

# Safer Communities

## NEWS RELEASE

### **“I AM WHO I AM, ARE YOU?” – DOMESTIC ABUSE CAMPAIGN**

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- **1 in 4 people in a lesbian, gay or bisexual relationship could be a victim of domestic abuse at least once in their lifetime.**

Torbay Domestic Abuse Forum is launching a same sex domestic abuse campaign called “I am who I am, are you?” The aim of the campaign is to raise awareness of domestic abuse in same sex relationships and highlight what agencies and services are available in Torbay and nationally by way of support for the victims and their families. Living as a lesbian, gay man or bisexual and in a domestic abuse relationship can make people feel even more isolated, alone or afraid. Four striking posters and beer mat designs will be unveiled on the launch night, each showing a different aspect of domestic abuse. These posters and beer mats will then be distributed throughout various venues in Torbay to raise awareness of same sex domestic abuse.

**This campaign is being launched at Rocky’s Nightclub, Rock Road, Torquay on Thursday 10th November 2005.** Everyone is welcome to attend, although numbers are restricted so please confirm your attendance with Rachael Powell on 01803 841440 as soon as possible. Doors open from 7.30pm and the evening will include brief presentations from Jo Penhaligon (Domestic Abuse Prevention Officer), Chief Inspector Stuart Lander and Andy Hunt from the Eddystone Trust (a local HIV organisation); followed by a question and answer session. Refreshments and food will also be available so please notify us of any special dietary requirements you or your guests may have. This campaign and launch has been made possible by funding from Torbay Health and Social Care Partnership. The Eddystone Trust is also supporting this campaign.

**For further information and to book yourself a place call Rachael Powell on 01803 841440.**

