

Manchester Domestic Abuse Strategy Newsletter

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Welcome to the tenth issue of the Manchester Domestic Abuse Strategy newsletter, providing regular updates and information on the work being done across the city to end domestic abuse.

POLICE RECORD HIGHEST NUMBER OF DOMESTIC ABUSE CALLS FOLLOWING ENGLAND'S WORLD CUP EXIT

Greater Manchester Police recorded 353 incidents of domestic abuse on the day England went out of the World Cup after a 4-1 defeat by Germany. Apart from New Year's Day, it's the highest number of domestic abuse incidents recorded in a day so far this year and is 15.7 per cent higher than the same day in June last year.

Figures released this week also show calls to the Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse Helpline rose by 187 during June, which included England's three-week World Cup campaign, compared to the number of calls received the previous month. The helpline received 448 calls in May, while in June, with England matches against USA, Algeria, Slovenia and Germany, 635 people contacted the helpline.

For the first time ever agencies from across Greater Manchester have worked together to run a campaign to urge victims of domestic abuse, their friends and families as well as those committing the abuse to seek help and advice over the World Cup. It is supported by Manchester City Council and the nine other Greater Manchester local authorities, Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Public Health Network, Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse Helpline, and voluntary organisations.

Assistant Chief Constable Terry Sweeney, Greater Manchester Police's lead on domestic abuse said: "The figures recorded by both ourselves and the helpline highlight the importance of this domestic abuse awareness campaign.



"I am pleased at how many people have responded to the campaign so far and found the courage to come forward. Throughout the remaining World Cup tournament and beyond, we will continue to work with our partners to ensure anyone affected by domestic abuse knows where to go to get the help and support they need.

"I also want to send a clear message to offenders that there is no excuse for domestic abuse at any time and we will look to ensure that those responsible are caught and brought to justice."

Rowetta of X Factor and Happy Monday's fame helped to launch the campaign on 7 June by unveiling a window display on Market Street in the city centre, which showed the images to be used throughout the campaign. Continues page 2...

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Rowetta has escaped an abusive relationship and said: "There are a number of peaks in domestic abuse throughout the year. Evidence shows that the combination of a major sporting event, good weather and alcohol leads to a significant rise in domestic abuse. I've been in a violent relationship and know how hard it can be to get out. This campaign aims to make sure that anyone suffering knows how to get the support they need to leave an abusive relationship and start re-building their lives."

Manchester City Council's Lead Member on Women, Councillor Suzanne Richards, said: "The statistics show that major sporting events and the consumption of alcohol lead to a rise in incidents of domestic abuse. We have recognised this and worked jointly with the police and other authorities, the health service and voluntary groups across Greater Manchester. Our aim is to raise awareness and give victims, their friends and families and perpetrators the information they need to seek help and support."

"Last week I shadowed an officer from one of Greater Manchester Police's divisional Domestic Violence Units. I got to see how their targeted World Cup campaign is working in practice. There is a high level of dedication to enforcing the law on perpetrators of domestic abuse, which we would expect but there is also a real focus on preventative action and support for victims."

Independent Choices, Chief Officer, Sam Priestley, added: "We were pleased to see such great public support and interest for the campaign so far, however the World Cup is not yet over and beyond this, as we know, domestic abuse is sadly widespread within our communities. It is encouraging so many people have come forward for support to the helpline and other agencies this month. The message across Greater Manchester is that local support is available and everyone has choices that can help to make positive change."

A series of hard-hitting posters incorporating striking images of a football shirt, remote control and broken beer bottle with headlines such as: Blow the Whistle on Domestic Abuse and Being Controlled is Domestic Abuse are being displayed in locations such as hospitals, doctor's surgeries and licensed premises.

A credit card sized information card is also being distributed providing domestic abuse victims, their friends and families and perpetrators with some key contact numbers for support services.

For more information about those services available to help stop domestic abuse, visit the redesigned [End the Fear](#) website. Those responsible can also get help to stop by contacting the Respect Phoneline: 0845 122 8609.

Supporting women with immigration difficulties who have experienced domestic abuse.

The last practitioner's forum enabled guidance and discussion on this subject and Safety4Sisters have produced a written guide, which can be found [here](#) on the endthefear.co.uk website.

Please do download this guide and use it to help you when supporting women with these issues. For further information on this issue you can contact the Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse Helpline 0161 636 7525 or email [South Manchester Law Centre](#).

News from the Manchester Domestic Abuse Management Group (DAMG)

Progress has been made on achieving our aims set out in the 2010/11 delivery plan as can be seen from our headline news on the success of the Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse campaign and the redesigned website, www.endthefear.co.uk

We are making good progress at ensuring that domestic abuse is embedded within key agencies and boards' delivery plans and strategies. We aim to be working with one goal and purpose within Manchester as partner agencies whether in the statutory or voluntary sector to combat domestic abuse.

Manchester Safeguarding Children Board has commissioned a consultant to look into service provision for children affected by domestic abuse. This will be completed by October 2010. We now have a domestic abuse education pack available for primary schools in Manchester and are looking at updating the secondary school pack.

DAMG are currently developing a statement of minimum standards along side a self-assessment chart to enable agencies to progress towards a gold standard service for survivors and their children. Manchester's Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference is operating in the three police divisions of the City and is working through a quality assurance process. We are reviewing our protocols and training and are seeking to build on the success of the Specialist Domestic Violence Court.

Our next **Practitioners Forum** will be held on Tuesday 5th October 2010 and the theme will be women experiencing domestic abuse who are associated with gang members. More information on the venue etc will be sent out nearer the time. To book your place please email DomesticAbuseForum@manchester.gov.uk.

Against Violence and Abuse

From 12 April 2010, the Greater London Domestic Violence Project, home to the Stella Project, will become [Against Violence and Abuse](#) (AVA). AVA is a national second tier service working to end all forms of violence against women and girls.

The Stella Project will be extending its remit to include sexual violence and the links with drugs and alcohol.

This is in response to the level of women accessing alcohol and drug services who have experienced sexual violence. The project is in recognition of research highlighting how women use alcohol or drugs as a coping mechanism due to their past experiences of violence.

A new training course to look at sexual violence and substance use will be included to improve service responses and partnership working from Autumn.

New service for male survivors

Survivors Manchester is a survivor-led/survivor-run voluntary organisation that aims to create and facilitate a safe space for male survivors of sexual abuse and rape to work through personal and sometimes painful issues. Our work is concentrated on empowering men to make their own positive life choices and begin their own unique journey of healing. Being in contact with other survivors allows one to feel less isolated; feel connected and break the silence and legacy of abuse. For more information visit <http://www.survivorsmanchester.org.uk/>

Do you work in the public sector and have suggestions on how the new government could reduce the public debt? This is an opportunity to encourage the new government to invest to save in domestic abuse services.

[Go here](#) - and tell us your ideas about getting more for less. Don't hold back. Be innovative, be radical, challenge the way things are done. Every serious idea will be considered: by government departments, by the Treasury, by our teams in Number 10 and the Cabinet Office – and passed to Parliament's Public Accounts Committee to make sure we don't miss anything.

Third Sector Funding Website

[Funding central](#) is a useful website for all third sector organisations including community groups.

The website provides access to thousands of funding streams and finance opportunities.

There is also a wealth of tools and resources to support organisations and help develop sustainable income strategies.

Fundraising for Women's Aid Federation of England

Charlotte Nuzum, a survivor of domestic abuse, is running the Manchester marathon in November. All proceeds from this will be going to Women's Aid – Federation of England. The marathon takes place on 6th November 2010; which coincides with the 16 days action to end domestic abuse. Her aim is to change the mentality of those affected by domestic abuse as weak or victims to seeing their strength in turning their experiences into positive action.

If you are interested in supporting this event, please take the time to visit Charlotte's [Just giving page](#).

For Honour and Love

The DVD Launch Report for the '*For Honour and Love*' is now available to view in [PDF format](#).

This report is in order to continue raising awareness of honour-based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation.

In Brief

Women with insecure immigration status in Manchester

Safety4Sisters is a group of women who share a common concern for the well-being of women experiencing gender violence. A particular concern is for women who have no access to the benefit system.

If you have any information on suitable drop in groups or statistics on how many women with such issues are in contact with your service then please email details to: safety4sisters@googlemail.com

Factsheet: Grasping the nettle: alcohol and domestic violence

This fact sheet gives a completely updated overview of the research on the association between alcohol and domestic violence and a clear outline of the implications for policy and practice. Written by Dr Sarah Galvani from the University of Bedfordshire.

<http://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/publications/factsheets-and-booklets/grasping-the-nettle-factsheet>

CAADA support from The Body Shop

To celebrate 20 years of supporting charities, The Body Shop is asking its customers to help donate £20,000 by voting in-store for one of three chosen causes (one of which is CAADA). For more information see www.caada.org.uk. Results will be announced on 4th August.

CAADA 'Saving lives saving money'

CAADA have produced a report on the cost and human benefits of the MARAC process. See their website for further details.

Independent Choices news

**We are looking now to recruit members and also
Develop our well established Board of Trustees.**

**Particular skills we are looking to welcome on to the Board are in the areas of
Finance; Legal; Business; Human Resources and Local Community Engagement.
All applicants must demonstrate an interest in our vision and aims, bringing a
commitment to make a difference.**

**Our vision is that all women and their dependents are made aware
of their rights and offered choices
so that they can live without the fear of domestic abuse.**

**If you are an interested woman please contact:
chair@independentchoices.org.uk**

**or call Sam Priestley (Chief Officer) on 0161 636 7534
to have a chat and explore the possibilities further.**

**We are happy to send you out a membership form, a Board members pack and annual report, these
can also be found on our website www.wdchoices.org.uk**

Also, you are welcome to attend a **Membership Open evening
at 6pm on Monday 9th August at Windrush Centre, Moss Side,
M16 7WD.**

WomenMATTERA

Manchester and Trafford Taking Action

Women MATTA provide an intensive, holistic support service to women at risk of offending, women at risk of receiving custodial sentences and women who are released from custody after serving a sentence of less than 6 months.

To support Women MATTA could you be involved in the Pride Parade representing Women MATTA on 28th August 2010?

Those women who want to be involved can make a costume in keeping with the theme "Through The Decades."

The costume making sessions will be held free of charge at The Pankhurst Centre. Afterwards the costumes will be exhibited at a variety of community locations across Manchester along with a series of photographs showing the design process.

The process will allow you to gain skills in I.T by researching the costumes, gain sewing and craft skills and improve confidence and self esteem!



If you are interested, or for further information, please contact
Rachael on:

0161 273 1518

[Email Rachael](mailto:Rachael@womenmatta.org.uk)

Rachael Eastham, The Pankhurst Centre, 60-62 Nelson Street,
Manchester. M13 9WP



WOMEN'S DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE and COMMUNITY HELPLINE LANGUAGE SERVICE

Interested in volunteering?

The Women's Domestic Abuse Helpline (WDAH) is seeking to recruit volunteers for the Helpline including the Community Helpline Language Service (CHLS)

- Could you be supportive and understanding over the phone to women who are experiencing domestic abuse?
- Do you have an understanding of the importance of confidentiality?
- Can you remain calm in a crisis?
- Could you commit to a three-hour rota session a week, for a minimum of 12 months?
- Do you want to make a difference to the lives of women and children?

WDAH offers in return:

- Free training on domestic abuse awareness and on Helpline Skills
- Ongoing training
- Support
- The opportunity to work in a women only environment
- The opportunity to gain new experiences and skills and to develop existing ones
- Reimbursement of travel expenses and a contribution to childminding expenses

For an information pack: Telephone 0161 636 7525

Email: [Helpline](mailto:Helpline@independentchoices.org.uk)

Helpline – Monday –Friday 10am – 4pm. Tuesdays until 7pm

Community Helpline Language Service - Monday & Tuesday 10am – 1pm & Wednesday 1pm – 4pm languages available Urdu & Punjabi

Non-urgent email advice helpline@independentchoices.org.uk

www.wdchoices.org.uk



WOMEN ONLY APPLICANTS
Closing date: 1st September 2010

Compulsory training dates

29th September - 9.30 -12.30

10th October - 9.30 – 4pm

13th October – 9.30 – 4pm

19th October – 9.30 – 4pm



REAL MEN

In July's edition of Cosmopolitan magazine, Women's Aid launched its 'Real Man' campaign encouraging men to become part of the solution to ending violence against women.

The campaign, created by leading communications agency Grey London, features a range of images of famous men including Women's Aid Ambassador **Will Young** and actor **Ricky Whittle**.

As part of the campaign the 'real men' pose with props to challenge the stereotype of what a real man is with the message that they are not violent or abusive towards women.

The images of the men, which will be used as adverts for the wider campaign, feature Real Man t-shirts designed by Henry Holland. The campaign t-shirts will be exclusively available from Debenhams for £10.

Also, t-shirts with the slogan 'I'm a fan of a real man' are available for women.

Nicola Harwin CBE, Chief Executive of Women's Aid said:

"We are delighted to be able to launch our 'Real Man' campaign that sends out the clear message that a 'Real Man' would never be abusive or violent towards a partner. Women's Aid wants to engage with men, the majority of whom are not perpetrators of violence against women, to support our work to end violence against women and children and to actively refuse to tolerate any form of this crime.

"We are so grateful to the men involved for donating their time and energy to our campaign. We know that during big sporting events such as the World Cup there can be a rise in the reporting of incidents of domestic violence, so now is a very relevant time to raise awareness. We hope that this campaign will reach out to both men and women to send out the clear message that domestic violence is never acceptable."

Women's Aid Ambassador Will Young said:

"I have been working with Women's Aid since 2003 when I became the charity's first ambassador, and am so pleased to be able to be a part of the 'Real Man' campaign against domestic violence. I studied domestic violence at university and feel passionately that we need to raise awareness of violence against women and children and refuse to ignore it. Just by speaking out against domestic violence and being supportive of those directly affected we can all make a positive difference."

Thanks and farewell to Angela Masterson the domestic abuse administrator

Sadly we have said good bye to Angela who assisted with a great deal of work on the domestic abuse strategy. Angela has moved on to an exciting new business venture with her partner and as a thank you we gave her one of the t-shirts described above ☺. Angie distributed the free posters, leaflets, lip balms and bar code labels (with the domestic abuse helpline numbers on) if you require any more of these then please contact [Crime & Disorder](#).

Please see below the wide range of training opportunities being offered between September and December 2010 by Breaking Free and Sherwood Associates:

Sept. 23rd - Developing a Whole School to Domestic Abuse
Venue – Aylesbury, Bucks. Contact - [Sherwood Associates](#)

Sept. 28th - The Impact of Domestic Abuse on Young People*
Venue - High Wycombe, Bucks. Contact – [Pat Wallace](#)

Oct. 1st - Risks & Responsibilities Dynamics Domestic Abuse & Child Sexual Abuse
Venue – SOAS, London. Contact - [Sherwood Associates](#)

Oct. 8th - Understanding Perpetrators of Domestic Violence
Venue - Reading, Berks. Contact – [Pat Wallace](#)

Oct. 21st - Exploring Child to Parent Violence*
Venue - High Wycombe, Bucks. Contact – [Pat Wallace](#)

Nov. 10th - Dating Violence*
Venue - High Wycombe, Bucks. Contact – [Pat Wallace](#)

Nov. 16th & 17th - Domestic Violence - Risk Identification, Assessment & Management
Venue – SOAS, London. Contact - [Sherwood Associates](#)

Nov. 30th - Sexualisation in Our Society – What it Really Means for Young People Today
Venue – SOAS, London. Contact - [Sherwood Associates](#)

Dec. 7th - Developing a Whole School to Domestic Abuse
Venue – SOAS, London. Contact – [Sherwood Associates](#)

Dec. 15th & 16th - Sexual Violence & Abuse - Impact & Dynamics
Venue – SOAS, London. Contact - [Pat Wallace](#)

Pilot scheme for domestic violence victims to continue



Victims of abuse who have no access to public funds because of their immigration status will continue to get help according to the Home Secretary.

Theresa May confirmed that a pilot scheme – which has helped more than 250 women since its launch – will continue until March 2011.

Mrs May also committed to finding a long term solution to make sure victims are protected after the pilot. The scheme, run by Eaves Housing for Women Ltd, provides support to victims in the UK on a spouse or partner visa who have been forced to leave their home because of domestic violence.

Before the scheme, women in this situation would not be eligible for state benefits or housing, as leaving the family home invalidates their visa.

Speaking at a Womens' Aid conference, the Minister for Women and Equalities said that stopping violence against women would be a 'priority for the government.'

"I believe I have a unique opportunity to bring about real change to the lives and the status of women in this country and my ambition is nothing less than ending violence against women and girls," Mrs May said.

It was also confirmed that the government would reverse the decline in rape crisis centres. They will examine how to fund 15 new centres and how to provide more stable funding for existing centres.

The government will also respond in full to Baroness Stern's independent review into the handling of rape complaints.

Mrs May added: "Today I can confirm our commitment to continue funding the "no recourse to public funds" scheme and to more long-term, stable funding for rape crisis centres to support the many women who experience abuse. As well as this we will work towards providing real solutions to prevent violence against women from happening in the first place."

The sexualisation of our young people

The '*Sexualisation of Young People Review*', by Dr Papadopoulos, has recently published as part of the governments Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy

The review raises issues around how sexualised images and messages may be affecting the way children and young people develop as well as the link between sexualisation and violence.

The Children's Minister, Delyth Morgan, said: "Personal, social and health education already includes teaching about advertising and body image and from 2011 will include issues around violence against women and girls."

Research highlights the fact that children and young people are under increased amounts of hyper-sexualised images pressuring them to feel that they have to look 'sexy' and 'hot'.

This can result in dissatisfaction with their own bodies, poor self-esteem, depression and eating disorders and to long term poor mental and physical health.

Sex and Violence: Improving your care. Taskforce on the health aspects of violence against women and children: young people's version

This document explains the work of the taskforce and the violence agenda to young people, particularly to those who have been affected by violence. For more information visit:
<http://www.info4local.gov.uk/documents/publications/1641661>

Development of antenatal education to raise awareness of the risks of relationships conflict

The Leeds based group Start Treating Others Positively (STOP) conducted an exploratory study into antenatal parenting education and empowerment to manage emotions and behaviour, and prevent conflict escalating to abuse. Four main themes emerged through the data:

- Why has nobody thought about it before?
- Sharing the parenting.
- Learning to listen.
- Creating space for me and for you.

This has assisted in the development of a specific session on 'managing emotions, behaviour and any relationship conflict when becoming a parent.' The study showed that relationship conflict, which can lead to domestic violence and child abuse, is more likely to begin during pregnancy and childbirth than at any other time. A preventative approach to enable parents help manage their emotions; behaviour and conflict would be a valuable tool in limiting emergence and escalation of abuse. Further research on this subject will be piloted as part of an ongoing antenatal parenting education programme.

Places can now be booked for the St Mary's Centre 9th Annual Conference; at Manchester Town Hall on the 23rd and 24th of February 2011
Fear, Fantasy and Facts. Sex crimes and young children.

St Mary's Centre was the first sexual assault referral centre in the UK and our conferences have become key annual events for the **discussion of new ideas, and a forum for networking within the growing sexual assault aftercare community.**

The conference will be addressing issues relating to young children as victims of rape and sexual assault/abuse and it is aimed at, amongst others, forensic physicians and scientists, doctors, counsellors, nurses, health and social service providers and the police.

Speakers include;

- **Sir Professor George Alberti** Clinical Advisor to NHS London and Senior Research Investigator, Division of Medicine, Imperial College London
- **Jim Gamble** Chief Executive Child Exploitation Protection Centre
- **Professor Ian Wall** President of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine
- **Professor David Wells** Head of Clinical Forensic Medicine at the Victoria Institute of Forensic Medicine
- **Paul Stern** Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Snohomish County, Washington
- **Mary Newton** Senior Scientist, Forensic Science Service
- **His Honour Judge Peter Rook QC**

Please contact [Clare McManmon](#) for a booking form

TRAINING

MSCB Training

Future dates of the Manchester safeguarding children board's 1 day domestic abuse training:

30th September

3rd February

For more information on the training [please click here](#).

Opening the can of worms - safely

Embrace is the alcohol concern children, families and domestic abuse project helping to build capacity in non-statutory alcohol services. This enables them to work more effectively with families where there are alcohol problems and to address domestic violence and abuse.

For full booking details and to reserve a place please contact [Embrace](#).

'Effective responses to domestic and sexual violence/abuse' Bursaries now available for an accredited training course.

Skills for Justice and Women and Work have released some bursaries for the accredited training- it is available for the Bristol, Nottingham and London courses and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The bursary is available to people in the voluntary sector and covers £700 of the £1300 fee, meaning your employer would have to pay the outstanding amount of £600. To see if you are eligible initially please contact Angela Lecomber on 0117 9447190 and she will send you further information.

Who should apply for this qualification?

- Professionals working within the domestic and sexual violence sector:
e.g. DSV specialist support staff including refuge workers, refuge managers, outreach workers, anyone carrying out an IDVA role, children's workers, etc
- Professionals working in related fields including health practitioners, teachers with responsibility for child protection, youth workers, housing officers, police officers etc

Think Family

Manchester Alliance for Community Care are hosting two events to discuss Think Family, on how this strategy can be progressed in the voluntary, community and faith sector and how we can promote and showcase our work to partners. If you have any examples of how your organisation utilizes a whole family approach or how you have responded to Think Family please email me on: nicola@macc.org.uk

There will be a showcase of some of the voluntary, community and faith sector work in one of the upcoming Think Family Boards so it would be a great opportunity to present some of the creative work going on in the sector.

To see the Think Family Strategy document that went out for consultation click [here](#).

If you or someone you know needs help, contact:

- Manchester Women's Domestic Violence Helpline 0161 636 7525
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm
Tue 10.00-7.00pm
Community helpline service in Urdu & Punjabi:
Mon & Tue 10.00am – 1.00pm
Wed 1.00pm - 4.00pm
- National 24 hour Helpline 0808 2000 247.
- Help for Male Victims 0808 801 0327.
- Advice for perpetrators can be found from Respect 0845 122 8609.
- In an emergency call 999.



For more information or to book your place go to www.avaproject.org.uk



Health Project Training

The Health Project is a part of AVA. AVA delivers training to practitioners and agencies as an essential part of improving services to women and girls. AVA is a second tier organisation; our service users are other agencies that develop policies around, and/or provide services to women, children and men who experience or perpetrate different forms of violence against women and girls. AVA provides a variety of open training courses that take place at range of venues across the UK.


Schedule 2010

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Recovering from the Impacts of Domestic Violence – Unresolved Anger
26 July, Peterborough
 This course is based on principles that all feelings are healthy, that beliefs influence how we express feelings and that we can complete 'unfinished business' or unresolved anger in a safe way, using techniques adapted from experiential therapies.
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Recovering from the Impacts of Domestic Violence – Post-traumatic Stress
30 July, Peterborough
 This course is designed to help professionals identify signs of post-traumatic stress (PTS) in women who have experienced domestic violence and to explore different aspects of complex PTS.
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Recovering from the Impacts of Domestic Violence – Unresolved Anger
15 September, London
 This course is based on principles that all feelings are healthy, that beliefs influence how we express feelings and that we can complete 'unfinished business' or unresolved anger in a safe way, using techniques adapted from experiential therapies.
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Improving Your Working Relationships with Service Users Through Counselling Techniques
26 October, Peterborough
 This course explores the means to develop a powerful working relationship with clients who have experienced domestic violence, through respect, fostering control, setting boundaries and being trustworthy.


All our one-day open training courses cost £90 vol / £130 stat.

Women's Group


Pampering




Support




Safety




Self Esteem



Confidence Boosting




Friendship



Learn New Skills

Fun

Women Only



Every Tuesday
10.30am-12.30pm
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Ask for Gemma, Trish or Lucinda

Relax

Chat and Natter