

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES AVAILABLE IN BRACKNELL FOREST



The below service list highlights the current provision of domestic abuse support services (including safe accommodation) in Bracknell Forest. *For professionals use only*

VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE			
Provider	The Service	Who can it support?	Contact details
Aurora New Dawn	Specialist one to one advocacy, support and consultancy for anyone experiencing domestic abuse related stalking. Clients are not required to report to the police in order to access support.	All genders (female only groups)	www.aurorand.org.uk 023 9247 9254 info@aurorand.org.uk
BRAVE (Building Resilience And Valuing Emotions)	Group-based therapeutic support sessions for victims experiencing emotional or psychological difficulties following abuse.	All genders (single sex groups) across Berkshire, online and in person options	www.enablingtownslough.com/opportunities/brave Jane Barker jane.barker@berkshire.nhs.uk 07971 314209 Zara Tanveer - zara.tanveer@berkshire.nhs.uk Office – brave@berkshire.nhs.uk
Bracknell Forest Council Children's Social Care FSM (Family Safeguarding Model)	One to one casework support which supports victims to make changes to protect their children and themselves. Connected Group: support group providing advice and/or emotional support around domestic abuse, offering coffee and a chat, signposting to DA groups, legal advice, housing/benefits advice etc. Runs every Friday morning (all year), children welcome.	All genders with children who are social care clients (not for Connected)	Emma Gavin – emma.gavin@bracknell-forest.gov.uk 07824 433119 Laura Harris – laura.harris@bracknell-forest.gov.uk 07788 724872
Bracknell Forest Council Early Help	Freedom groupwork programme ¹ : - 10-week group programme to help women understand the effects on themselves and their children. Recovery Toolkit groupwork programme: 10-week group programme following on from the above which supports participants with positive coping strategies for day-to-day living.	Female victims who have experienced or are experiencing DA	Maria James – maria.james@bracknell-forest.gov.uk Emma Gavin – emma.gavin@bracknell-forest.gov.uk 07824 433119

¹ Note: High risk victims are referred to BWA's Choices after doing a DASH risk assessment

<p><u>Bracknell Forest Council Housing Service</u></p>	<p>Domestic Abuse Housing Support Officer – acting as a single point of contact and advocate for victims of domestic abuse to prevent their homelessness and ensure they are provided with appropriate emergency and safe accommodation. Referrals accepted from other council departments (usually Housing Options / Family Safeguarding Model)</p> <p>Sanctuary Scheme: a multi-agency victim centred initiative which aims to make it possible for victims of domestic abuse to remain in their own homes, where it is safe to do so, where it is their choice, and where the perpetrator does not live in the accommodation. This is done by providing additional security to the victim’s property, delivered in partnership with <u>Safe Partnership Limited</u>. The scheme is available to anyone at risk or threat of domestic abuse, in Bracknell Forest, regardless of tenure including housing association tenants, private rented sector tenants and owner occupiers. For further details, contact the Domestic Abuse Housing Support Officer.</p>	<p>All genders</p>	<p>Kelly Pyle – <u>Kelly.pyle@bracknell-forest.gov.uk</u> 01344 351988 <u>dahousingsupport@bracknell-forest.gov.uk</u></p>
<p><u>Browns Community Services</u></p>	<p>Providing a range of support and advice to adults aged 18 and over who have experienced any form of domestic abuse, sexual abuse or exploitation at any point in their lives. Counselling includes up to 18 free counselling sessions for adults in a safe, confidential space to explore experiences of abuse and any underlying issues. Self and agency referrals accepted.</p>	<p>All genders</p>	<p><u>www.brownscommunityservices.co.uk/services/counselling</u> <u>dacounselling@browns.co.uk</u></p>
<p><u>BWA – Berkshire Women’s Aid</u></p>	<p>Refuge: safe accommodation for up to 11 women and their children in Bracknell Forest, offering holistic, key worker support, and support for children. Outreach/IDVA support: one to one domestic abuse support and advocacy providing a combination of practical and emotional support in the community. Choices Groupwork programme: 6-week group programme that supports survivors to explore abusive relationships, recognise early warning signs and the impact of abuse on children.</p>	<p>All genders (female only refuge and group)</p>	<p><u>www.berkshirewomensaid.org.uk</u> 0808 801 0882 (24/7)</p>
<p>Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS)</p>	<p>The DVDS (also known as Clare’s Law) enables the police to disclose information to a person at risk of domestic abuse about their current or new partner’s previous abusive or violent</p>	<p>All genders</p>	<p><u>www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/daa/domestic-abuse/alpha2/request-information-under-clares-law/</u></p>

	<p>offending. It has two elements: 'Right to Ask' and 'Right to Know'.</p> <p>'Right to Ask' allows for a member of the public the right to ask the police if their partner may pose a risk to them (a third party such a friend, family member or professional can also ask). If records show a risk, the police will consider disclosing this information. 'Right to Know' enables police to pro-actively make a disclosure if they receive information about the violent or abusive behaviour of a person that may impact on someone's safety.</p>		
Kaleidoscopic UK	Survivor-led, independent and confidential support network. Provides group work for adults and children.	Female victims	www.kaleidoscopicuk.org.uk
MARAC – Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference	Monthly multi-agency meeting for practitioners/agencies to discuss high risk domestic abuse cases. Any partner agency can refer a case to the MARAC via the agency's Designated MARAC Officer (DMO) and online system Modus.	High risk victims (all genders)	Speak to your agency's Designated MARAC Officer.
Victims First Hub	<p>Acting as a 'one front door' to all services in Thames Valley to ensure victims can get the support they need to cope and recover. Providing free, confidential, non-discriminatory emotional and practical support to all victims and in some instances their family members in accordance with their needs and the harm caused by the crime. Victims First has a number of specialist services which includes help for victims of sexual violence and domestic abuse. They may refer into one of the specialist services which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Victims First Emotional Support Service (VFESS): providing emotional support, advocacy, practical help and information for those affected by crime including those who have been indirectly affected. - Victims First Specialist Support (VFSS): helping victims recover from the experience of serious crime such as rape, sexual abuse, exploitation and modern slavery. - Victims First Counselling Service: available to victims of crime who are being supported by a support service. Support services can refer into the VF 	All genders (adults and children living in the Thames Valley, available whether or not a crime has been reported to the police)	www.victims-first.org.uk 0300 1234 148

	<p>Counselling Service via the Victims First Hub or by requesting a link to make a direct referral for a client.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Victims First Young Victims Service (see under Safe! for further details). 		
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PERPETRATORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

Provider	The Service	Who can it support?	Contact details
BFC Children's Social Care FSM (Family Safeguarding Model)	One full time 1:1 Perpetrator Caseworker (longer-term cases with Children In Need Plans, Child Protection Plans or issuing care proceedings).	All genders with children who are social care clients	Ollie Lamping – oliver.lamping@bracknell-forest.gov.uk 07500 992350
BFC Community Safety	Plain Talking: 1:1 therapeutic intervention for perpetrators (male and female) who recognise their behaviour in their relationship is becoming or has become problematic and need support to make positive, healthy and long-term change.	All genders	Justin Whitlock – justin.whitlock@bracknell-forest.gov.uk 07826 951498
MATAC – Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination	Monthly multi-agency domestic abuse perpetrator focused process. It identifies the most harmful perpetrators, either by using police resources or by referral from external agencies and aims to: change offender behaviour; reduce reoffending of the most harmful and serial perpetrators; and safeguard victims and families.	All genders	MATACWokandBrac@thamesvalley.police.uk

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC ABUSE

Provider	What they offer	Who can it support?	Contact details
BFC Early Help	DART (Domestic Abuse Recovering Together) groupwork: For mothers and their children who have experienced domestic abuse. The aim is to talk to each other about the domestic abuse, learn to communicate and rebuild and strengthen their relationship in a creative and safe environment.	Children and young people 7 – 14 years old and their female non abusing parent	Maria James – maria.james@bracknell-forest.gov.uk Emma Gavin – emma.gavin@bracknell-forest.gov.uk 07824 433119
BFC Youth Justice Team	“Who's in Charge” programme - Adolescent to Parent Violence and abuse. An 8-week child to parent (CPV) programme aimed at parents or carers of young people (from 10 years old) who are struggling to manage behaviours that seem beyond control.	All genders	Kirstie Richardson – Kirstie.richardson@bracknell-forest.gov.uk 07879 668642 Jill Hope-Jefferson – jill.hope-jefferson@bracknell-forest.gov.uk 07788 744955

<p><u>Safe!</u></p>	<p><u>Young Victim Service:</u> providing support to children and young people aged 5 up to 18 who are dealing with the effects of crime. 1:1 support including witnessing domestic abuse or in their own intimate relationships.</p> <p><u>Building Respectful Families (BRF):</u> a service for families affected by Child to Parent Violence (CPV) where young people are aged 8 to 18 years old.</p> <p>DAY (Domestic Abuse and Young) programme groups focusing on healthy relationships and peer support. DAY explores healthy and abusive behaviours in relationships using a multi-media and interactive approach. It also includes protective behaviour activities and opportunities to build positive peer relationships.</p>	<p>All genders - children and young people living in or attending school in the Thames Valley.</p> <p>Young Victims Service = 5 – 18 years old</p> <p>BRF = 8 – 18 years old</p> <p>DAY programme = 11-18 years old</p>	<p>www.safeproject.org.uk www.safeproject.org.uk/routes-to-help.php 0800 133 7938</p>
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OTHER/NATIONAL SERVICES

Provider	The Service	Who is it for	Contact details
<p><u>AAFDA – Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse</u></p>	<p>Advocates for families after the homicide or suicide of their family member or friend, following domestic abuse.</p>	<p>Adults and children affected by domestic homicide, or suicide, or unexplained death following domestic abuse</p>	<p>www.aafda.org.uk 07887 488464</p>
<p><u>Bracknell Forest Council</u></p>	<p>Domestic Abuse webpages – providing information on how to get help, keeping yourself and your children safe, how to help someone being abuse, effects of domestic abuse, getting help for abusive behaviour and information for professionals.</p>	<p>All – members of the public as well as professionals</p>	<p>www.itsneverok.co.uk 01344 3520000</p>
<p><u>Bright Sky App</u></p>	<p>A safe, easy to use app and website that provides practical support and information on how to respond to domestic abuse. The app is for anyone experiencing domestic abuse, or who is worried about someone else. Bright Sky helps someone to spot the signs of abuse, how to respond and help someone find a safe route to support.</p>	<p>All genders including friends/ family etc</p>	<p>www.hestia.org/brightsky</p>
<p>Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme</p>	<p>The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) gives any member of the public the right to ask the police of their partner</p>	<p>All genders</p>	<p>Call 101</p>

(DVDS) – also known as ‘Clare’s Law’	may pose a risk to them. Under the DVDS, a member of the public can also make enquiries into the partner of a close friend or family member.		Request information under Clare's Law: Make a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) application
Dogs Trust Freedom Project	Dog fostering service for people escaping domestic abuse.	All genders	www.dogstrust.org.uk/how-we-help/freedom-project
DV Assist	The UK's only registered charity specialising in arranging Non-Molestation Orders, Prohibited Steps Orders & Occupation Orders.	All genders	www.dvassist.org.uk 0800 195 8699
FLAG DV	Free Legal Advice Group for Domestic Abuse victims in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Hampshire. Offering a free legal advice appointment with a volunteer solicitor, legal executive or barrister who specialises in Family Law.	All genders	www.flagdv.org.uk 01635 015854 (Mon – Fri, 11am – 1pm)
Galop National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline	Supporting LGBT+ victims and survivors of domestic abuse and honour-based violence.	LGBT+	www.galop.org.uk 0800 999 5428
Hollie Guard Personal Safety App	Safeguarding app providing enhanced levels of protection – with a simple shake or tap it activates Hollie Guard, immediately notifying chosen contacts, pinpointing the users location and sending audio and video evidence directly to their mobile phones.	All genders	www.hollieguard.com
Karma Nirvana	Support for victims and survivors of forced marriage and honour-based abuse (HBA). Including running the national Honour Based Abuse Helpline.	All genders	www.karmanirvana.org.uk 0800 5999 247
Mankind Initiative	Confidential helpline available for male victims of domestic abuse and violence across the UK as well as friends, family, neighbours, work, colleagues and employers.	Male victims	www.mankind.org.uk 01823 334244
Men’s Advice Line	National helpline for male victims of domestic abuse.	Male victims	www.mensadviceline.org.uk 0808 8010327
National Centre for Domestic Violence (NCDV)	A free, fast emergency injunction service for survivors of domestic abuse and violence, regardless of their financial circumstances, race, gender or sexual orientation. The	All genders	www.ncdv.org.uk 0800 970 2070

	service allows anyone who has suffered or been threatened with domestic abuse or violence to apply for an emergency court injunction.		
<u>National Domestic Abuse Helpline</u>	Freephone, 24-hour national domestic abuse helpline.	Female victims	www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk 0880 2000 247
<u>National Stalking Helpline</u>	Operated by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, the National Stalking Helpline gives practical information, support, and advice on risk, safety planning and legislation to victims of stalking, their friends, family, and professionals working with victims.	All genders including friends/ family/ professionals	www.suzylamplugh.org 0808 802 0300
<u>Respect Phonenumber</u>	Providing help for domestic violence perpetrators.	All genders	www.respectphonenumber.org.uk 0808 8024040
<u>Samaritans</u>	Specially trained volunteers listen and help anyone that calls to talk through their concerns, worries and troubles. Phone or email. Also see the website for the self-help app and for tips on what to do if you are worried about someone.	All genders	www.samaritans.org/branches/bracknell 116 123 (free) 0330 094 5717 (local call charges)

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