

Your Domestic Abuse Charter...7 Steps of Action



1. Adopt the domestic abuse Charter for your Church.
2. Identify support in your area to refer people to.(see list below)
3. Be aware of limitations; our job is to provide a 'safe' place for victims and refer them to the appropriate professionals.
4. Inform your church using local expertise; invite speakers from The Diocesan Communities Engagement Team (CET) to your church groups to raise awareness.
5. Ensure support is available for children; domestic abuse has a serious effect on children. Your Safeguarding Policy is vital!
6. Confidentiality; in view of the serious or real risk of potential harm to the victim and any children, it is important to respect the information disclosed to you.
7. Pray for all involved.

Local assistance:

- yourSanctuary (Woking, Runnymede & Surrey Heath) 01483 776822 9am-9pm Surrey wide
- ESDAS (Reigate & Banstead, Mole Valley & Tandridge) 01737 771350
- South West Surrey Outreach (Guildford & Waverley) 01483 898884
- North Surrey DA Outreach (Elmbridge, Epsom & Ewell & Spelthorne) 01932 260690
- Hampshire DA Helpline 03300165112
- 24hr National Domestic Abuse Helpline - 0808 2000 247
- DeafHope (BSL)Text 07970350366

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Domestic Abuse: A Charter for Your Church



Inspired by the love of God and sacrifice of Jesus

This Church:.....

- 1 Accepts that domestic abuse is a serious problem which occurs in all sections of society including church families.
- 2 Recognises that domestic abuse can be the physical, sexual, psychological, spiritual, emotional, social or financial abuse of a person within an intimate or family-type relationship and that forms a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour.
- 3 Recognises that domestic abuse in all its forms is unacceptable and irreconcilable with the Christian faith and a Christian way of living.
- 4 Undertakes to listen, support and care for those affected by domestic abuse.
- 5 Will keep up to date, embrace training and work with domestic abuse support agencies, publicising their work.
- 6 Will teach, model and encourage what it means to be in good, respectful, safe and nurturing relationships.