INTRODUCTION TO DOMESTIC ABUSE

This one day multi-agency course is intended to give participants an understanding of the issues associated with domestic abuse by increasing your knowledge and understanding of domestic abuse; and equipping you with knowledge and information to respond supportively to people experiencing domestic abuse.

By the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Define, name and talk about the forms of domestic abuse
- Identify additional issues faced by marginalised groups suffering domestic abuse
- Discuss the extent and severity of domestic abuse (locally and nationally)
- Describe the impact and effects of living with domestic abuse
- Identify and recognise possible indicators of domestic abuse
- Explore and discuss the difficulties when considering leaving an abusive relationship
- Examine and discuss reasons why abusers do what they do
- Understand the principles and values which underpin supporting disclosure of domestic abuse in an appropriate way
- Identify local policy, procedures and what help is available for service users experiencing domestic abuse
- Consider how this learning might impact on your own work situation

Domestic Abuse is an emotive and difficult topic. We acknowledge this and will deliver the course in a sensitive way, however can accept no responsibility for any distress caused to any participant.

Target audience:	All those in working in within Bracknell Forest and who have day to day contact with members of the general public in the area. Relevant regardless of whether your role involves working predominantly with adults or children, and regardless of whether you are 'professionals', 'administrators' or 'volunteers'.
Time:	9:15am for a 9:30am start – 4:30pm (full day)
Dates:	Thursday 25th June 2015 Wednesday 23rd September 2015 Wednesday 16th December 2015 Wednesday 9th March 2016
Venue:	Bracknell Forest Homes, Berkshire Court, Western Road, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1RE
Cost:	FREE There is no charge for attendances however please note that all non attendees will be charged £75 unless prior notification of non attendance is given prior to the event.
Course tutor:	Local trained practitioners
Closing date:	Application forms must be completed 4 weeks prior to course date
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