

Safeguarding Newsletter

Domestic Abuse: Advice and Resources



This edition of the Safeguarding Newsletter is designed to consolidate all the information related to domestic abuse during the Covid-19 shut-down.



Domestic Abuse: Resources

During this period of lockdown, those who are living with domestic abuse are likely to be at an increased risk.

The following may prove useful resources :

Domestic abuse during a lockdown: [what you need to know](#)

Restored: [Working from home and domestic abuse](#)

ManKind: [Covid-19 and domestic abuse](#)

Though the above articles talk specifically about the abuse of one gender, the principles and advice in each are applicable to both male and female victims of domestic abuse.

ManKind Facebook Group

In response to requests from those working with male victims of domestic abuse, the ManKind Initiative have set up a closed Facebook discussion group.

If you would like to join, please 'like' the ManKind Facebook page [here](#) and then send an email to mdan@mankind.org.uk with your Facebook details so they can add you to the group.

This issue contains:

- Domestic Abuse: Resources
- Safe Accommodation: Government Funding
- ManKind Facebook Group
- Useful Organisations: Contact Details
- UK SAYS NO MORE Campaign
- Useful Local Contacts

Updated Information

The current situation is changing rapidly as new advice is released and as lockdown rules begin to be relaxed. It is worth checking frequently to ensure you are following the most up to date guidance.

Safe Accommodation: Funding

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has secured a fund of £10 million for domestic abuse charities that work to provide safe accommodation for victims.

The government are now inviting charities who need funding to apply to the DA Safe Accommodation Covid-19 emergency fund.

Funding bids must be submitted by 21 May 2020. The application information can be found [here](#)

Useful Organisations: Contact Details

Helpline	Who is it For?	Phone Number	Opening Times	Cost	Website
Refuge	Women and Girls	0808 2000 247	24/7	Free	nationaldahelpline.org.uk
Rape Crisis	Women and Girls	0808 802 9999	12 Noon - 2:30PM and 7PM - 9:30PM Daily	Free	rapecrisis.org.uk
ManKind Initiative	Men and Boys	01823 334244	11AM - 4PM, Weekdays	Local rates from landline - mobile charges vary	mankind.org.uk
Respect Men's Advice Line	Men and Boys	0808 801 0327	9AM - 5PM, Weekdays, open till 8PM Monday & Wednesday	Free	mensadvice-line.org.uk
Respect Phoneline	Men or Women worried that they are harming someone else	0808 802 4040	9AM - 5PM, Weekdays	Free	respectphone-line.org.uk

Useful Local Contacts

Regional Safeguarding Officer:

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Regional Safeguarding Administrator:

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UK SAYS NO MORE Campaign

Boots the Chemist, Superdrug Pharmacies and a number of other independent pharmacies have now signed up to the 'UK SAYS NO MORE' campaign.

This means that anyone looking for support, or for a safe place to make a phone call, can go to one of these pharmacies for help. All they have to do is approach the healthcare counter and ask to use the consultation room. There they will be provided with specialist domestic abuse support information and a safe space to call for help or advice.

Further information, including how to find a local participating pharmacy, can be found [here](#)

The campaign was originally organised by the Hestia crisis support charity. This charity is based in London and, though most of their work still takes place in London, the UK SAYS NO MORE campaign has spread nationwide and pharmacies across the whole of the UK are participating.

More information about the project can be found [here](#)