

## The Emma Humphreys Memorial Prize

The Emma Humphreys Memorial Prize is awarded each year to commemorate the life and work of Emma Humphreys, who tragically died aged 30 in 1998. Emma was a writer, campaigner and survivor of domestic violence who fought a historic struggle to overturn a murder conviction in 1995, supported by Justice for Women and other feminist campaigners.

The annual prize of £1,000 will be awarded to a woman or group who has, through writing or campaigning, raised awareness of violence against women and children. The aim of the prize is to provide recognition for that initiative against violence and to bring it to the attention of a wider public through media coverage.

Previous winners include: Fiona Broadfoot (founder of EXIT, an organization assisting women and young people who have been exploited into prostitution) and Nazand

Bezikhani (a driving force behind Kurdish Women Against Honour Killings). Full details of all nominees and winners of the individual and group prizes can be viewed on [www.emmahumphreys.org](http://www.emmahumphreys.org)

If you would like to nominate an organisation or individual for the EHMP you can download a nomination form from [www.emmahumphreys.org](http://www.emmahumphreys.org) or leave a message on 020 8374 2948 or [info@emmahumphreys.org](mailto:info@emmahumphreys.org). Your message should provide the following details: Nominator's name, organisation or campaign, address, postcode, telephone, fax, email and nominee's name, organisation or campaign, address, postcode, telephone, fax and email. Please include (in no more than 400 words) details of why you believe the nominee should receive the award for 2005, what your nominee has achieved and how she (or the group) would benefit from the award.



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## Domestic violence and pre-school children

Refuge has recently completed a study which looks at the effects of domestic violence on new born babies up to four years old who have witnessed abuse including physical, verbal and sexual abuse.

Findings showed that more than half of children under five who witness domestic violence suffer from symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Additional findings show:

- Exposure to violence or trauma, and the resultant persisting fear with which the young child lives, can alter the developing brain.
- Pre-school children were found to be at significant risk of developing emotional and behavioural problems and speech and language problems.
- 50% of children in this project met the criteria for post-traumatic stress (PTS). The most frequently reported PTS symptoms for pre-schoolers in this study included: trouble

paying attention; regression in behaviours such as toileting and language; and separation anxiety.

- Under five year old responses while witnessing violence against their mothers, ranging from persistent crying, screaming or vomiting, to trying to protect their mothers, to no emotional reaction at all.
- 23% of the children intervened during the violent incidents, thus putting themselves at greater risk of physical harm.

Refuge's psychologists were also able to show that with the right understanding, help and support children can overcome their experiences. But this will only become a reality when the government recognises under-fives' needs and provides adequate support.

To read the full findings of the research and recommendations please contact [olivia\\_lamb@refuge.org.uk](mailto:olivia_lamb@refuge.org.uk)

## Policy update

Refuge, NSPCC, Barnados and Women's Aid have recently issued responses to the Child (Contact) and Adoption Bill which had its second reading in the House of Lords on 29th June. All four organisations are campaigning to ensure that the safety of children is at the heart of all legislation as the latest Bill seeks to address the powers of the Family Court.

With regard to child contact and residence, Refuge is advocating for policies and legislation that prioritise and ensure safety for the child and the non-abusing parent.

If you would like a copy of Refuge's response please email [olivia\\_lamb@refuge.org.uk](mailto:olivia_lamb@refuge.org.uk) or visit the policy page of [www.refuge.org.uk](http://www.refuge.org.uk)

## Quarterly statistics (from Refuge\*)

### Call Summary for January - June 2005

NO. OF INCOMING CALLS									
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
London Calls	800	714	778	801	710	976	836	<b>5,615</b>	32.66%
Out of London Calls	1,554	1,337	1,463	1,591	1,790	1,969	1,874	<b>11,578</b>	67.34%
<b>Total (UK-Wide) Calls</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>2,051</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,945</b>	<b>2,710</b>	<b>17,193</b>	

London Calls Received During:									
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
Core Hours	438	408	453	421	399	570	442	<b>3,131</b>	55.76%
Out of Hours	362	306	325	380	311	406	394	<b>2,484</b>	44.24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>5,615</b>	

Out of London Calls Received During:									
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
Core Hours	609	550	661	609	615	725	678	<b>4,447</b>	38.41%
Out of Hours	945	787	802	982	1,175	1,244	1,196	<b>7,131</b>	61.59%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,554</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,969</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>11,578</b>	

Total (UK-wide) Calls Received During:									
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
Core Hours	1,047	958	1,114	1,030	1,014	1,295	1,120	<b>7,578</b>	44.08%
Out of Hours	1,307	1,093	1,127	1,362	1,486	1,650	1,590	<b>9,615</b>	55.92%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>2,051</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,945</b>	<b>2,710</b>	<b>17,193</b>	

NO. OF OUTGOING CALLS									
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
London Calls	1,194	1,081	1,139	1,191	1,117	1,483	1,288	<b>8,493</b>	39.01%
Out of London Calls	1,797	1,498	1,684	1,844	2,062	2,238	2,153	<b>13,276</b>	60.99%
<b>Total (UK-Wide) calls</b>	<b>2,991</b>	<b>2,579</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>3,179</b>	<b>3,721</b>	<b>3,441</b>	<b>21,769</b>	

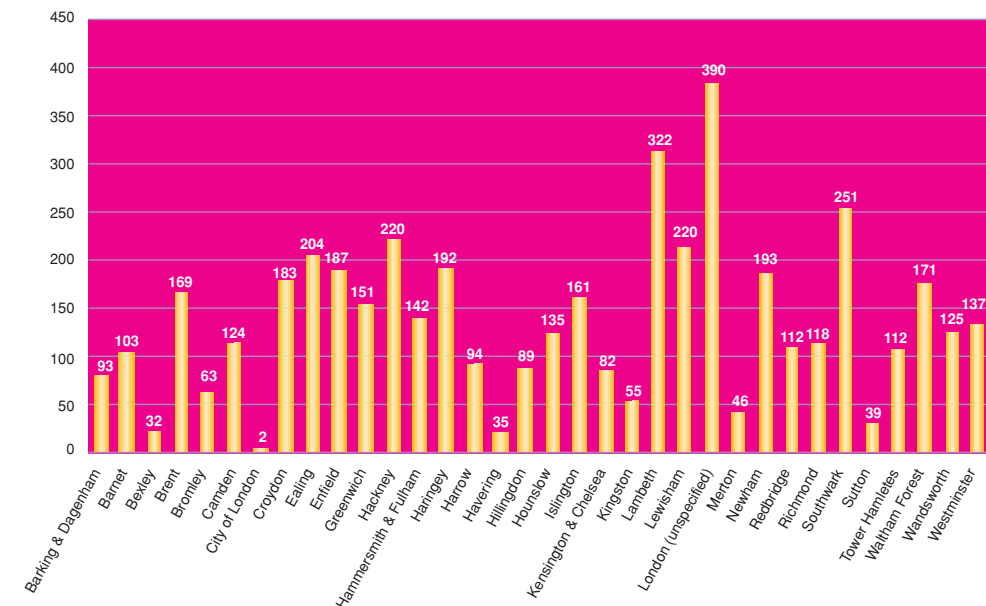
### Call Summary for London Calls for January - June 2005

NO OF CHILDREN	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
0	520	417	501	546	461	610	525	3,580	63.76%
1	130	142	110	121	123	158	127	911	16.22%
2	90	97	122	67	75	127	103	681	12.13%
3	41	39	35	42	35	49	52	293	5.22%
4	11	10	5	19	9	18	22	94	1.67%
5	5	5	3	3	4	11	2	33	0.59%
6	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	11	0.20%
7	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	8	0.14%
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.02%
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
11+	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0.05%
<b>Total</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>5,615</b>	

\*NB. The Freephone 24-hour National Domestic Violence Helpline is run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge. However, the statistics above represent calls answered by Refuge only.

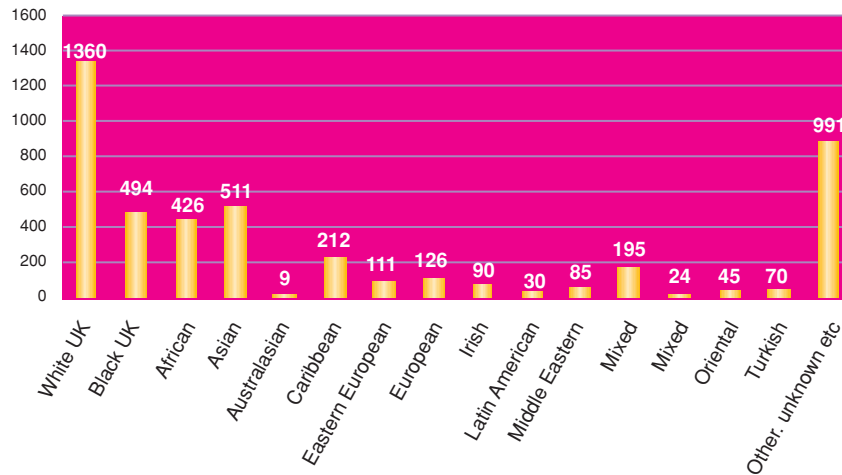
## London calls by borough

April - June 2005



## London calls by caller ethnicity

April - June 2005



## Dogs Trust launches the Freedom Project

Some women are unable to leave a violent relationship for fear of what might happen to their pets. However, a new scheme launched by the Dogs Trust on the 8th June 2005 hopes to make it easier for a woman to leave knowing that her pets can stay safe.

The Freedom Project is an innovative pet fostering scheme for women going into a refuge or temporary accommodation. It works by temporarily placing the dog with a volunteer foster-carer who will look after that dog in their own home until they can be safely reunited with their owner. The Freedom Project can also arrange for Cats Protection to care for cats under the scheme.

### Information:

- During the foster placement the Freedom Project provides all pet food and veterinary treatment free of charge.

- Total anonymity is assured – dogs will not be fostered in the area where the owner lives and the carer who fosters the dog will not know the owner.
- Freedom Project staff provide help and support throughout the placement.
- During the placement a woman is not allowed contact with the dog.
- There is no charge for this service.

**Contact details: Freedom Project Co-ordinator – freephone 0800 298 9199 or email [freedomproject@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:freedomproject@dogstrust.org.uk)**

**Dogs Trust urgently need more volunteer foster carers, if you have experience of owning or looking after a dog, and are available during the day please call the number above.**

**Opening times: Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm**

## Women's Aid launches campaign to raise awareness of links between domestic violence and mental health, drug or alcohol misuse

Women's Aid has launched a set of three awareness-raising campaign posters and a campaign leaflet to encourage health professionals and domestic violence organisations to understand the links between domestic violence and health issues.

The campaign focuses on the key role that health professionals can play in supporting women experiencing domestic violence who access their services. It highlights how many women resort to alcohol or drugs as a response to coping with the abuse and shows how domestic violence can lead to depression or anxiety disorders and exacerbate existing mental health conditions such as schizophrenia.

The new resources, supported by the Department of Health, are on sale from Women's Aid at 30p per poster and 50p per leaflet. Please call 0117 944 4411 for an order form.



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## Crown Prosecution Services news



Two pilot projects in Caerphilly, Wales and Croydon, London have illustrated different ways to improve the prosecution of domestic violence cases. Both pilots successfully improved safety and satisfaction of victims and increased convictions.

In Caerphilly, a dedicated domestic violence operational team was set up, including a lead prosecutor, an advocate to support the victim and a dedicated police officer, all of whom met each week to discuss domestic violence cases.

In Croydon, the emphasis of the pilot was on a specialist domestic violence court, which had specially trained prosecutors and panels of magistrates. As a result, fewer cases were discontinued than before. This was because the prosecution team presented other evidence, e.g. photos, which led to the convictions of defendants.

Domestic violence project manager, Jude Watson, said: "We are extremely pleased with the findings and envisage a new model for specialist domestic violence courts encompassing best practice from both pilots."

In both pilots, victims commented on the difference these schemes had made. One said: "I didn't retract this time. I had done lots of times before, but I think that was because I didn't feel that anyone was taking me seriously. This time around it was totally different. To be honest I think that was the only reason I kept going this time was because of the advocate support."

To read more about these pilots, see the latest edition of CPS News

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## Running for Refuge

Crossing the finish line at the London Marathon could be one of the greatest achievements of your life. You can be part of this incredible experience and join a fantastic team of Refuge runners while helping to raise vital funds for women and children who experience domestic violence.

The national ballot is now open and we are asking all runners who would like to run for Refuge to apply via the ballot so that we can recruit the maximum number of runners. Entry forms can be found in Marathon News magazine available in all good sports shops. Deadline for entry is 21st October 2005. If you are lucky enough to secure a place we would love you to run in the Refuge team.

You will receive maximum support with your training and fundraising and will have the chance to be part of a great running team.

If you do not manage to secure a place through the ballot, Refuge has a limited number of guaranteed Golden Bond places which we purchase directly from the London Marathon. In return for one of these places, we ask each runner to pledge to raise a minimum amount of sponsorship.

If you are interested in running the 2006 London Marathon for Refuge please contact Rose on 020 7395 7724 or email [rosanna\\_papararo@refuge.org.uk](mailto:rosanna_papararo@refuge.org.uk)



2005 Refuge Marathon team