

Aylesbury Vale Rape Crisis

I am making some comments on the alcohol strategy consultation in relation to section E. The implications for vulnerable groups.

Q. 36. Children and young people who have been abused. Also children living in families that are discordant.

Q. 37. Women who have been abused as children or sexually assaulted as adults. Alcohol misuse is used as a coping strategy; it is a way of dealing with intrusive thoughts.

Q. 38. Interventions need to be aimed at dealing with the intrusive thoughts. The interventions consist of therapy, counselling and support.

Q. 39. Local organisations do deliver joined up services by having an awareness of local service provision. Client confidentiality and the wishes of the client are paramount and this can get in the way of joined up services.

Q. 40. A vulnerable group such as women affected by sexual violence needs to be dealt with by a specialist agency, as specialist knowledge is required. Small local organisations can tailor service provision to meet the needs of individuals. However some women from this vulnerable group will need mainstream services or services supplied by more than one voluntary organisation.

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