



Local and National Support for Domestic Violence and Abuse

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Police: In case of immediate danger	999
Non-emergency (ask for the Police Safeguarding Unit)	101
Police Safeguarding Unit	0113 385 9590

To talk in confidence to officers who can provide support and practical assistance in cases of domestic abuse.
www.leeds.safeguarding@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

The Sanctuary Scheme is administered by **West Yorkshire Police**. **101**
Its aim is to prevent homelessness, by offering additional security measures for some people living in fear of crime, including domestic violence. It is only suitable for victims who no longer live with the perpetrator.
Telephone 101 and ask for Police Safeguarding Unit

Fire Safety Measures

If you are under threat of arson, you can access fire safety measures via the police on **101**.

Local support

Leeds Domestic Violence 24 Hour Helpline **0113 246 0401**
Confidential advice and support for women and men experiencing domestic violence and abuse. Women seeking refuge accommodation can also ring this number.

Leeds Domestic Violence Service (LDVS)

LDVS is delivered in partnership by the following domestic abuse providers; Leeds Women's Aid, HALT and Behind Closed Doors. It works with women and men in Leeds giving support, advice and advocacy around a range of issues. LDVS offers Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA), outreach, resettlement and group support.

The individual services are listed overleaf.



Aiming to ensure people affected by domestic violence and abuse are safe and feel safe

leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk

Leeds Women's Aid 0113 246 0401
In addition to the LDVS contracted delivery, Leeds Women's Aid provides drop-in support at health settings across the city, additional shared refuge accommodation, the Staying Safe group 'Healthy Relationships' programme, and support and accommodation for women who have been trafficked.
www.leedswomensaid.co.uk

HALT (Help, Advice and the Law Team) 0113 246 0401
HALT delivers the Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) service as part of LDVS, offering advocacy, advice and support to those at the highest risk of domestic and sexual violence and abuse, stalking, forced marriage and honour based violence.
Referrals: 0113 246 0401 Professionals: 0113 244 2578
www.halt.org.uk

Behind Closed Doors
Behind Closed Doors delivers the LDVS Outreach service, offering face-to-face community based support and advocacy to reduce risk, increase safety, access civil legal help and manage practical needs. The Prevention and Recovery Service (PARS) is community based support for lower risk and after abuse recovery.
LDVS Outreach Team referrals 0113 246 0401
Prevention and Recovery Service 0113 244 2578
Professional and general enquiries 0113 2224202
www.behind-closed-doors.org.uk

Stonham Leeds Domestic Abuse Service 0113 246 0401
Offers 24 hour safe emergency accommodation for both women and men fleeing an abusive relationship.
You can contact them directly Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm on or ring the Helpline number at other times. 0113 386 3520

Leeds Housing Options 0113 222 4412
Help and advice on housing, including emergency accommodation for women and men experiencing violence, whether council or private tenants or owner-occupiers.

Leeds Social Services – Leeds City Council
Adult Social Care 0113 222 4401
Children's Social Work Service 0113 222 4403

Leeds City Council Emergency Accommodation and Support out of office hours 0113 240 9536

Samaritans 0113 245 6789
Just having someone to talk to that isn't family or friends can be a tremendous help. You don't have to be suicidal to get in touch.
www.samaritans.org

For High Risk Domestic Violence Cases

Leeds MARACs
MARAC Co-ordinator and general enquiries
leedsmarac@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

For women

Basis Sexwork Project (part of Basis Yorkshire – formerly Genesis Leeds) 0113 243 0036

Basis Sex Work Project provides information, safety and support for women working in the sex industry and living or working in Leeds. They provide non-judgemental, free and confidential health and welfare support services for sex workers, based on each person's individual support needs

[Www.basisyorkshire.org.uk/sexworkproject](http://www.basisyorkshire.org.uk/sexworkproject) (website under construction¹)

Joanna Project

0113 350 8071

Joanna Project works with women who are trapped by life controlling addictions and street sex work. We aim to journey with women, offering holistic support to move towards safe, whole lives.

Women's Health Matters

0113 276 2851

Women's Health Matters uses a community development approach to build women's skills and confidence. They run groups for women who have experienced domestic violence and abuse.

www.womenshealthmatters.org.uk

Together Women Project

0113 380 8900

Leeds Together Women Centre provides women-only spaces so vulnerable women can access tailored support.

www.togetherwomen.org/centres/leeds

Black Health Initiative

0113 307 0300

Support for women regarding Female Genital Mutilation.

www.blackhealthinitiative.org

For men

Leeds Domestic Violence Services for Men (male victims)

0113 246 0401

Caring Dads

0113 395 1377

Group work programme for men who have been abusive to women/ children.

For more information email: **caringdadsinfo@leeds.gov.uk**

For Domestic Abuse Perpetrators

Choices – The West Yorkshire Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Service

Choices offers support to low and medium risk perpetrators aged 16 and over.

Staff will work with perpetrators to better understand the causes and impact of the behaviour and explore alternative strategies. Self referral and professional referral.

0113 2192417

For more information see Choices **[Website](#)**

¹ Old website still has information about our services: www.genesisleeds.org.uk

For sexual violence

SARSVL (Support After Rape and Sexual Violence Leeds)

www.supportafterrapeleeds.org.uk

Helpline

Confidential support for women and girls who have been affected by sexual violence at any time in their lives.

or email support@sarsvl.org.uk

0808 802 3344

Text on

07797 803 211

SARSVL Advocacy (Office hours)

advocacy@sarsvl.org.uk

0113 200 2030

Victim Support – West Yorkshire ISVA Service

A free Independent Sexual Advisor Service (ISVA) for females and males any age. Emotional and practical support (including the criminal justice system) throughout West Yorkshire.

01274 535 432

Victim Support Referral Centre

For support for all victims of crime.

0300 303 1871

For children and young people

Mindmate Help and advice for young people in Leeds

www.mindmate.org.uk

The Family Hub Leeds

Directory of organisations and services in Leeds for parents, carers, children and young people.

www.thefamilyhubleeds.org

Watoto

A service for children and young people (0 – 19) who have experienced domestic violence.

07896 165 895

For details of The Hideout, Childline and the NSPCC see the National Support section

For young people at risk of sexual exploitation

Basis Young People's Project (formerly Isis)

0113 243 0036

Outreach support for young women at risk of sexual exploitation, via an outreach support worker. Provides information on sexual health, housing, benefits, education, employment and all aspects of safety.

Www.basisyorkshire.org.uk/youngpeoplesproject (website under construction²)

Blast

0113 244 4209

Information and support for young men and boys abused through prostitution, or at risk, they also provide an outreach worker.

² Old website still has information about our services: www.isis-at-genesis.org.uk

PACE

0113 240 3040

Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation (PACE) works alongside parents and carers of children who are – or are at risk of being – sexually exploited by perpetrators external to the family.

For adolescent to parent abuse (APA)

PACT – Parents and children together

Partnership work between the Youth Offending Service (YOS), Signpost and Family Information Service (FIS) offering a group work programme aimed at boys aged 14 – 17 who are abusive to their female parents or carers. One-to-one support is also available for girls who are being abusive.

For a referral form, please email: yos.programmes.team@leeds.gov.uk

For more information, please email Sue Pearson: susan.pearson@leeds.gov.uk

For alcohol and drug services

Forward Leeds

0113 887 2477

Forward Leeds replaces all previous alcohol and drug services. It is a multi-disciplinary, integrated and free service offering information, advice, signposting, treatment and support to young people and adults across Leeds, whatever their needs around substance misuse.

For mental health services

Improving Access to Psychological Therapies

0113 843 4388

National Support

Support for women experiencing domestic violence and abuse

National Domestic Violence 24 hour Helpline

0808 2000 247

A national service for women experiencing domestic violence and abuse, their family, friends, colleagues and others calling on their behalf. It is run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge.

(please note there is a charge for calls to this number from mobile phones)

www.womensaid.org.uk

National Jewish Women's Aid Helpline

0808 801 0500

www.jwa.org.uk

For women and men

National Centre for Domestic Violence

0844 8044 999

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

0800 970 2070

**Text 'NCDV'
to 60777**

Victim Support (Victim Care Unit)	0300 303 1971
Network for Surviving Stalking For clear advice and information about stalking behaviours, so they are recognised as early as possible, enabling those affected to seek help as soon as possible. www.nssadvice.org	0808 802 0300
Forced Marriage Unit If you are worried you might be forced into marriage, or are worried about a friend or relative call us. www.gov.uk/forced-marriage	0207 008 0151
Karma Nirvana Supports victims and survivors of forced marriage and honour based violence. www.karmanirvana.org.uk	0800 5999 247
<i>For men</i>	
National Men's Advice Line – for male victims Practical advice, information and support for male victims of abuse, their family, friends, colleagues and others calling on their behalf. Open Monday - Friday from 9am to 5pm www.mensadvice.org.uk	0808 801 0327
Respect - National Helpline for Perpetrators Open Monday - Friday from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm Confidential information and advice for anyone concerned about their violence and/or abuse towards a partner or ex-partner. They offer help to perpetrators stop being violent and abusive. www.respectphoneline.org.uk or email info@respectphoneline.org.uk	0808 802 4040
<i>For Lesbian, Gay Men and Bi-sexual and Transgender People</i>	
Broken Rainbow www.broken-rainbow.org.uk	0300 999 5428
<i>For children and young people</i>	
The Hideout A website created by Women's Aid to help children and young people to understand domestic violence and abuse, and how to take positive action if it is happening to them. www.thehideout.org.uk	
Childline Free, 24 hour confidential helpline for children and young people who need to talk. Trained counsellors are there to provide comfort, support and advice on any problems. www.childline.org.uk	0800 1111

NSPCC

A charity specialising in child protection and the prevention of cruelty to children. The charity has a FREE anonymous 24/7 helpline that provides help, advice and support for adults worried about a child.

www.nspcc.org.uk or email help@nspcc.org.uk

0808 810 800**Text to 88858**

For UK children at risk of female genital mutilation

NSPCC 24 hour Helpline for advice or support

To report anonymously fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk

0800 028 3550