



Newsletter May 2017

Domestic Abuse Referral Reminder and Referral Route:

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New this month...

We have a new webpage!

IRIS information, referral form and useful resources are now all in one place available to all clinicians and receptionists. Please visit us at www.poole.gov.uk/IRIS



IRIS Achievers



Every month, the IRIS project receives referrals, requests for training and invitations to practice meetings.

Without you, the project would not work, and we would not know about many victims of abuse in our communities.

THANK YOU this month to **Dr Seal** at the **Adam's Practice, Poole**.

After chatting with IRIS in a practice meeting, Dr Seal made two positive referrals within a week to IRIS who have engaged!

Thank you also goes to **Carlisle House Surgery** and **Birchwood Practice** who have booked in IRIS training for their surgery staff for June!

Domestic Homicide Reviews in Dorset

Currently across Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole, there are **eight** Domestic Homicide Reviews which are in progress.

DHR's are undertaken in the circumstances of the death of a person aged 16 or over, who has or appears to have had resulted from Violence, Abuse or Neglect, by a person to who they have had an intimate personal relationship, or is a member of the same household as themselves.

What do we know from the DHR's nationally?

GP's are the **only** stakeholder group who consistently engage with victim/patient

Over half of DHR reports note that GPs missed opportunities to ask the victim about domestic abuse; a quarter missed opportunities to ask perpetrator about domestic abuse

Two thirds of DHRs showed victim/patient had mental health related needs; most common being anxiety & depression

we can help

Your patients need your help. ...Refer to IRIS.

Would you like to know more?

We have a mini presentation ready which would only take 15 minutes out of one of your meetings. Invite us in and we can get IRIS started with you! Please call or email Rhianon as per the details above!