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**Violence Abuse and Mental Health Network**

**January Newsletter**

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**VAMHN Announcements**

**New VAMHN Podcast – coming soon!**

The VAMHN is excited to announce the upcoming launch of our new podcast *Pulling the Strings: Conversations About Coercive Control*. This podcast hosted by Dr Sharli Paphitis, Dr Katherine Saunders and Anjuli Kaul will explore the diverse aspects of coercive control, featuring a different expert guest in each episode. The podcast will launch in the new year and will be available on all major streaming platforms – watch this space for more information shortly!

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**Other Training, Events and Opportunities**

**The Youth Justice Board** are running the “Victims Webinar: Sharing Good Practice and Available Services” on the 18th January from 1.30-3.30pm. This webinar is an opportunity to hear from youth justice service practitioners delivering services for victims of crime alongside experts in victims support for children. To register your attendance click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.co.uk%2Fe%2Fvictims-webinar-sharing-good-practice-and-available-services-tickets-776993788337%3Faff%3Doddtdtcreator&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520349690%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=IrbCYTCMvAw%2B72%2Bk4c9VLsha9fyxLEMa7uB3ytn30%2BE%3D&reserved=0).

**The Emily Test** are running an information session on the 22nd January from 2-3pm to discuss how their Charter could help institutions implement best practices around gender-based violence in education. To sign up and find out more please email charter@emilytest.org

**The Journal of Gender Based Violence** have issued a call for papers around vicarious trauma prevention for gender-based violence researchers. Abstract submissions close on the 1st February 2024. For more details click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbristoluniversitypressdigital.com%2Fview%2Fjournals%2Fjgbv%2Fjgbv-overview.xml%3Ftab_body%3Dcall-for-papers&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520349690%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YJByNBAGjuyvwssEdy0f39FvtHyIOiXcDKslxiDzIJ8%3D&reserved=0).

**NIHR** have issued a funding call for applications to Stage 1 of their Health Technology Assessment Programme. The programme includes a call on the theme of “Therapies for women, children and others who experience domestic abuse”. The deadline for applications is 1pm on 28th March. Full information is available [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nihr.ac.uk%2Ffunding%2F23162-therapies-for-women-children-and-others-who-experience-domestic-abuse%2F34987&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520349690%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Ncsx3SPnCyODlG0HdOAHVcQk87q9BciXP8t0wkrC3gU%3D&reserved=0).

**NIHR** have issued a funding call for applications to Stage 1 of their Public Health Research Programme. This includes the “NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships rolling call” for projects which addresses the JLA PSP’s research priorities. The deadline for applications is 1pm on the 23rd April. Full information is available [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nihr.ac.uk%2Ffunding%2F23176-nihr-james-lind-alliance-priority-setting-partnerships-rolling-call-phr-programme%2F35023&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520349690%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=facFB71IYhV%2FnmqgRABySGa7WlMicSYKVESJB6jG5NA%3D&reserved=0).

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**Ongoing research**

**The RIVA Study** is run by researchers based at King’s College London, the Newcastle University, the University of Exeter, and Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. They are conducting a study that aims to understand how to support the involvement of people with lived experience in the successful development and implementation of Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs) in healthcare settings. They are running a series of online focus group of around 8-10 participants (or individual interviews if preferred), followed by a brief online follow-up survey. They are seeking participants to attend these focus groups. You are eligible to participate if:

* **You have recently been supported by an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) –** [click here to view the study flyer.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.canva.com%2Fdesign%2FDAFf4Jjr5no%2Fgt1Yup8rDTPA18qP1CQ4mg%2Fedit%3Futm_content%3DDAFf4Jjr5no%26utm_campaign%3Ddesignshare%26utm_medium%3Dlink2%26utm_source%3Dsharebutton&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520349690%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SaggJ9%2F%2FLAAphwv3rMuUHv9h%2BT2HJtOpne99g8dvGTE%3D&reserved=0) *(Participants will receive a £50 e-voucher for attending the focus group, and a further £12.50 e-voucher for completing the follow-up online survey as a thank you for your time.)*

OR

* **You are a professional with knowledge of healthcare-based IDVA programmes –** [click here to view the study flyer.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.canva.com%2Fdesign%2FDAFf4ZHWm-0%2FNzvRzo2aflEtXD7RFuKCPA%2Fedit%3Futm_content%3DDAFf4ZHWm-0%26utm_campaign%3Ddesignshare%26utm_medium%3Dlink2%26utm_source%3Dsharebutton&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520349690%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=A7k7Lyl1Ibr6MjNJSomQdRJ3EeTL5KsD9TeuMi7OBz4%3D&reserved=0)

Groups will be run separately run for people with lived experience and for professional stakeholders. If you would like to find out more, please email Anjuli Kaul at anjuli.1.kaul@kcl.acuk or call/text Camilla Forbes at 07407 856476.

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| Books         Resources**Health effects associated with exposure to intimate partner violence against women and childhood sexual abuse: a Burden of Proof study** *– Spencer et al, 2023*This systematic review sought to evaluate the evidence strength linking intimate partner violence and/or childhood sexual abuse to health outcomes, such as mental health disorders, maternal health problems and HIV/AIDs. To read the full review published in *Nature Medicine*, click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nature.com%2Farticles%2Fs41591-023-02629-5%23article-info&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520349690%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CHy2Eqs1OyGMqKqATqiK%2BUy%2Fl%2BOWvaaCkR2bCDwdtgI%3D&reserved=0).**Researching gender-based violence remotely during a pandemic: challenges, opportunities and methodological implications –** *Taylor-Dunn et al, 2023.*This article draws on reflections from researchers who conducted research during the COVID-19 pandemic regarding the reasons why victims of domestic abuse and/or sexual violence may withdraw from the criminal justice process. Analysis of these reflections explores the implications and emotional challenges of remote research in the context of the pandemic. To read the full article published in Open Research Online click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Foro.open.ac.uk%2F94960%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520349690%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dzSBfc1FHsWxcspk1ckmyCcdA1c9rNi%2B9HxUVONSbVQ%3D&reserved=0). **The Living Archive of Survivorhood of Trauma** *– Fischer et al, 2024*This article explores the development of The Living Archive of Survivorhood of Trauma (LAST) created by The Traumascapes Arts Collective. LAST which considers and documents what survivorhood means to them, both individually and collectively, and how this understanding changes over time. To read the article published in *The Lancet Psychiatry* click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thelancet.com%2Faction%2FshowPdf%3Fpii%3DS2215-0366%252823%252900391-7&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520505940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xIdJBvlpMhpCOOwRWqVc1ukjQrHVTnSRM4SR7bfhKmU%3D&reserved=0) and to access LAST on the Traumascapes website click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.traumascapes.org%2Flast&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520505940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9Mlwl6rU1WiGV7et3zRNkyumQLF%2BEqnqFWV5pBVGVoY%3D&reserved=0).*For more useful resources and links, take a look here:* [*https://www.vamhn.co.uk/resources.html*](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vamhn.co.uk%2Fresources.html&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520505940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wjP2xDbX3fh72fEIiTcMcchTZpcjc9ll6%2ByRIPitkwY%3D&reserved=0) |

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**VAMHN Forum**

Whether you want to share a survey, find collaborators for a bid or discuss a paper you’ve written, the VAMHN forum is a space for you to do that. To sign up to the forum and start connecting to other VAMHN members click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvamhn6.wixsite.com%2Fforum&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520505940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5ddnwbkSDZx24IRkg0xhD2tAanyExDqSQY3q2h4beNw%3D&reserved=0). Full instructions on how to use the forum can be found on the homepage.



**VAMHN Directories**

The VAMHN has developed three active directories available on our website for our members to access. To access our directories masterpage click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.vamhn.co.uk%2Fdirectories.html&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520505940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wWoevvLtv3YVqW9Yh2%2BylVono%2Bo%2B6Uf3NuAN4KjfYp8%3D&reserved=0).

1. **VAMHN Data Directory**

This resource indexes UK datasets, data repositories, and aggregate/published statistics about violence, abuse, and mental health, providing you with information about these resources and how to access them.  To access this resource, click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vamhn.co.uk%2Fdata-directory.html&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520505940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ztxe7RTK6op5NmpbFPZh34ilRdf3C1RXcQXB%2BJIrwt0%3D&reserved=0). We’ll be continually adding to the data directory, so if you know of a resource that we haven’t yet indexed, please tell us about it by completing the template at the bottom of the Directory webpage and emailing to vamhn@kcl.ac.uk. Please note that the resource should be either publicly available or available upon application. You do not need a password to access the data directory.

1. **VAMHN Expert Directory**

Our Expert Directory collates details of Network member expertise – e.g., academics, policy-makers, practitioners, those with lived experience, etc. This resource can be used to help members find experts to help with bids or research or more general questions and queries. To access the Expert Directory webpage click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.vamhn.co.uk%2Fexpert-directory.html&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520505940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4hIon%2B82MifJ6lkBFIh9BO%2B4apucueHEuYyPJzqIjFY%3D&reserved=0).**The password to the webpage is UKRInetwork1!**

1. **VAMHN Network Directory**

This directory is for organisations and networks – again, academic, policy-making, practitioner, lived experience, third sector, voluntary sector, etc. These may be formal or informal; organisations, discussion forums, mailing lists; etc. The resource can be used to help members find relevant networks to join, to signpost others to and potentially to help with bids or research or more general questions and queries. To access the Network Directory webpage click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.vamhn.co.uk%2Fnetwork-directory.html&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520505940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=T%2FhICebU93VyZLNdbgVfG3ZRfb5r%2F6H0asMZsHNMWm0%3D&reserved=0).**The password to the webpage is UKRInetwork1!**

Both the expert and network directory webpages include instructions on how to use them effectively, and also include a video introduction from our network co-investigator Dr Jude Towers.

If you would like to add your details either the expert or network directory, you can download the template form from our website at the web-links above and send to vamhn@kcl.ac.uk.

We hope you find the directories useful! If you would like to refer these directories onto colleagues who are not currently members of the VAMHN, please kindly ask them to join the network [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.vamhn.co.uk%2Fjoin-the-network.html&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520505940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cAlDNPpkQaW2nAFz7deQlRJb8NACIa2VZPairV1ZEk0%3D&reserved=0) and contact us at vamhn@kcl.ac.uk to request the password.

1. **VAMHN Blog Directory**

Our blog directory which contains blogs by people with lived and living experience of violence, abuse and mental health. The blogs are about diverse forms of domestic and sexual violence, diverse types of mental health and different experiences of services e.g. health, policing, research etc. To access the blog directory, click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vamhn.co.uk%2Fdirectories.html&data=05%7C02%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ce0de80b1e63145ae1c3108dc15b58289%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638409116520505940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2k%2FHM8dObYEhLQ5bHWR9B3l6VdNCZWB3r765eY5h4wA%3D&reserved=0). The password to the webpage is *UKRInetwork1!* For any and all enquiries about this directory please contact vamhn@kcl.ac.uk.

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