

Domestic Violence in Bucks



together we can
make you safer in Buckinghamshire



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 non-recorded 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 £24,884,793

- **Total £53,546,387**

- **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- Withdrawn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



Any Questions?



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