

Local Women's Aid groups provide a variety of services and support to women, children and young people who are experiencing domestic violence and abuse. They provide free, confidential support, offering crisis accommodation, outreach support, including legal process, groups and counselling.

Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid:

(028) 9066 6049

North Down & Ards Women's Aid:

(028) 9127 3196

Women's Aid Armagh Down:

(028) 3025 0765

Men's Advisory Service (MAP):

For men seeking support you can contact MAP. They provide support and counselling services for men experiencing domestic abuse.

(029) 9024 1929

Other places to get help:

Hourglass (formerly Action on Elder Abuse) 24hr helpline: **0808 8088 141**

Childline: **0800 1111**

Nexus: (supporting people affected by sexual trauma) **(028) 9032 6803**

The Rowan (Sexual Assault Referral Centre) **0800 389 4424**

The Rainbow Project: **(028) 9031 9030**

Victim Support: **(028) 9024 3133**

Victim Support ISVA service: **(028) 9024 3133**



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South Eastern Area Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Partnership



Working together to bring an
end to Domestic & Sexual
Violence & Abuse

Who are we?

The SET Area D&SVP brings together all statutory and non-statutory agencies, groups and individuals working to tackle domestic and sexual violence and abuse. Its purpose is to develop and deliver a high quality coordinated, multi-agency response for all victims of domestic and sexual violence and abuse.

Our Aims

- To improve services and support for all victims of domestic and sexual abuse
- To further increase and develop awareness generally about domestic and sexual abuse and the measures in place to help all victims
- To educate children and young people and the wider public that domestic and sexual abuse is unacceptable and to enable them to make informed choices
- To hold perpetrators accountable and provide effective interventions for their behaviours
- To increase awareness across the SET area about Domestic & Sexual Violence and Abuse and the services available for victims and children.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Partnership is aligned to deliver on the Northern Ireland Stopping Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Strategy and the subsequent 2023-2030 Strategy.

The Partnership operates with 4 sub-groups, one in each of the localities of Down, Lisburn, Ards & North Down alongside a Protection and Justice Sub group and these are overseen by a Steering Group.

The groups are represented by a diverse community of multi-professional and agency individuals who have a shared responsibility, interest and drive to make positive changes to addressing domestic and sexual violence and abuse. Each group is autonomous in its development of campaigns and raising awareness of domestic and sexual violence and abuse and is supported by the respective Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSP).

What is Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse?

Domestic Violence and Abuse is threatening, controlling, coercive behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, virtual, physical, verbal, sexual, financial or emotional) inflicted on anyone (irrespective of age, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or any form of disability) by

a current or former intimate partner or family member.

Sexual Violence and Abuse is any behaviour (physical, psychological, verbal, virtual/online) perceived to be of a sexual nature which is controlling, coercive, exploitative, harmful or unwanted that is inflicted on anyone (irrespective of age, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or any form of disability).

Coercive, exploitative and harmful behaviour includes taking advantage of an individual's incapacity to give informed consent.

The Northern Ireland Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Strategy; 2023-2030

Where can I get help?

If you or someone you know is experiencing Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse, you can seek help and advice from the following organisations:

The 24hr Domestic & Sexual Violence Helpline (managed by Nexus) is open to anyone affected by domestic & sexual violence regardless of gender, sexuality, disability, age or ethnicity.

0808 802 1414