

LDVS Services

Drop-In Service

We run regular, discreet drop-in services across the city. Our drop-in worker will offer confidential, emotional and practical support, including information about your rights and space to talk through your options. No appointment is necessary – you can just call in – and you don't need to give your name.

For more information about where the drop-ins are held, please call the helpline or email us.

24 Hour Helpline: 0113 246 0401



LDVS operates a 24 hour telephone support line. Call us at any time for emotional support and information on LDVS or other services. Calls can be anonymous.

Emergency Accommodation

LDVS offers safe and secure emergency accommodation if you are experiencing domestic abuse. We can accommodate people from Leeds or anywhere else within the UK. You will receive support from our experienced workers in dealing with the effects of domestic abuse, as well as help with practical issues such as benefits and finances, accessing other specialist agencies, and housing.

Community Domestic Violence Team

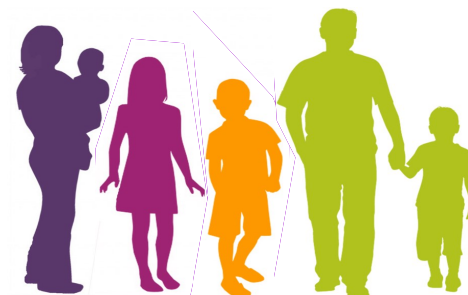
Our Community DV Practitioners will provide regular practical and emotional support on housing, benefits and budgeting, safety planning, health and social care, and community engagement. In addition we can accompany you to solicitor's appointments and support you in attending the Family Courts. We can liaise with agencies on your behalf to ensure that you receive specialist support in areas such as drug and alcohol dependency, mental health, and children's education and well-being.

IDVA Team (Independent Domestic Violence Advocates)

Our IDVAs will support you if you need immediate crisis or safety advice and will focus on reducing your risk. We will provide legal advice and advocacy on a range of issues within family and criminal law. This can include advice on injunctions, children's matters, divorce, liaising with the police, and we can support you at criminal court if you have to give evidence at a trial. Our IDVAs will offer short or long-term support depending on your needs.

Group Support

We run a number of support groups for women in different locations around the city. The groups provide an opportunity for you to meet others who have been through similar experiences in a relaxed and informal setting. Our experienced group facilitator will help you and other members to share stories, support one another, plan your safety, and discuss patterns of abuse and control. In addition, you can receive advice, signposting and referrals for other support.



How to refer to LDVS

Anyone experiencing domestic abuse can call us on 0113 246 0401 to make a self referral.

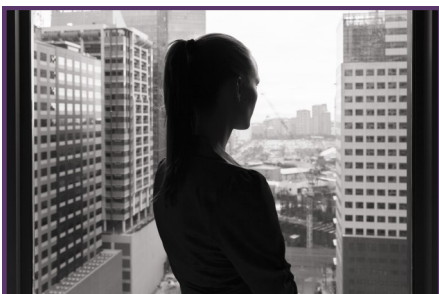
Agencies can make referrals, with the consent of the client, by calling the same number to obtain a referral form.



Leeds Domestic Violence Service (LDVS) works with women, men & families in Leeds offering emergency accommodation, support, advice and advocacy.

Our mission is to protect people in Leeds from the damage that domestic violence can inflict on their lives. We believe that everyone has the right to live their lives free from fear and harm.

We will achieve this by providing women and men with choices from a range of community based services, including temporary supported housing, IDVA (independent domestic violence advocate) support, community outreach support, a telephone helpline, drop-ins and support groups.



Contact LDVS

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Leeds Domestic Violence Service (LDVS) is operated as a consortium by:
Leeds Women's Aid, Behind Closed Doors, Women's Health Matters & HALT



A guide to our services

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