

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ABUSE

Definition

Domestic abuse is an incident or a pattern of controlling, abusive or violent behaviour from a partner/ex-partner or family member regardless of age, disability, gender identity, race, religion, belief or sexual orientation. This includes honour based violence and forced marriage. Categories of abuse can include Emotional, Physical, Sexual and Financial.

Need to refer a DOMESTIC VIOLENCE victim?

If **children** (under 18) are involved a referral to Children's Services/MASH should be seriously considered **Tel:** 01273 290400 **Email:** FrontDoorforFamilies@brighton-hove.gov.uk
If the person is an **adult at risk**, a referral to adult social services should be seriously considered using the online referral form [Report a safeguarding concern \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/report-a-safeguarding-concern)

Key Contacts within Brighton & Hove

In an emergency call 999 or contact the police 101

Victim Support: Help, advice & support for victims or survivors of domestic and/or sexual abuse and violence (aged 16+). Also offers advice & support for friends, family and professionals. To make a referral:

Freephone: 0300 323 9985

Refer by Email: sevcu.referrals@victimsupport.cjsm.net

Website: <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/resources/sussex/>

24hr National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247

24 hr Men's Advice Line: 0808 8010327

Survivors Network: The specialist rape and sexual violence abuse service for Sussex is provided by Survivors Network.

Refer Online: www.survivorsnetwork.org.uk

Refer by Email: referrals.sn@survivorsnetwork.cjsm.net

Call: 01273 203380

Veritas Justice: The specialist stalking advocacy services for Sussex is provided by Veritas Justice.

Refer by Email: info@veritas-justice.co.uk

Call: 01273 234773

Website: <https://veritas-justice.co.uk/>

Stonewater: The Brighton & Hove Refuge provision for Women aged 18+ and their children (aged 0-18), is provided by Stonewater. Referrals are accepted from any source with first priority given to referrals living in the Brighton & Hove area where it is safe to remain in the locality.

Call: 01293 780419 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

Refer by Email: Brighton.Refuge@stonewater.org

Website: <https://www.stonewater.org/supporting-you/domestic-abuse/>

Details of multi-agency protocols are available on the website:

www.safeinthecity.info/gettinghelp or www.safespacesussex.org.uk

The Safeguarding Lead in this Surgery

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Further information on domestic violence can be found in the Safeguarding Resource Pack held by the safeguarding Lead.