Support for children, families and victims impacted by domestic abuse

There is recognition that Coronavirus risks worsening the level and severity of domestic abuse. While in lockdown or self-isolation, women, children and male victims are likely to be spending concentrated periods of time with perpetrators, potentially escalating the threat of domestic abuse. Services are still operating and available to support children, families and victims of domestic abuse.

Support Services in Wiltshire

Splitz provide Wiltshire's domestic abuse and sexual violence support services: https://www.splitz.org/

Wiltshire Single Point of Access (SPA) Team available 8:00am - 5:00pm. TEL: 01225 775 276

Swindon and Wiltshire ISVA Service: available on 01793 317482, Monday to Thursday 9am – 2pm (ISVAs can be contacted directly if contact details are known by clients)

Wherever possible email queries to spa@splitz.org

Make referrals online at hiips://splitz.org/referral -forms.html

Wiltshire Police continue to forward ENCOMPASS disclosures relating to children affected by domestic abuse (DA) to all schools and Early Years settings across Wiltshire

Safe Spaces – victims can be directed to a Wiltshire Council Hub building or a police station

The SARC supports victims of rape or sexual assault, whether they be men, women or children – Sexual Assault Referral Centre: 01793 781916, https://www.firstlight.org.uk/swindonwiltshiresarc

If anyone has a safeguarding concern about any child they should continue to act immediately and contact Children's MASH on 0300 4560108, Emergency Duty Service 0300 456 0100 (5pm - 8.45am)

If you have safeguarding concerns about a vulnerable adult contact Adult MASH 0300 4560111; adviceandcontact@wiltshire.gov.uk

In any emergency call 999 - Silent Solution: call 999 and press 55 if you are unable to speak on the phone

National Support Services

Refuge – Freephone 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247 hijps://www.refuge.org.uk/get -help-now/phone-the-helpline/

Women's Aid: hiips://www.womensaid.org.uk/covid -19-coronavirus-safety-advice-for-survivors/

Children can contact **Child line:** 0800 111 (open from 9am each day for calls and <u>1-2-1 counsellor chats</u>) hiips://www.childline.org.uk/get -support/ or the **NSPCC** on 0808 800 5000 or go to www thehideout org.uk for advice and guidance

National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline: Freephone 0800 999 5428

Respect helpline offers help for domestic abuse perpetrators who want to change and provides confidential advice and support: 0808 802 4040, https://respectphoneline.org.uk/

Survivor's Trust Helpline: 0808 801 0818, hijps://www.thesurvivorstrust.org

Men's Advice Line – supporting male victims of DA: 0808 801 0327, hijps://mensadviceline.org.uk

Home Office Guidance: Coronavirus: support for victims of domestic abuse



