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For the attention of the Parish Clerk
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I wanted to write to you all about a fantastic new initiative called J9. This non-political campaign aims to create 'Safe Spaces' across Rushcliffe to support for victims of domestic abuse.

The J9 initiative aims to raise awareness of domestic abuse and assist survivors to access support safely by training professionals and members of the community to recognise domestic abuse and respond to survivors.

I have been working on this locally with Nottinghamshire's the Police and Crime Commissioner, Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council and the local J9 coordinator. The plan is to provide training to public, private and voluntary sector organisations so that they feel confident in directing victims of domestic abuse to the correct support available to them or simply allowing them to have a quiet space to make a phone call.

It is never nice to know that there are people trapped in abusive relationships. However, it is important that our communities here in Rushcliffe can offer an outlet for people to get support when they need it most.

I hope that you will join me in supporting this great initiative being piloted in Rushcliffe. The training that is offered is completely free and once completed you will be asked to display a J9 logo in your window to identify yourself as a 'Safe Space'.

If you are interested in taking part, there are details on my website: www.ruthedwards.org.uk, or you can email me at ruth.edwards.mp@parliament.uk to find out more.

I do hope that as many people as possible will sign up for the training and that we can provide a really good network of support to people who are experiencing domestic violence.

Kind regards,