

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence involves the misuse of power and is based on a range of control mechanisms.

This can result in physical, sexual, psychological, social or economic abuse. These forms of abuse can come from a partner, ex-partner, carer or one or more family members in an existing or previous relationship.

Domestic violence occurs, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, religious, cultural or political beliefs, ethnicity, disability, class or location.

There are many forms of abuse, e.g.

- Emotional & Psychological Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Harassment or Stalking
- Financial Abuse
- Forced marriage
- Intimidation and/or Threats of Violence
- Humiliation
- Sexual abuse
- Isolation from family & friends.

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Aylesbury Women's Aid

Registered Charity no: 1054308, company no: 03155260

&

Wycombe Women's Aid

Registered Charity no: 299946, company no: 2245478

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What is the IDVA Service?

We are Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA's) and we provide crisis support and information for high or medium cases of domestic violence.

We offer this to people who are experiencing domestic abuse, with a priority given to their safety and that of their children.

We are an independent, professional and confidential service, hosted by Aylesbury Women's Aid and Wycombe Women's Aid.

We act as advocates on your behalf, exploring your legal options and/or supporting you through the court process. We can liaise with agencies such as Housing, Crown Prosecution Service, the Police, Solicitors, etc, with you or on your behalf.

We aim to encourage you, enabling your interests to be heard by agencies and other relevant organisations.

We provide advice and information about the range, effectiveness and suitability of options; to improve your safety and that of your children.

What can I expect?

Once we have received a referral we will contact you to obtain more information and discuss your support needs.

We will inform you of your rights and options concerning housing and the legal process, explaining the effectiveness of criminal and civil remedies.

We can help you to develop your own personal safety plan and an action plan based on your particular circumstances.

We aim to be a single point of contact, liaising with other agencies on your behalf and attending meetings and court with you.

We can also help you to stay in your own home if you wish to, ensuring it is safe and secure – exploring the option of having extra security measures and will help you to develop a personal safety plan to help keep you safe.

How can I be referred?

The professional who has provided you with this leaflet will be able to refer you to the IDVA Service, if you are assessed to be at high or medium risk of further harm from domestic violence.

Please provide them with safe contact telephone numbers, this could be a relative or friend's number, or a work number; let them know what times you will be available on this number and the best times for us to call you.

We can also post information to a care of address.

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SERVICE IS NOT AN
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CALL 999**