

## *Domestic violence/ Violence Against Women*

### **DV Murders**

#### *Petros Williams case*

Father made video before killing children, court told

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/mar/22/father-video-children-murder-trial>

Murder accused 'devastated' by children's deaths

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/manchester/8589602.stm>

Jealous father who killed his two children sentenced to 28 years

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/mar/30/jealous-father-killed-children>

Father jailed for killing children in Manchester flat

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/manchester/8594810.stm>

#### *Gary Fisher case*

Gary Fisher jailed for life after fatally stabbing daughter Sasha Jones

<http://www.birminghampost.net/news/west-midlands-news/2010/03/29/gary-fisher-jailed-for-life-after-fatally-stabbing-daughter-sasha-jones-65233-26131266/>

Man who stabbed teenage daughter jailed for 20 years

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/8592737.stm>

#### *Other cases*

Police question suspects in Aliza Mirza murder

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/apr/06/aliza-mirza-murder-east-london>

Uncle of Tia Rigg in court charged with murder

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/apr/06/tia-rigg-uncle-in-court>

Man arrested in connection with woman's death

<http://www.birminghampost.net/news/west-midlands-news/2010/04/08/man-arrested-in-connection-with-woman-s-death-97319-26197631/>

'Dismayed' IPCC probe Northampton fire murder

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/8605213.stm>

## Specialist DV Courts/ MARACs

More specialist domestic violence courts offer tailored support to victims

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsrelease190310b.htm>

Weekend Woman's Hour (audio): Includes discussion on MARACs

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00rv6wn/Womans\\_Hour\\_Weekend\\_Womans\\_Hour/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00rv6wn/Womans_Hour_Weekend_Womans_Hour/)

## Lap Dancing Clubs

Lap-dancing club rules change comes into force

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8604246.stm>

Local residents given powers to block lap-dancing clubs

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2010/apr/06/lap-dancing-clubs-licences-local-authorities?&>

'Child lap dancer' club to reopen in Weston-super-Mare

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/somerset/8619886.stm>

## Violence Against Women General

ROTA's Female Voice in Violence project <http://www.edf.org.uk/blog/?p=6128>

Experience: My first love has stalked me for 40 years

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/2010/mar/27/stalked-by-first-love>

£1m extra to cut domestic abuse across Wales

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/8585574.stm?dm\\_i=674,4838,KIQBV,D40J,1](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/8585574.stm?dm_i=674,4838,KIQBV,D40J,1)

Strategic Action Plan Consultation

[http://www.equalities.gov.uk/what\\_we\\_do/violence\\_against\\_women/action\\_plan\\_consultation.aspx](http://www.equalities.gov.uk/what_we_do/violence_against_women/action_plan_consultation.aspx)

Hospitals report fall in victims of violence

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8633869.stm>

## *Female Genital Mutilation, Forced Marriage & 'Honour' Crimes*

Man accused of Banaz Mahmod 'honour' murder

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/8577586.stm>

Stechford domestic abuse PC Smith explains how force deals with forced marriages

<http://www.sundaymercury.net/news/midlands-news/2010/01/25/stechford-domestic-abuse-pc-smith-explains-how-force-deals-with-forced-marriages-66331-25670276/>

THE VICTIMS OF TORTURE; Brutal practice of female circumcision on increase in inner-city Brum [http://findarticles.com/p/news-articles/sunday-mercury-birmingham-england/mi\\_7995/is\\_2010\\_March\\_28/victims-torture-brutal-practice-female/ai\\_n52945672/](http://findarticles.com/p/news-articles/sunday-mercury-birmingham-england/mi_7995/is_2010_March_28/victims-torture-brutal-practice-female/ai_n52945672/)

## ***Rape & Sexual Abuse/ Sexual Exploitation***

### **Jack Tweed case**

Jack Tweed 'in joint rape attack on teenager'  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/essex/8615732.stm>

Woman allegedly raped by Jack Tweed describes attack  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/essex/8617985.stm>

Tweed rape claim 'not motivated by shame'  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/essex/8620320.stm>

Jack Tweed found not guilty of raping woman  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/essex/8644486.stm>

### **Steven Barker case**

Baby P killer Steven Barker loses rape appeal bid  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/8631925.stm>

Baby P stepfather loses rape conviction appeal  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/apr/20/babyp-stepfather-rape-appeal-refused>

### **Child sex offender disclosure scheme**

Sex offenders win appeal against indefinite inclusion on register  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/apr/21/sex-offenders-register-life-appeal?&>

Teesside mother not told of sex offender's past  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/tees/8576246.stm>

### **Criminal Justice**

Rape victims 'let down' by failures of prosecutors  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/rape-victims-let-down-by-failures-of-prosecutors-1921818.html>

## Child Sex Offenders

Courts rapped for giving 'too short' jail terms to paedophiles who offend online  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/mar/28/online-child-pornography-sentences-rehabilitation>

Birmingham sex attacker faces the boot from victim's tower block  
<http://www.sundaymercury.net/news/midlands-news/2010/04/04/birmingham-sex-attacker-faces-the-boot-from-victim-s-tower-block-66331-26170545/>

## *Children & Young People - Safeguarding*

### Sexualisation of young people

Primark to stop selling children's padded bikini tops  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2010/apr/14/primark-children-padded-bikini-tops>

Let Girls be Girls <http://www.mumsnet.com/campaigns/let-girls-be-girls>

### NSPCC Factsheets

The NSPCC has published a factsheet on the requirements for professionals **reporting child abuse** in the United Kingdom  
[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/research/questions/reporting\\_child\\_abuse\\_wda74908.html](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/research/questions/reporting_child_abuse_wda74908.html)

The NSPCC has published a research briefing on **school bullying** that reviews the literature to summarise what is currently known about the nature and extent of bullying in schools  
[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/research/briefings/school\\_bullying\\_wda73503.html](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/research/briefings/school_bullying_wda73503.html)

The NSPCC has published a factsheet on **disguised compliance** explaining what it is, when it occurs and what professionals can do to identify and counteract it  
[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/research/questions/disguised\\_compliance\\_wda74079.html](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/research/questions/disguised_compliance_wda74079.html)

The NSPCC has published **Neglect matters**, a guide for 11–17 year-olds which tells young people how they can recognise neglect, who they can turn to for help and what they can do about it  
[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/publications/neglect\\_matters\\_wda70741.html](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/publications/neglect_matters_wda70741.html)

## **Lord Laming review/ child protection**

The vulnerable children left behind by Laming

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/Articles/2010/03/26/114162/the-vulnerable-children-left-behind-by-laming.htm>

We'll never protect children through box-ticking and checklists

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2010/mar/26/child-protection-checklist-abuse>

Baby P: local child abuse and care statistics

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/2010/apr/01/baby-p-abuse-children-care-statistics>

Councils struggling with big rise in child referrals

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2010/apr/20/child-protection-survey>

Intervening in complex families to protect children at risk

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/Articles/2010/02/26/113919/intervening-in-complex-families-to-protect-children-at-risk.htm>

## **Safeguarding Children general**

Media reporting bill 'threat' to vulnerable children

<http://www.lawgazette.co.uk/news/media-reporting-bill-threat-vulnerable-children>

Government to ban smacking for anyone working with children outside the family [http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn\\_id=2010\\_0082](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2010_0082)

Sex education and primary curriculum reforms abandoned

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2010/apr/07/primary-reforms-abandoned-labour>

## ***Criminal Justice System***

### **Victims' Commissioner**

Louise Casey to be first Victims' Commissioner

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsrelease300310b.htm>

### **Homophobic Hate Crime**

Homophobic hatred could lead to jail

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsrelease230310c.htm>

Blow the whistle on gay hate

[http://www.stonewall.org.uk/media/current\\_releases/3800.asp](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/media/current_releases/3800.asp)

## ***Voluntary Sector***

### **Total Place**

Total Place and the Third Sector

[http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third\\_sector/news/news\\_stories/100325\\_total\\_place.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/100325_total_place.aspx)

Saving of £1.2bn can be found by stopping duplication of services

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2010/mar/26/public-service-cuts-duplication?&>

### **Articles on BSWA**

update 195 | April 2010 [http://www.bvsc.org/files/downloads/pdf/update-editions/update\\_195\\_WEB.pdf?utm\\_source=MailingList&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=BVSC+++E-bulletin](http://www.bvsc.org/files/downloads/pdf/update-editions/update_195_WEB.pdf?utm_source=MailingList&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BVSC+++E-bulletin)

Trust Talk Issue 32: April/May 2010

<http://www.bsmhft.nhs.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd?AssetID=4962&type=full&servicetype=Attachment>

### **Helpline accreditation**

Charity helplines 'need regulation to restore the public trust'

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/archive/987059/Charity-helplines-need-regulation-restore-public-trust/?DCMP=ILC-SEARCH>

Editorial: Accreditation is the way forward for charity helplines

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/archive/986999/Editorial-Accreditation-forward-charity-helplines/?DCMP=ILC-SEARCH>

### ***Miscellaneous***

Equality Act 2010 <http://www.edf.org.uk/blog/?p=6134>

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