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FIND YOUR WAY TO ASK

#PrideMonth: “Find your Way to Ask” is the campaign from IRISi!

June is Pride Month, a month dedicated to celebrating the LGBTQ+ communities all around the world. For that reason, we, from IRISi, have created the campaign “**FIND YOUR WAY TO ASK**”. We want to help to change a paradigm among healthcare professionals. We want to show why it is so important to know how to ask all patients about domestic violence and abuse (DVA) and our focus here is on how to ask about gender identity and sexuality.

There is a clear relationship between sexual orientation, gender identity and DVA. This means that LGBTQ+ people are suffering from specific impacts on their mental, physical, and sexual health. If you work within the healthcare sector, there is a way of improving your ability to recognise and respond to this: if you learn your own way to ask and approach it.

A PATIENT WHO FEELS PROPERLY SEEN AND HEARD DURING CONSULTATIONS IS MUCH MORE LIKELY TO DISCLOSE WHATEVER IS HAPPENING FOR THEM WHEN THEY ARE ASKED ABOUT DVA.

For that reason, we worked in partnership with Galop, the LGBTQ+ anti-violence charity in the UK, to provide key information to strengthen advocacy for LGBTQ+ survivors. Here are six key findings from “*Recognise & Respond: Strengthening Advocacy for LGBTQ+ Survivors of Domestic Abuse Relating to LGBTQ+ Survivors*”, a document produced by Galop.

[**Access the article**](#)

IRISi welcomes our two new board members!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS



JACQUELINE
GANTLEY



DAPHNE
AMEVENU

IRISi IS delighted to introduce our two new IRISi board members: **Jacqueline Gantley** and **Daphne Amevenu**! Jacqueline Gantley is a retired GP who worked in central Cardiff for over 30 years, and she was previously involved with the IRIS Programme, working as the Clinical Lead for two areas in South Wales since 2014. Daphne Amevenu had also previous experience with IRISi and the IRIS Programme, since she used to work at the Health Foundation, who supported the development of our social franchise programme. We all welcome Jacqueline and Daphne! [READ MORE >>](#)

#IRISchievement: this month, JERSEY is in the spotlight!

Around four years ago, Dr. Kate Wilson, who worked as the GP Safeguarding Lead on the island of Jersey, approached **Jersey Women's Refuge** with a proposal: working together to bring the **IRIS Programme** to the local practice teams so they could be trained on how to better identify and respond to cases of Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) among their female patients. In collaboration with IRISi, they obtained the funding needed and officially started to deliver the Programme in March 2018. Since then, **all the 13 local practices** have been trained and almost **100 women** referred by the local clinicians! [READ MORE >>](#)

JERSEY

- **Launch date:** March 2018.
- **Specialist Partner organisation:** Jersey Women's Refuge.
Practices trained: all 13 practices in Jersey have been fully trained.
- **Women referred by year:** 19 (2018), 29 (2019), 48 (2020).

"Until IRIS came along, there had never been a GP referral to MARAC. To date, we have had 12" - **Marine, Service Manager**

"The communication with the GPs is central to the success of our work and the trust of those referring" - **Jules, AE**



Would you like to give us a hand?

Do you have something to share about IRISi or the IRIS Programme - such as the results of your site, suggestions or feedback? We would love to hear from you! Please email us at geisa.davo@irisi.org.

HIGHLIGHTS



WE ARE HIRING!

IRISi is looking to recruit a new Resources Director. The post is home-based with occasional travel to the IRISi office (in Bristol). This senior role within IRISi is the strategic lead for budgeting and finance, HR, corporate governance, and IRISi infrastructure. The postholder is a member of the IRISi management team, carrying out the Company Secretary function within the organisation. [READ MORE>>](#)

CEA TOOL LAUNCH

IRISi will launch its new Cost Effectiveness Analysis (CEA) tool in the autumn. If you are a service manager, a CEO of an IRIS Partner organisation, funder or commissioner, we will soon get in touch with more information about this event!



1,000+ FOLLOWERS!



We are delighted to announce that IRISi have reached an exciting milestone – 1,000 + followers on Twitter and we could not be more pleased. A big thanks to all our followers for contributing by sharing, liking and commenting on posts. We love engaging with you all! If you are not there yet, click here to follow us: [READ MORE>>](#)