Domestic Abuse Routine Enquiry (DARE) – Free Training for Gloucestershire Professionals

Background

Hampton Trust has been working with domestic abuse perpetrators for over 26 years. As an organisation, we have been advocating for early perpetrator interventions for many years. We are therefore pleased to be working with Gloucestershire OPCC to provide our Domestic Abuse Routine Enquiry (DARE) toolkit training to frontline professionals across Cheltenham, Gloucester, Stroud, Forest of Dean, Cotswolds and Tewkesbury.

What is DARE?

The Domestic Abuse Routine Enquiry (DARE) toolkit training has a perpetrator focus as and aims to provide a wide range of multi-agency professionals with the tools they need to **identify**, **explore** and **engage** domestic abuse perpetrators so they can be successfully referred on to specialist local services.

The **DARE** toolkit training is CPD accredited and consists of three online compulsory half-day workshops over a three-week period. The core modules include:



Week 1 - How to identify domestic abuse perpetrators.

Week 2 - How to explore risks & context associated with domestic abuse perpetrators. Week 3 - How to engage domestic abuse perpetrators and nudge them into specialist services.

The **DARE** Toolkit training does not require professionals to deliver in-depth specialist work with domestic abuse perpetrators, rather it encourages a wider community response in which all agencies share responsibility for identifying those who harm within their client groups, opening up conversations about their abusive behaviours and creating opportunities to refer these clients to the right intervention at the right time.

Why should you become DARE aware?

There is a clear identified need for perpetrators to be identified much sooner and before their behaviour escalates into the most serious harm. Many frontline staff tell us that they don't have the skills, tools, or confidence to start a conversation with someone they suspect may be harming a partner or ex-partner. Staff working in a variety of multi-agency settings, if given the right training, can start to play a role in helping make perpetrators more visible and supporting them to access the right help and support at the right time.

DARE was originally funded by the Home Office in 2021 and successfully piloted in Hampshire with more than 400 professionals across various frontline services receiving the training. An independent evaluation of the training undertaken by the University of Southampton, concluded:

'Through the engaging format of the training, participants learn strategies, techniques, and tools which they can incorporate into their practice, as well as the information needed to provide appropriate support, signposting, and referrals. The result is trainees' increased confidence and ability to approach conversations around DA more constructively.'

Full details about the training, the <u>evaluation</u>, the <u>DARE webinar</u>, and the toolkit are available at <u>www.daretoolkit.org.uk</u>.

How do I get on this training?

To reserve your free space please confirm your availability with your line manager **for all 3 sessions of the course**, select a date from the following links and fill in the online booking form:

Date	Time	Location	Booking form
Thursday 30 th , 7 th and 14 th Nov/Dec 2023	9am - 12.30pm	Online - Zoom	Booking Form
Monday 4 th , 11 th and 18 th Dec 2023	9am - 12.30pm	Online - Zoom	Booking Form
Tuesday 5 th , 12 th and 19 th Dec 2023	1pm - 4.30pm	Online - Zoom	Booking Form
Tuesday 9 th , 16 th and 23 rd Jan 2024	9am - 12.30pm	Online - Zoom	Booking Form
Tuesday 9 th , 16 th and 23 rd Jan 2024	1pm - 4.30pm	Online - Zoom	Booking Form
Wednesday 10 th , 17 th and 24 th Jan 2024	9am - 12.30pm	Online - Zoom	Booking Form
Wednesday 10 th , 17 th and 24 th Jan 2024	1pm - 4.30pm	Online - Zoom	Booking Form
Thursday 11 th , 18 th and 25 th Jan 2024	1pm - 4.30pm	Online - Zoom	Booking Form

Please note, dates and training numbers need to be confirmed by Hampton Trust before your place is accepted. You may have to wait up to two weeks before you receive an email confirmation so please hold the dates in your diary until this happens.

By filling in a booking form you are also consenting to your details being shared with your line manager, the funder (Gloucestershire OPCC) and the Local Authority training lead to ensure that places are allocated fairly.

What to expect

Once your place has been confirmed, you will be sent instructions on how to join the training. The training can be accessed anywhere as it is delivered online via Zoom.

After completing a short post training survey, you will be posted a **DARE** Toolkit, this provides a recap of the training and effective tools to identify and understand perpetrators of domestic abuse, and how to motivate them to get help.

Please contact us if you have any further questions.