

# A bitter pill to swallow

**Untangling perceptions of domestic violence, substance use and mental distress**

**27th and 28th  
October 2005**

Conway Hall,  
25 Red Lion Square  
London WC1R 4RL  
9.30am – 4.30pm

**The Greater London Domestic Violence Project's conference will allow a wide variety of service providers to explore and understand the links between domestic violence, substance use and mental health issues.**

## **The conference aims to**

- 1** provide **practical examples** of good practice in joint work in the areas of domestic violence, substance use and mental health
- 2** present up to date **research and policy** innovations in the interconnected areas of domestic violence, substance use and mental health
- 3** discuss a **human rights framework** for the provision of services to women with more complex needs



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Separate **Issues** Shared **Solutions**

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## Day one 27th October

### Content includes

#### **The impact of domestic violence on the retention and completion of substance misuse treatment**

Dr Sarah Galvani, Lecturer in Social Work, University of Birmingham

#### **The prevalence and difficulties of working across the dual issues of domestic violence and substance use**

Dr Cathy Humphreys, School of Health and Social Studies University of Warwick

#### **Domestic Violence, Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health: Issues for the criminal justice system**

Luci Russell, SmartJustice for Women Campaign

### Workshops

- 1 Safe messages for perpetrators** in drug and alcohol treatment settings
- 2 Opening Doors:** providing domestic violence services for drug and alcohol using women
- 3 Understanding domestic violence** in the context of sex work and substances
- 4 Looking forward locally:** how to bring local services together for effective practice
- 5 Domestic violence as a treatment issue:** providing services and support within a drug and alcohol agency
- 6 Working with children** who have experienced domestic violence and substance misuse.

## Day two 28th October

### Content includes

#### **Research overview – making the links**

To be confirmed

#### **Beyond theory, into practice**

Dr Roxane Agnew-Davies, GLDVP Mental Health Advisor

#### **The National Institute of Mental Health in England Violence and Abuse Prevention Programme**

Professor Catherine Itzin, Department of Health

### Question Time!

A variety of key players from the domestic violence, drug, alcohol and mental health fields answer and debate your questions about service provision and human rights.

### Workshops

- 1 BME Women's** experiences of domestic violence and mental distress
- 2 Young women,** self harm, domestic violence and mental health
- 3 Supporting women with mental health problems** (for domestic violence workers)
- 4 Supporting women experiencing domestic violence** (for mental health workers)
- 5 Understanding diagnosis and medication** / use of prescription medication by survivors of domestic violence
- 6 Human rights,** domestic violence and mental health

# booking form

I would like to book a place at the **a bitter pill to swallow** conference

Name

Organisation

Address

Phone no

Email

Please detail requirements to enable your attendance (e.g. sign language interpreting, diet etc.)

  

I would like to be added to the GLDVP mailing list

<i>please circle</i>		
yes	no	
27th	28th	both

I would like to attend on the following days:

## Cost

### for one day

Voluntary organisation	£75
Statutory organisation	£100

### For both days – discount rate

Voluntary organisation	£130
Statutory organisation	£180

I would like to pay by:

cheque	invoice
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*all invoices will be sent electronically*

All cheques should be made payable to **The London Action Trust (GLDVP)**

Bookings will only be confirmed once we have received payment. We recommend that agencies with complex internal financial systems book early to avoid disappointment.

# workshop choices

## Please indicate your workshop preferences from 1–5

We will do our best to ensure that you receive your first choices. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. A small number of the workshops will be held in rooms up a steep flight of stairs. Please let us know if this will prevent your access and we will ensure that your workshop choices are located in accessible rooms.

### Day one

### 27th October

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**Understanding domestic violence** in the context of sex work and substances

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### Day two

### 28th October

**BME Women's** experiences of domestic violence and mental distress

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**Human rights,** domestic violence and mental health

**Community organisations with an annual income of under £100,000 and fewer than three full-time staff may be eligible for a free place.**

## All booking forms should be returned to:

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