

Briefing – Domestic Abuse and the impact on children

West Yorkshire Procedures for Domestic Violence and Abuse 1.4.17 – updated May 2016 to reflect the new offence of coercive and controlling behaviour, Serious Crime Act 2015.



Please familiarise yourselves with the changes in this procedure. See link

http://westyorkscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_dom_viol.html

The three key imperatives of any intervention for children living with domestic violence and abuse:

- To protect the child/ren, including unborn child/ren
- To empower the non-abusing parent to protect themselves and their children
- To hold the abusive partner accountable for the violence/abuse and provide opportunities for change.

The Framework to assist us to do this in the Bradford District

- Targeted Early Help. Signs of Safety
- Domestic & Sexual Violence Strategy
<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/media/3486/bradford-domestic-and-sexual-violence-strategy-2015-2020.pdf>
- Bradford Safeguarding Children Board and Safeguarding Adult Board, West Yorkshire Procedures

Opportunities for support and interventions available

Victim	Child	Perpetrator
Health services – universal, emergency, specialist	Universal health and education services	Perpetrator programmes
Specialist domestic abuse services	Specific children’s support services	Probation services
Specialist sexual abuse services	Safeguarding Children Procedure (link above)	Criminal Justice Service
Police Domestic Violence Unit	Early Help & Signs of Safety	Housing support
Freedom Programme		
Housing Support		
Legal Support		
Legal Orders		
Early Help		

Information sharing between agencies where appropriate is advocated in order to ensure the child is safeguarded. In addition, for high risk cases of abuse, Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Meetings are held in order to minimise risk to the victim and any children involved.

Training

Multi-Agency training is available to increase knowledge to support these procedures can be accessed via: Workforce Development

Domestic Abuse – Recognising & Responding

MARAC briefings

Forced Marriage and Honour Based Violence

These can be booked using the following links

Internal = BMDC Council Staff

https://bradford.sabacloud.com/Saba/Web_spf/EU2PRD0022/common/learningcatalog/

External = Partner Organisations

https://bradford-external.sabacloud.com/Saba/Web_spf/EU2PRD0022/guest/guestlearningcatalog

Awareness of Domestic Violence including the impact on Children & Young People – e-learning http://bradford-scb.org.uk/training/e_learning.htm

Look out for future opportunities entitled –

- Asking that question (Routine Enquiry),
- Domestic Abuse – A Child's Perspective.

Alternatively please make requests to your own training lead.

Appendix

Services available for victims and perpetrators of Domestic Abuse

Women:

Bradford area: **Staying Put**

Tel: 01274 667104 <http://www.stayingput.uk.net/>

Keighley, Shipley and Bingley area: **Domestic Violence Services Keighley**

Tel: 01535 210999 <https://keighleydvs.wordpress.com/>

Bradford Women's Aid:

Tel: 01274 660052 <http://www.bradfordwomensaid.org/>

Bradford Rape Crisis

Tel: 01274 308271

Honour crime & Forced Marriage: **Karma Nirvana**

Tel: 0800 5999 247

Freedom Project - Delivered by:

Staying Put <http://www.stayingput.uk.net/>

Domestic Violence Service Keighley <https://keighleydvs.wordpress.com/>

Together Women Project <http://www.togetherwomen.org/centres/bradford>

Additional programmes linked to Early Help Offer

National Centre for Domestic Violence (NCDV)

Provides a free, fast emergency injunction service to survivors of domestic violence regardless of their financial circumstances, race, gender or sexual orientation

www.referdirect.org.uk/

Men:

Men Standing Up:

01274 481039

<http://www.bradfordcyrenians.org.uk/men-standing-up/>

Staying Put

Tel: 01274 667104 <http://www.stayingput.uk.net/>

Domestic Violence Services Keighley

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Men's advice line:

The Men's Advice Line (call 0808 801 0327 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm)

<http://www.mensadvice.org.uk/pages/frontline-workers-and-male-domestic-violence-victims.html>

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Children:

Hope project: Family Action Bd: 01274 651652

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/>

(Also licensed to complete the NPSCC DART programme)

Dare2: (For children of Bradford Women's Aid clients)

<http://www.bradfordwomensaid.org/>

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Perpetrators:

BRAVE Project: 01274 729689

<https://www.brave-project.org/>

CHOICES:

<http://changegrowlive.org/content/west-yorkshire-domestic-abuse-perpetrator-service-choices>

MAZE:

07949 595227 Info:

<http://womenscentre.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2015/11/BDACCS-Leaflet-Final-Leaflet-Oct-9-15.pdf>

LGBT:

All of the above services for male/female victims/perpetrators plus:

Mesmac

For gay men who are victims of domestic abuse.

Bradford Office: 01274 395815

mesmac.co.uk/

National LGBT Domestic Abuse Helpline:

0800 999 5428

<http://www.galop.org.uk/>