# Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service

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### **Domestic Abuse Support Services**

Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service is a new county-wide service designed to reduce the level of domestic abuse and improve the safety of victims and their families. By providing an outreach service in all Districts we aim to reduce the number of high risk cases and cases where people are forced to flee.

#### What is Domestic Abuse?

'Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality.' (Home Office)

#### What Can I Do?

If you, or someone you know, is affected by domestic abuse there are a number of things you can do. You could:

- Contact us for practical local support.
  - o We can help you and your children stay safe in your own home.
  - We can help you access specialist legal advice.
  - We can help you with other agencies (eg Benefits and Housing).
  - o If you cannot stay at home, we can help you find a Place of Safety.
  - We can help you and your children move on.
- Call the police (999 in an emergency or 101 for a non-emergency situation).
- Contact any of the national support help lines:
  - National Domestic Violence Helpline (0808 2000 247).
  - National Centre for Domestic Abuse (0844 8044 999).
  - Men's Advice Line (0808 801 0327).

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