

Safeguarding children and family support services

Domestic violence

What is domestic violence?

- **Domestic violence is controlling and aggressive behaviours from one adult, usually a man, towards another, usually a woman, whilst in an intimate relationship.**
- **It can be physical, sexual, psychological or emotional abuse. Financial abuse and social isolation are also common features.**
- **It can be actual or threatened, a one off or on a regular basis, and tends to worsen over time.**
- **Children are affected by living with domestic violence.**
- **1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence.**

Useful contacts

www.bbc.co.uk/relationships
[www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime-victims/
reducing-crime/domestic-violence/](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime-victims/reducing-crime/domestic-violence/)
www.womensaid.org.uk
www.refuge.org.uk

Respect

Victims of male domestic violence helpline
Tel: 0845 122 8609
<http://www.respect.uk.net>