

# Ask & Act Conference 2025 Communications Pack



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#### Date: 12th February 2025 Time: 09:30 – 13:00 Venue: Zoom

#### Conference Overview

Since 2016, Ask & Act training has been delivered across Wales, equipping thousands of practitioners with skills to conduct a targeted inquiry to identify violence against women, domestic abuse, and sexual violence (VAWDASV) and respond effectively to disclosures. In 2024, we delivered a celebration of Ask and Act and its positive impacts, inviting delegates and attendees to rejoice in what has been achieved but also to plan for the future. This year, the conference will bring together an expert panel to highlight best practice in supporting survivors of VAWDASV through the sharing of expert guidance, lived experience and current professional practice.

#### <u>Speakers</u>

Once more, we are profoundly grateful for the support of our colleagues in Welsh Government. This year's **keynote speaker will be, Cabinet Secretary for Justice. Our esteemed friend Sarah Taylor LLB (Hons)** will follow in providing an overview of her relentless work in achieving support for survivors currently experiencing postseparation abuse through Family Court. Recognising the myriad impacts of domestic abuse, **Maya Badham from Safeguarding Animal and Human Survivors of Domestic Abuse** will deliver a short tutorial discussing The Link between Domestic Abuse and Animals. This will be followed by a session by **Amy Hyde from Cats Protection**.

Following a brief intermission, we will then split into smaller groups based on subject interest to **attend specialist sessions such as Stalking and Associated Risks delivered by Victim Support, Domestic Abuse and Suicide delivered by Welsh Women's Aid**, **and Child to Parent Abuse delivered by Parental Education Growth Support.** We will round off our day with a session by **Glenys Vivers from Powys County Council** recounting their experiences of Ask and Act delivery and a final session with **Welsh Government looking at the future of Ask and Act.** Click <u>here</u> for an agenda.

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#### Who should attend

- Ask & Act trainers
- Local authority VAWDASV leads
- VAWDASV Regional Coordinators
- Corporate Safeguarding
- Heads of Community Safety
- HR Directorate
- Local Heath Board VAWDASV leads
- Fire & Rescue
- Welsh Ambulance Service Trust
- Third Sector Specialist VAWDASV providers

#### Why attend

- To access opportunities for Continued Professional Development
- Share learning and best practice to inform future implementation
- Enhance understanding of the differing challenges faced by survivors

#### How to register

You can register for the conference through Eventbrite:

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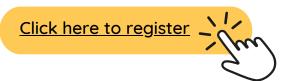


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