# DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONDERS' SCHEME



Do you live or work in Central Bedfordshire? Would you like to be an advocate for Domestic Abuse concerns or your friends, family, colleagues and others in your community?

Why not apply to become a Domestic Abuse Responder?

#### WHAT IS A DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONDER?

A Domestic Abuse (DA) Responder will be available to provide support and advice and to ensure that anyone living with, or who knows someone that is living with domestic abuse, can be provided with local and national signposting to services and resources.

DA Responders will have access to a network of other DA Responders that can assist in supporting, helping and advising anyone who is, or who knows someone that is living with domestic abuse either personally or professionally.

## WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE SCHEME?

Research tells us that people living with domestic abuse can go to as many as five agencies before they find appropriate help, advice, and support. By having DA Responders across our County, the aim is to reduce this number and provide a more joined-up approach for anyone experiencing domestic abuse.

Anyone can be a DA Responder, all you need is to be passionate about supporting people and raising awareness in a safe way.

## **HOW DO I BECOME A DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONDER?**

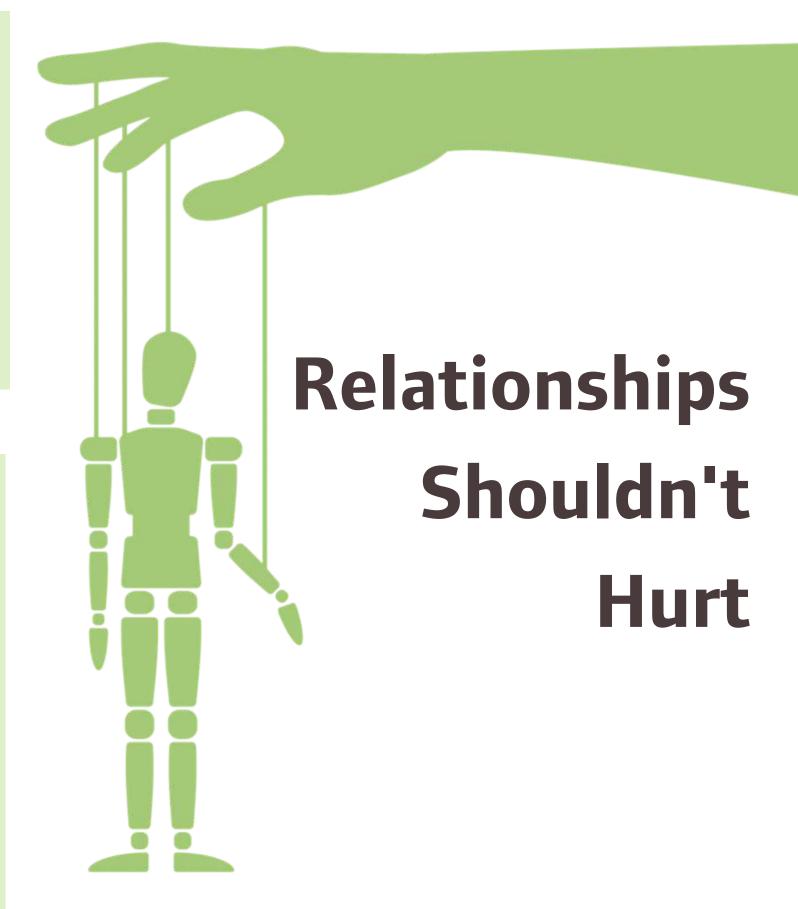
You would apply to attend a one-day workshop covering what domestic abuse is and learning about the support available to anyone experiencing domestic abuse in Central Bedfordshire.

You will have the opportunity to be part of a wider network of DA Responders that can assist in supporting, helping and advising a person experiencing domestic abuse and their family, and you will have the opportunity to attend twice yearly DA Responder networking events in future.

### WHEN CAN I START?

Our upcoming workshop dates can be found at <a href="https://www.safeguardingbedfordshiretraining.co.uk">www.safeguardingbedfordshiretraining.co.uk</a>

Our free one-day workshops are 9.30am - 4.30pm and will be delivered in person at the Central Bedfordshire Council offices at Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford. SG17 5TQ



### **HOW CAN I APPLY?**

Go to www.safeguardingbedfordshiretraining.co.uk and sign up for an account.

Then click the 'Events' button, go to 'Available Events' and search Responders to book onto an available session