**Disclosure of Domestic Abuse - Process Map**

**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 or personally connected regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can encompass, but is not limited to psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional abuse.***

**Step 1.**

**DISCLOSURE**

**Contact police immediately on 999.**

**Are you concerned they are in immediate danger?**

**YES**

**Notify Sandwell Children’s Social Care immediately on**

**0121 569 3100 (24 hours)**

**MARF** (Multi Agency Referral Form) to be completed.

**Step 2.**

**CHILDREN**

**Do you have child protection concerns?**

**Does your client have children? Or is this disclosure from a child under the age of 16?**

**YES**

**YES**

**Families Together supports families affected by Domestic Abuse. Tele 07967 316802** [**www.family-action.org.uk**](http://www.family-action.org.uk)

**Would your client benefit from additional advice and support? Legal, Financial, Housing etc.**

**Refer to BCWA for support on 0121 552 6448 (24 hrs)**

**Is the client a young person? BCWA’s Young Peoples phone/text line is for victims or young people who want to talk to someone on 07581 492 806 - operates 9-5pm weekdays any texts or messages received outside of these times will be responded to in normal working hours.**

**Does the client have care and support needs?**

**Refer to Adult Social Care on 0121 569 2266**

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**Does your client want or need to leave home? Call the BCWA 24-hour Helpline: 0121 552 6448 about Refuge or contact Sandwell Council’s Housing Options Team on 0121 368 1166 (option 2). Outside normal office hours call 0121 569 6883**

**NO**

**Do the child/ren have additional unmet needs? Access Early Help advice and support through locality Strengthening Families Services**

* **Tipton - 0121 569 7291**

**07917 087966 (Duty mobile)**

* **Wednesbury - 0121 569 7294**

**07901 111237 (Duty mobile)**

* **West Bromwich - 0121 569 7293**

**07584534015 (Duty mobile)**

* **Oldbury - 0121 569 7295**

**07471 029760 (Duty Mobile)**

* **Smethwick - 0121 569 7297 07773 078189 (Duty mobile)**
* **Rowley Regis - 0121 569 7296**

**07799 348259 (Duty mobile)**

**PERPETRATORS:**

The [Respect Helpline](https://respectphoneline.org.uk/) can offer telephone support on 0808 802 4040. Also contact [Domesticabuse\_admin@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:Domesticabuse_admin@sandwell.gov.uk) to see if an appropriate behaviour change programme for perpetrators is available locally.

**Refer to Sandwell MARAC: Contact the MARAC team by email** [MARAC\_Referrals@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:MARAC_Referrals@westmidlands.police.uk) **Or ring 101 ext. 811 3048 for a referral form**

**Also refer to BCWA for specialist domestic abuse victim support - 0121 552 6448**

**YES**

**Please conduct a** [DASH Risk Assessment](https://safelives.org.uk/practice-support/resources-identifying-risk-victims-face) **if you are able to do so.**

**Does your client require advice or support on domestic abuse?**

**Step 3.**

**ASSESS**

**Have you assessed your client as high risk?**

**Step 4.**

**SUPPORT**

**Refer to** [**Black Country Women’s Aid**](https://blackcountrywomensaid.co.uk/) **(BCWA) on:**

**0121 552 6448**

**(for refuge and / or community-based support)**