

GDASS Domestic Abuse Update

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New Definition of Domestic Abuse

A and B are each aged 16 or over

- and are personally connected to each other
- and the behaviour is abusive.

It does not matter whether the behaviour consists of a single incident or a course of conduct.

Domestic Abuse Act 2021

New criminal offences

- Non Fatal Strangulation
- Threatening to disclose private sexual images
- Post-separation coercive control

Children recognised as victims of DA

New protections in the family and civil courts

A guarantee that survivors will have a priority need for housing

Be on the look out for

- Physical injuries
- Clothing worn, or heavy make-up, to cover injuries, for example long sleeves or a scarf in hot weather, or sunglasses inside or when cloudy
- Someone who is afraid or anxious to please their partner
- Partners who speak for or over their partner
- Someone without access to their own money: for example, not being able to pay by card, or trying to use a card in their partner's name
- Someone who is withdrawn and unwilling to engage in friendly conversation
- Someone who is anxious, fearful or extremely apologetic
- Someone who is hypervigilant

Notice

Look out for the signs of abuse



Enquire

Show an interest in the person

Ask them how they are coping

Ask them if they need any help



Signpost

Take them to a safe place if necessary

‘There are specialist organisations who can support you’

Signpost to GDASS or give them the number of the helpdesk (if safe to do so)

Safety Planning



Helpdesk & professionals line

- Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm
- 01452 726570

- Immediate Support
- Advocacy
- Screening
- Front Door
- Signposting
- Options and Advice

- Professional Line
- 01452 726561
- Anonymous advice
- Client advice
- Risk advice

Floating support & GMAT

- **12 week package of support**

- Tailored to individual
- Strengths based
- Focused on empowerment
- Advocacy between client and agencies

- **GMAT**

- 12 weeks
- Clients who are open to safeguarding in Gloucestershire
- Early intervention in child safeguarding

Groupwork

- **Breath**
 - 10 weeks
 - Women only
 - Recovery toolkit (e.g. self-esteem, moving on)
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- **Six steps**
 - 6 weeks
 - Separate for men and women
 - Increased understanding

IDVA service

- Independent Domestic Violence Advisor
 - Risk assessment & management
 - DASH
 - Safety planning
 - MARAC
- Specialist IDVAs
 - RIDVA
 - Court IDVA
 - HIDVA
 - MHIDVA
 - Older person's
 - YPVA
 - IDVA
 - ISAC

GP Development and Training & Prevention

GP development and
support

Regular training

Bespoke training

Prevention work in
schools, army etc.

Learning events

All free!

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GDASS 2022 Update

Helpdesk:
5838

IDVAs: 1199

Health IDVAs:
217

Mental Health
IDVAs: 58

Clare's Law:
563

Target
Hardening:
281

Questions?