

BBC NATIONAL RADIO

Radio 1/1Xtra

Radio 1 supports *Hitting Home* with Emma B and Dr Mark Hamilton presenting a *Sunday Surgery* special on domestic violence and abuse. With expert guests in the studio, listeners can call in with their questions for advice on any issue relating to this subject. The show offers further support at www.bbc.co.uk/onelifelife for listeners wanting more information.

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Radio 2

As part of the BBC's *Hitting Home* season, Radio 2 focuses on abusive relationships, and the control and management of negative behaviour.

Over two days of intensive and comprehensive programming across its output, two of its flagship shows – *Jeremy Vine* and *Johnnie Walker* – have interviews and features which probe policy and give a practical insight into dealing with, and moving on from, an abusive relationship.

In addition, the Radio 2 *Arts Programme* features an in-depth interview with author Andrea Ashworth, whose recollection of growing up in an abusive household forms the basis of her novel, *Once In A House On Fire*.

And, on his Sunday show, Michael Parkinson previews the whole of the BBC's *Hitting Home* season across Radio and Television.

Radio 4

Radio 4 supports *Hitting Home* with a special feature on *Woman's Hour* and broadcasts *Listen To Your Parents*, a moving poem written and recited by Benjamin Zephaniah. It is a personal and moving drama told from the perspective of a 10-year-old boy, Mark, a talented young footballer from Birmingham. He copes with life with a violent father who beats his mother by trying to capture many of his thoughts in short, simple poems.

Although not Benjamin Zephaniah's own life story, the poet draws from his own experiences as a child living in a violent household.

The original music for *Listen To Your Parents* is composed by Tayo Akimbode.

Asian Network

Domestic violence is a major component of crime for all of the UK's ethnic groups but, in the Asian community, many women are blackmailed and intimidated into silence, often to avoid shaming the family. Patriarchy, dowry abuse and forced marriages in the Indian sub-continent all contribute to the violence. *R v Aluwalia* was a landmark case for battered British women, forcing a more empathetic response from the courts. For all that, there is still blood on the carpet.

Reports From The Domestic Front reveals the secret horror of Asian home rage and the courage with which some women have fought back.

BBC LOCAL RADIO

BBC Local Radio stations across the country support *Hitting Home* through the week with a range of specially recorded radio packages and interviews, including the following:

- A feature focusing on older women, with stories from those who have faced abuse recently and also women speaking for the first time about abuse that occurred many years ago
- A feature on male perpetrators. Some are men who are currently undertaking therapy and counselling, and some have been through the process and discuss whether they think they will re-offend again
- A behind-the-scenes look at *Hitting Home – Trevor And Little Mo*, which explores the gripping, but traumatic, storyline involving these two characters
- Features on behind-the-scenes at *Casualty*, looking at the domestic violence storyline it is broadcasting as part of the *Hitting Home* season. It reveals how such storylines become part of mainstream drama and includes interviews with cast members, the writers and directors
- Interviews with experts and agencies – including Refuge and Elder Abuse – that offer help, advice and support to those affected by domestic violence
- Interviews with celebrities who are supporting the season
- Support from the BBC's *Where I Live* web sites at www.bbc.co.uk/whereilive
- Information about help available locally can be accessed through BBCi and via the stations' action desks