Domestic Violence in Bucks







What is Domestic Abuse?



"Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality"

» Home Office





 Domestic abuse is a pattern of behaviour which is designed to control and intimidate partner or family member. Each situation is unique; it is the combination of behaviours that can be so intimidating. It can occur both during a relationship or after it has ended.



How much Domestic Abuse is there in Bucks?



- 2011
- Approx 3000 recorded crimes
- Approx 3000 nonrecorded crimes
- 1 in 4 women will be a victim of DA
- 1 in 10 men will be a victim of DA
- DA does not discriminate







What is the cost to Bucks?

 Based on Prof Sylvia Walby calculations

CJS £9,216,590
Health £12,903,226
Social Care £2,304,147
Housing £1,474,654
Civil Legal £2,764,977
Employer £24,884793

• <u>Total £53,546,387</u>

 WARNING – does not include voluntary sector and the human cost







Vision

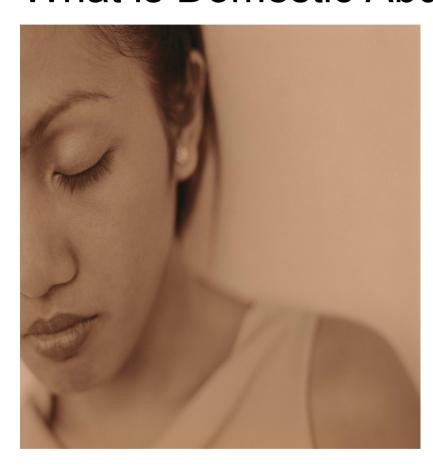
To promote a zero
tolerance and
coordinated response
to people at risk of DVA
in Buckinghamshire,
ensuring that those who
are affected are
identified, supported,
protected and
empowered







What is Domestic Abuse?



- Hitting
- Spitting
- Shouting
- Kicking
- Stabbing
- Arson
- Forced Marriage
- Putting down
- Making feel worthless
- Unwanted sexual acts
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Using children against victim
- Controlling everything the victim does
- Threatening
- Not allowing access to money
- Isolating from family and friends





What are the signs?

- Change in personality
- Physical evidence of abuse
- Depressed
- Hyper-alert
- Use of substances to cope
- Partner always with them, aggressive or dominant
- Withdrawn
- Low self esteem
- Self harm or suicide
- Gynaecological problems







What to do if you suspect?



- Believe
- Non-judgemental
- Listen
- Offer Support
- Don't assume
- Let know about local support services
- Help with safety planning
- Get support yourself



What services do we have in Buckinghamshire?



- Support services Wycombe Women's Aid, Victim Support, RELATE
- Refuges including national network
- Link into national organisations Broken Rainbow & Men's Advice Line
- Child Therapy Groups
- Freedom Programme and Young Persons Freedom Programme
- Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
- Independent Domestic Violence Advisors
- Specialist Domestic Violence Court
- Training for Professionals
- Media and Awareness Raising
- Fresh Start Perpetrator Programme
- Sanctuary Scheme
- Domestic Abuse Champions
- Schools Work















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