

Buckinghamshire Domestic Violence and Abuse Champion's Network

What does a Champion's training cover?

- The local picture in Buckinghamshire regarding support agencies and programmes.
- Strategies for victims, families and perpetrators.
- Why victims stay and how to support them
- The different types of perpetrator.
- The different types of abuse.
- The child's experience.
- How to assess the level of risk with the DASH (Domestic Abuse Stalking Harassment) risk assessment.
- Child risk assessment matrix.

What is it like to be a DVA Champion?

"DVA touches many of the cases we work with in Social Care. Becoming part of the Champion's Network has increased my confidence when responding to disclosures and complex cases."

The Network offers fantastic training which is essential for my professional development. Predominantly and most importantly it provides me with guidance."

- Children's Social Care Champion

How do I sign up to become a Champion?

Becoming a Champion and enrolling onto the training is all totally free. Champions need only sign up via the Reducing the Risk website below.

Access the link below or scan the below QR code and fill out the Champion's registration form. The form will list the training available which you can select.

hub.reducingtherisk.org.uk



For more information contact the Community Safety Team at Buckinghamshire Council.

communitysafety@buckinghamshire.gov.uk



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Why is there a Champion's network?

Research tells us that victims of Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) can go to as many as five different agencies before they find appropriate help, advice and support. By having Domestic Abuse Champions with increased awareness of the problems and of local services, the aim is to dramatically reduce this number and ensure early intervention.

Champions will be able to advise their colleagues on management of individual cases and ensure that they are aware of (and have access to) local resources and support.

Agencies have strategic and operational obligations towards DVA and safeguarding victims. Having a champion(s) within your organisation or service is vital in supporting these obligations.

What is the Champion's role?

- You will be the DVA contact for your organisation/service area.
- You will cascade DVA awareness to your organisation/service area.
- Champions on the frontline within their profession can identify victims and refer them to local resources and support.
- You will be the link between your organisation/service area and other Champions.
- You will be kept up to date on DVA issues so as to cascade this to other colleagues.
- You will have the opportunity to attend DVA network meetings in order to meet other Champions from other professions to expand your knowledge as well as share best practice.

Which representatives have joined the network?

The Champion's Network has representatives from many types of agencies. We are always on the search for new Champions from diverse professions to sign up and bring further experience to the network. The following professions are a sample of the Buckinghamshire DVA Champion's Network.

- Nurses/health visitors.
- DVA Outreach Workers.
- Community Safety Officers.
- Substance Misuse Workers.
- Social Workers.
- Police Officers/PCSOs.
- Relationship Therapists.
- Family Support Workers.
- Sexual Health Workers.



What will I be provided with in order to be a Champion?

- ✓ **Free** email bulletins from the DVA Champion's admin informing you about news, research, training and legal processes.
- ✓ **Free** Champion's training for those that are new to the network or those who require a refresher.
- ✓ Additional **free** training (MARAC/DASH).
- ✓ **Free** invitations to quarterly network meetings to discuss best practice and hear from guest speakers.
- ✓ **Free** invitations to network events.
- ✓ **Free** login to our new website 'Reducing the Risk' which has lots of resources and the Champion's contact list.

Ultimately, you will have a role that you know will make a difference and enhance your existing professional role. ✓