

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community & Environment		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	28 July 2022 7.00pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Jackie MacArthur - Communities and Marketing Manager and Deputy Chief Officer On behalf of MyCWA (Cheshire Without Abuse)		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	12 Reset Pilot Project Launched in Congleton.		
Background	<p>This paper is to inform Councillors about the ‘Reset’ Programme which is being trialled in Congleton High School.</p> <p>The successful work of Congleton’s White Ribbon Group and the support of the Domestic Abuse Clinics in Congleton may well have contributed to the fact that Congleton has been chosen to pilot this project.</p>		
Further information	<p>My CWA (formerly Cheshire Without Abuse) has launched a brand-new early intervention programme called ‘Reset’, designed to educate teenagers on domestic abuse and its warning signs.</p> <p>The programme is funded by the Home Office via the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, and aims to empower young people across Cheshire with knowledge of what makes a healthy and happy relationship, promoting self-identification of harmful behaviours.</p> <p>‘Reset’ is currently being piloted locally in Congleton High School with very positive initial response from staff and students.</p> <p>Research shows 25% of girls and 18% of boys aged 13–17 have experienced some form of physical violence from an intimate partner. In 2015, a Domestic Abuse survey of 338 young people revealed that although every participant could explain the term domestic abuse, only 15% thought it could happen to them – the rest thought domestic abuse was an adult-only issue. Statistically, those aged 16 – 25 are the most vulnerable to abusive relationships.</p> <p>Understanding what makes a relationship healthy or unhealthy – whether romantic, family or friendship - and having the knowledge to spot red flags of unhealthy behaviours, is essential for all young people.</p>		

	<p>‘Reset’ is a brand-new early intervention programme designed to educate teenagers on domestic abuse and its warning signs – empowering them with the knowledge of what makes a relationship healthy and unhealthy, promoting self-identification of harmful behaviours and equipping them with the skills to make healthier relationship choices.</p> <p>Part of the programme is a film called The Wheel which premiered at a launch of the ‘Reset’ programme in Macclesfield earlier this month. This will be made available to schools in Congleton.</p> <p>There is an opportunity for Congleton Town Council to help promote the ‘Reset’ programme and its resources, including the film, to young people and their parents in Congleton.</p>
Financial Considerations	None
Environmental Considerations	No impact on Carbon Footprint.
Equality and Inclusivity considerations	Domestic abuse is a cause and consequence of inequality. This is an important project for creating a better understanding about healthy relationships and equality for the next generation.
Proposal	Help to promote the ‘Reset’ Programme in Bear Necessities and through Congleton Town Council’s Social Media Channels.