

Who are GDASS?

GDASS offers support to anyone over the age of 16 who has experienced domestic abuse *

* We do not offer counselling



What is domestic abuse?

Any incident or pattern of incidents of **controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse** between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can take the form of **psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional** abuse.

What we offer

Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs)

IDVAs work with people who have been assessed as being at high risk of serious harm through domestic abuse. They work to reduce risk so that you are safe and able to access longer term support.

IDVAs work closely with other agencies to develop a plan to reduce the risks; this includes police and other safeguarding agencies. A specialist young people's IDVA is also available.

Triage

This is a one-off face-to-face appointment to look at safety, dynamics of abuse and tactics, and guidance around housing options and child contact. If a further support need is identified by you and the support worker, then a request for further support will be made. The support worker is also able to signpost to other agencies as necessary.

Floating support

We provide support to women and men who have experienced domestic abuse. This can take place over the telephone, at our offices or at a venue in the community agreed by you and the support worker.

Support will be for up to 12 weeks and is tailored to the support needs identified by you and the support worker.

Group work

We facilitate group work around the county to support you to identify, come to terms with, and overcome your personal challenges in a supportive environment, with other people who have experienced similar situations. (Our adult group work programmes are available to both men and women.)

Places of safety

If it is not possible for you (and your children) to stay in your own home, we'll support you to access a 'place of safety'. You will be able to remain in a place of safety until you are able to return to your home, or you are able to move on to a new home.

If you don't want to leave your home but aren't feeling safe there, we can support you to access the Sanctuary Scheme. This scheme allows you to apply for safety alterations to be made in your home.

Supporting LGBT victims

**1 in 4
LGBT
people**

along with

**80% of
transgender
people**

experience domestic abuse



Supporting people from black and minority ethnic communities

Honour-based violence (HBV) is a range of abusive behaviours used to control behaviour within families or social groups to protect cultural or religious beliefs and/or perceptions of honour.

Forced marriage is when a marriage is arranged against your will or without you knowing about it. This does not include arranged marriages, where consent from you has been sought to do so.

Dowry crime

The United Nation's Division for the Advancement of Women defines dowry-related violence as:

Any act of violence or harassment associated with the giving or receiving of dowry at any time before, during or after the marriage



Supporting male victims

1 in 3 victims of domestic abuse are men.

Abuse can take many forms, including being humiliated, bullied, controlled (including financially), physically hurt, and sexually abused. It can be carried out by male and female partners or family members.

GDASS are here to support all men experiencing domestic abuse.

Help desk:

Our front door for advice, referrals and assessments. We are open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

Phone: 01452 726 570

Email: support@gdass.org.uk

We accept all referrals.



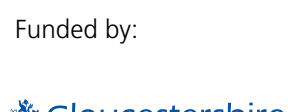
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