

Domestic Abuse Disclosure

Step 1. Disclosure

You are approached by someone experiencing domestic abuse – *Domestic abuse is any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can encompass, but is not limited to: psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional (more information on domestic abuse is available at www.bedsdv.org.uk)*

Step 2. Immediate Action

Are you concerned that they are in danger?

No

Yes

Phone the police immediately on 999

Step 3. Children / Vulnerable Adults

Is the person a vulnerable adult?

Does the person have child/ren?

No

Yes

Yes - Do you have concerns about child protection?

No

[Referral Pathway for Adults](#)

[Threshold Document](#)

Yes

[Safeguarding referral](#)

Step 4. Assessment

Complete [DASH Risk Assessment](#) on referral form for relevant local authority

Outcome is High Risk (14 or more ticks)

[Refer to MARAC](#)

[MARAC Referral Guidance](#)

Outcome is Standard / Medium Risk

[Refer to Community IDVA](#)

Step 5. Support

[Staying in the Home](#)

[Remaining in the Relationship](#)

[Choosing to Leave](#)

[Mental Health Support for Those Experiencing Domestic Abuse](#)

[Support for Those Who Harm Others](#)

[Support for Children](#)