# DOMESTIC ABUSE

## DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE 0800 254 0909

It is open for anyone over the age of 16 who is experiencing or has previously experienced domestic abuse & violence in any form. This includes:

- Physical Abuse/Violence
- Online Abuse
- Sexual Abuse/Violence
- Forced Marriages
  - FGM
- Emotional Psychological Abuse

## THE FREEDOM PROGRAMME

The Freedom Programme examines the roles played by attitudes and beliefs on the actions of abusive men and the responses of victims and survivors. The aim is to help them to make sense of and understand what has happened to them, instead of the whole experience just feeling like a horrible mess. The Freedom Programme also describes in detail how children are affected by being exposed to this kind of abuse and very importantly how their lives are improved when the abuse is removed.



#### PANKHURST TRUST 0161 660 7999

The Pankhurst Trust brings together Manchester Women's Aid and the Pankhurst Centre. We work together to ensure the powerful story of the women who won the vote continues to inspire us all to challenge gender inequality, and to ensure that those suffering from domestic violence and abuse get the confidential help they need.

## REFUGE 0808 2000 247

We offer wide-ranging community
outreach services that meet women
experiencing domestic abuse where
they are, physically and emotionally, on
their journey to safety.

Call the National Domestic Abuse
Helpline on 0808 2000 247 to speak to
a community outreach service.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSIST 0800 195 8699

The UK's only registered charity specialising in arranging Non-Molestation Orders, Prohibited Steps Orders & Occupation Orders If you are a victim of domestic violence the police may already involved. You may not feel able to support the prosecution for fear of repercussions. Only 7 out of 10 victims are prepared to support a prosecution for fear of repercussions.

There might be insufficient evidence for the prosecution to charge the abuser or the police may have further enquiries to make before a charging decision can be made.

However there are a number of options available to you that will provide immediate safeguarding for you.

## SAHELI 0161 945 4187

We do this by providing emergency
refuge accommodation, specialist
counseling, training, and
empowering Black, Asian and
Minoritised women to make
informed choices and get the
support they need.

Do you need information, advice or
help with your own situation of
domestic abuse?

Do you need advice for you or a
woman who you think is
experiencing domestic abuse?

# WOMEN'S AID

If you're a survivor with children you have probably tried to shield them from the abuse as much as possible.

But talking to children about what's happening can help them to feel less powerless, confused and angry.

A personal safety plan is a way of helping you to protect yourself and your children. It helps you plan in advance for the possibility of future violence and abuse. It also helps you to think about how you can increase your safety either within the relationship, or if you decide to leave.