

**Final Minutes of Cross Party Group on Men's VAW & Children 29/10/14**

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<b>2</b>	Minutes from the last meeting on 13.08.14 were approved																																			
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Presentation by Lisa Purdie, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Manager at HMP Addiewell</b></p> <p>If someone comes into HMP Addiewell with an 'index offence' of domestic abuse, the prison identifies how to work with them. They run a Change Programme which can be complex. The prison is based in West Lothian but men in the prison come from North and South Lanarkshire. This has had implications for how they offer support/signposting to support services for women who are partners of the men.</p> <p>The prison is linked with Circle and with White Ribbon who have provided training to male prison staff. They will be running campaigns in the prison during 16 Days, trying to raise awareness and challenge attitudes more generally.</p> <p>The staff who have had White Ribbon training will be doing sessions at HMP Dumfries.</p> <p>The programme hasn't been evaluated yet.</p>																																			

<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation by Callum Hendry, White Ribbon Scotland</b></p> <p>White Ribbon began life as a conversation between three men about how men could support feminist work to tackle violence against women. There are now over 60 White Ribbon campaigns worldwide. White Ribbon Scotland (WRS) is the only White Ribbon campaign in the world to receive government funding.</p> <p>WRS trains men to be speakers and facilitators to challenge VAW. A successful outcome was training volunteers including 2 from HMP Dumfries who went back and presented to the prison board; from this came a request to train all prison staff. The Scottish Prison Service has done some significant work to focus on violence against women.</p> <p>In recent studies 34% of convicted male prisoners (around 2000 men) confirmed that they have perpetrated some form of VAW. At the moment WRS is halfway through delivering 10 training sessions by the end of this year. They will report on this early next year and are now looking at sustainability of the project - how the speaker and staff can be supported to continue to deliver training etc.</p> <p>White Ribbon is effectively a peer network development programme. They have trained speakers from prison and YOIs all over Scotland.</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Istanbul Convention</b></p> <p>Lesley Cunningham wrote to Malcolm after the last CPG. She confirmed that the Home Office confirmed they will only ratify the Istanbul Convention once they are satisfied that the UK is compliant-they gave no timescale for this. The Scottish Government is of the view that they are compliant with the exception of the extra-territorial jurisdiction.</p> <p>It was agreed that there would still be interest in mapping our way through the Istanbul Convention to identify in what ways Scotland is compliant but, given the current workload, this may have to be a task for January.</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>CPG event for 16 Days</b></p> <p>There will be a lunchtime event on 04.12.14 at 12:45-04:15 to invite MSPs to sign Statement of Intent.</p> <p><i>Claudia Beamish left at this point.</i></p> <p>16 Days event – LG and others will be in contact about this</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Updates/information sharing</b></p> <p><b>Mhairi</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• court delays are still significant</li> <li>• press reporting of cases in court, especially rural areas –</li> </ul>	

	<p>women are having to deal with newspaper coverage of their cases, particularly in areas where everyone knows everyone else. ZT may be able to provide their 'handle with care' pack.</p> <p><b>Claire</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write to End VAW award on 10/12/14</li> <li>• Event at Hollaback – Feminist Day School</li> </ul>	
<b>8</b>	<p>Future agenda items agreed – Rape Crisis Scotland presentation for the January meeting and Project Mirabal for the March meeting. Malcolm will book the meetings. He will email Project Mirabal contact and Lily will follow up.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equally Safe timescale – concerns expressed about what is happening</li> <li>• Malcolm noted the recent case involving Janice Galloway's ex-partner; he has some concerns about the limitations of Non-Harassment Orders and will be following up.</li> </ul>	