

Domestic Abuse

Support Services

January 2019

As a professional working within the Wakefield District you will likely know someone who has been affected by domestic abuse. It may be that you are aware of this because you undertake a role specifically designed to support people, but it could also be – and just as likely, to be someone you know personally, a friend, family member or colleague.

Whichever way you encounter the women, men and children who may be experiencing or perpetrating domestic abuse it is important to remember that there is help available. Supporting someone to access co-ordinated, professional advice and help could be lifesaving. There are a number of local and national services and organisations that are available to offer support for victims, perpetrators and children affected by domestic abuse as follows:

Support available for victims of domestic abuse age 16+

- **Wakefield District Domestic Abuse Service (WDDAS)** www.wakefield.gov.uk/domesticabuse **0800 915 1561** A comprehensive specialist service providing a range of support to victims of domestic abuse for those 16+, court support, advocacy, support around housing related issues, sanctuary scheme and short term emotional support. Agency and self-referrals can be made to WDDAS for all levels of risk. Victim Support works in partnership with WDDAS and the Police to offer support to victims assessed as standard and medium risk.
- **WDDAS 'clinics'** are available across the district between 9am to 1pm on a Tuesday at Airedale Children Centre, Wednesday at Normanton Town Hall, Thursday Cedars Children Centre, Hemsworth and Friday at City Limits, Wakefield. The purpose of the 'clinics' is to:
 - Provide advice and guidance to colleagues in supporting assessments and delivery of services for victims of domestic abuse.
 - Provide a point of contact for other partner agencies and offer support and guidance.
 - Give advice and help to other professionals in completing the DASH and how to refer to MARAC
 - Provide advice on the support WDDAS offer
 - Share resources and information
 - Be available to see victims of domestic abuse who are already working with other services to promote the service of WDDAS to help gain consent for a referral in to WDDAS.
- **Victim Support** www.victimsupport.org.uk/homepage **0300 303 1971** for West Yorkshire and **0808 1689 111** for the national support line. You do not have to be referred by the Police or have a crime number; domestic abuse victims can call the helpline or use the website for support and information. Victim Support can offer support to victims of crime and domestic abuse victims assessed as standard or medium risk. Victim Support also has a children's worker supporting children and young people victims of crime.
- **Rosalie Ryrie Foundation** www.rosalieriefoundation.org.uk **01924 315140** This voluntary sector service works with victims, children, families and perpetrators of domestic abuse.

- **Well Women Centre** www.wellwomenwakefield.org.uk **01924 211114** A women's only service provides a wide range of support and advice **age 16+**. Counselling is available, as is a group work programme that is beneficial for women who are or have experienced domestic abuse including the PIP project which focuses on domestic abuse support. Drop in available, check site.
- **Marie House Refuge** www.riverside.org.uk **07843 344457** Good quality local refuge accommodation for women and children who need to access safe, supported accommodation due to domestic abuse. You can call to see if bed space is available.
- **Penny Appeal** www.pennyappeal.org A free counselling service is offered through this charity for those women who have been affected by any form of domestic abuse and sexual violence. Call on **07480 970097** or email counselling@pennyappeal.org to find out more.
- **Freedom Programme** is being delivered across the district by Children First Hubs, working in partnership with WDDAS. Referrals to the Freedom Programme are to be requested on a WDDAS referral.
- **Turning Point Talking Therapies** <https://talking.turning-point.co.uk/wakefield/> **01924 234860** A free service for 18yrs or over who are registered with a Wakefield District G.P. Provides a range of therapeutic interventions for stress, anxiety, low self-esteem.
- **Samaritans** www.samaritans.org free phone **116 123** you can call the Samaritans about any issue, at any time, every day of the year – someone will listen and talk to you. There is a local base in Wakefield call **01924 377011**

Support available for perpetrators of domestic abuse

Support across Wakefield district for those affected by domestic abuse does not solely focus on victims and children, but is available for the perpetrators who are using abusive behaviours. For those who wish to access support to change their behaviours the following interventions are available. Those using abusive behaviours are more likely to engage with the offer of support if it is voluntary; however there are statutory programmes delivered by the Community Rehabilitation Company (Probation).

- **Wakefield District Domestic Abuse Service** www.wakefield.gov.uk/domesticabuse **0800 915 1561** Support is available for both men and women who are abusive and want to make changes. The service offers group work and one to one opportunities for men and women who choose to work towards ending their use of abusive behaviours.
- **Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC)** **01442 295 015**. The West Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company delivers rehabilitation services to offenders sentenced by the Court to either community or custodial sentences. As part of the sentences, it delivers research based interventions via Accredited Programmes and Specified Activities with the aim of challenging offending behaviour, identifying criminogenic need and risk factors to reduce re-offending and the risk of harm caused to victims and the

community. For Wakefield contact

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- **Andy's Man Club** www.andysmanclub.co.uk Every Monday night at 7pm a meeting is held which welcomes any man who wants to talk about issues relating to men with a focus on suicide prevention. Any man is welcome 5A Cheapside, Wakefield, WF12SD
- **Liaison and Diversion** – A national programme aiming to stop people reoffending. The service looks at the causes behind the behaviour and helps them to access appropriate support. The primary aim is to identify issues, offer screening, assessment and referral. For Wakefield contact carolineellis@wakefield.gov.uk or call **01924 878414**
- **RESPECT** <http://respectphoneline.org.uk/> **0808 802 40 40** Weekdays 9-5.
The helpline is for anyone who wants to make changes to their abusive behaviour. The website offers a great deal of information and support, and contact can be made by e-mail. Trained advisors will respond to e-mails and staff the helpline.

Support for children living with/affected by domestic abuse

- **Children First Hubs** provide a whole family approach to the support they offer for children and their families. Referrals via Social Care Direct (Integrated Front Door). Tel: **0345 8 503 503**. Some of the domestic abuse interventions include safety planning, 6 session programme, wishes and feelings, 'Time to Talk' Programme and signpost to other support services.
- **Do It Different (DID)** Programme is a teen to parent domestic abuse programme (13 to 17 year olds). The DID programme is a parallel programme working with the teenager and parent/carer. This is coordinated by the Youth Offending Team. For further information or to make a referral call **01924 304155**
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- **Wakefield LSCB** website provides information on pathways for support for adults and children online and locally. <https://www.wakefieldlscb.org.uk/>
- **Victim Support** www.victimsupport.org.uk/homepage **0300 303 1971** for West Yorkshire and **0808 1689 111** for the national support line. Victim

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Local Domestic Abuse initiatives

Operation Encompass. This project is delivered across Wakefield district primary and secondary schools (4 – 16 years of age). WDDAS provide coordination of Operation Encompass, having a Domestic Abuse Operational Support Officer sending notifications to schools. This is an initiative and not a referral in for support service.

iSpace (community sector organisation) offer a project to schools which includes targeted domestic abuse group work session within schools, assemblies to raise awareness of domestic abuse and train pupils to become school ambassadors.

Online National Services

In addition to local services to support those experiencing or affected by domestic violence and abuse there are national online advice and support services:

Women's Aid www.womensaid.org.uk

Refuge www.refuge.org.uk

These two key charity's work together to provide a 24/7 advice line, which is:

The National Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 2000 247

Both charities provide refuge accommodation throughout the country for women and children who may need to flee their homes due to domestic abuse. Both web sites provide comprehensive information for victims, survivors, friends, children and professionals. Some of the information is available in a variety of community languages. **Women's Aid's children's section** is **The Hideout** <http://thehideout.org.uk/>

Mankind Initiative www.mankind.org.uk **0182 333 4244** Weekdays 10 - 4pm

Confidential helpline for men who are experiencing domestic violence and abuse from female or male partners - the website provides support and information.

Men's Advice Line www.mensadvice.org.uk **0808 801 0327** Weekdays 9-5pm

The helpline for all male victims of abuse including forced marriage, the comprehensive website for victims and professionals also enables e-mail contact with the service.

Karma Nirvana www.karmanirvana.org.uk **0800 5999 247** Mon – Fri 9 -5pm This helpline is for all victims and survivors of forced marriage and 'honour' based abuse. The website is a good source of information for professionals and those seeking support.

Galop www.galop.org.uk **0800 999 5428** The helpline is for people identifying as LGBT+ who are experiencing domestic abuse. The website is very comprehensive, the opening times of the helpline are varied but are listed on the site, a Tran's specific service is provided on Tuesday afternoons.

National Centre for Domestic Violence www.ncdv.org.uk **0800 970 2070** or text **60777** for a call back. The service provides free, legal support to help protect survivors of abuse. Professionals are also able to access this service for advice and information

Domestic Violence Assist www.dvassist.org.uk 0800 195 8699 The service can arrange and apply several injunctions and court orders for domestic abuse victims.

National Stalking Helpline www.stalkinghelpline.org **0808 8020 300** This telephone advice line is available for anyone who is, or has been affected by stalking or harassment. The website is comprehensive and user friendly.

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FGM Helpline NCPCC www.nspcc.org.uk call **0800 028 3550** This is available 24/7 It is confidential for anyone affected by or worried about Female Genital Mutilation.

RESPECT <http://respectphoneline.org.uk/> **0808 802 40 40** Weekdays 9-5 The helpline is for anyone who wants to make changes to their abusive behaviour. The website offers a great deal of information and support, and contact can be made by e-mail and webchat.

KOOTH www.kooth.com Free online support for children and young people, online counselling, supported forums and advice, staffed weekdays 12-10pm Sat/Sun 6-10pm

Other West Yorkshire Services

IDAT – Integrated Domestic Abuse Team – www.kirklees.gov.uk/domesticviolence Kirklees council provide a range of support including counselling, legal advice and refuge accommodation to residents of Kirklees. Call **01924 431491** for further information and advice, the website will signpost you effectively.

Pennine Domestic Violence Group <http://pdvg.org/> **0800 0527 222** 24 hour helpline. This group provides a number of comprehensive support services for those experiencing domestic abuse in the Pennine region. Also provide KABWA – Kirklees Asian and Black Women’s Welfare Association, available on the same helpline number.

Sexual Assault Referral Centre SARC www.westyorkshire.police.uk/staysafe The Police website gives comprehensive information about sexual assault and where to get help in West Yorkshire, call **0330 2233617** for the local SARC (Hazlehurst Centre)

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