

Other agencies that victims may find helpful:

Rape and Abuse Support: 01224 620772

Alcohol Advisory Service: 01224 573887

Aberdeen Domestic Abuse: 0845 3456766

Children Counselling Service: 08700 858148

Grampian Police: 0845 6005700

Grampian Police Domestic Abuse Liaison Office:-

North Aberdeenshire: 01224 204773

South Aberdeenshire: 01224 304207

Scottish Women's Aid: 01314 752372

National Free-phone Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 0271234

Grampian Women's Aid: 01224 593381

Aberdeenshire Social Work: 0845 8400070  
Out of Hours Service

Scottish Executive Domestic Abuse web site

Respect: 0845 1228609  
Phone line for perpetrators

Muslim Women's Helpline: 0808 8010301

Victim Support Aberdeenshire

Inverurie: 01467 629990

Peterhead: 01779 490999

Aberdeenshire Council: 0845 8400070  
Housing for Homeless:

For Agencies referring to the Team, this is a voluntary service and you are required to obtain the victims permission before they make a referral.



## **Domestic Abuse Team**

## **Out Reach Workers**

**And**

## **Children's Family**

## **Support Workers**



The Aberdeenshire Domestic Abuse Team is set up to support victims of domestic abuse and their children.

The Team is part of Aberdeenshire Councils Social Work Service and the Outreach Workers are Social Workers. The team has strong links to Grampian Police Domestic Abuse Liaison Officers, Health, Housing and Women's Aid.

The services the team offers are:

**To provide support to victims who are in an abusive relationship and trying to leave by**

- Offering one to one support to address issues around their relationship and domestic abuse.
- Helping victims make a plan to leave if they want to.
- Helping to get advice on finding a safe place to live.
- Helping to access legal advice and benefits.
- Increasing victim's self-confidence to enable them to leave.
- Offering advice and information regarding services.

**To provide support to victims who have left an abusive relationship by providing**

- A security check of their new home and providing safety equipment.
- Advice on benefits and housing.
- Support to help families rebuild their lives.
- Opportunity for a referral to a Domestic Abuse Support Group that will enable them to talk to other victims and rebuild their confidence.
- Advice and support to parents whose children have witnessed domestic abuse and are finding the changes in their life hard to cope with.

**The Children's Family Support Worker offers support to children who are in the Women's Refuge, in homeless accommodation or in the community:**

- To make an assessment of a child/young person's needs and, if appropriate offer play sessions. These sessions may be held at school, in the home or in a family centre.
- The sessions are to allow the child to have fun and to make sense of what has happened to them and their family.

- The sessions give them a chance to talk about the domestic abuse and how they feel about the abuser.
- The Children's family support worker will also provide the parent with advice on how to support the child at home and at school.
- Group work may also be an option.

**Don't suffer in silence.....**

If you would like to make use of this service please contact me in confidence by telephone or letter:

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**...Talk to someone. Help is available.**