

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

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QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER

“White Ribbon Campaign”

The following Question to the Leader has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 9.2 by Cllr Juliet Brunner:

“As Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, may I thank the Leader of the Council for joining me in wearing the white ribbon to express her fullest support for the “16 Days of Action” campaign against domestic abuse, taking place in Redditch – and across the world – from 25th November to 10th December?”

As the Leader is aware, domestic abuse encompasses a wide range of violent, threatening and controlling behaviours between family members or persons who have had an intimate relationship. Domestic abuse has serious consequences for the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities in our town.

Domestic abuse is linked to a higher proportion of recorded crime in Redditch than in any other district in Worcestershire, and yet it is also the case that many individuals facing abuse suffer in silence through reasons of shame, fear and hopelessness. I ask that the Leader support me in working with the Council and other agencies to address these problems.

Finally, I am sure that the Leader will join me in recognising the excellent work undertaken by a range of departments within the Borough Council - including SureStart, Housing Options and the Community Safety Team - who operate a range of services providing specialised emotional support, housing advice and home security improvements to victims and survivors of domestic abuse to help them lead happier and safer lives?”