- Guide to Legal remedies and Legal Aid advice
- Working with older residents
- No recourse to funds?
- DASH training refresher
- Help for adults abused by children
- Online abuse and stalking
- Abuse in young people's relationships
- Parental rights and children of DA accessing support
- Supporting people in travelling communities with children affected by DA
- Sexual harassment in work place

Suggestions: Who else should be included in the DA Champion Networks?

- Housing
- Military services including welfare officers
- Fire fighters
- Organisations for older people and BME organisations
- More health visitors
- Churches and other faiths
- Lectures at University level
- Schools
- CPS, Magistrates, Judges
- HR roles
- Probation
- Playgroups/private nursery staff teams
- Council members
- GPs
- Ambulance services
- Hairdressers and beauticians
- Large Supermarkets