

Information Sheet

Specialist Integrated Domestic Violence Services in Leicester 2012-2015

1. Since September 1st 2012 there are four new specialist services for people affected by domestic violence in Leicester, funded by Leicester City Council. These can be accessed via the central helpline number: **0300 123 0918**. The new services aim to be accessible, flexible and visible in neighbourhoods and citywide. All are open to men and women affected by domestic violence, including those affected as a third party.
2. **The Family Service** is able to offer support for children, young people and families affected by domestic violence past or present. They work with children and young people aged 0-19 and offer practical support such as crèche facilities, individual and group work. There are specific groups for those children and young people who have experienced domestic violence and for those who are using violence. There is also specific parenting support work. This service is delivered by Living Without Abuse (www.lwa.org.uk).
3. **The Safe Home Service** offers a holistic assessment of housing options for those affected by domestic violence, including making safety improvements to current addresses, accessing emergency temporary accommodation or negotiating a housing transfer. The main aim is the safety of those affected and finding sustainable long term safe accommodation as soon as possible. This can also mean moving the perpetrator rather than the victim of domestic violence, if they are committed to change and if this is the best way forward for the victim and children. The Safe Home service is being delivered by the Safe Project, ran by Foundation Housing (www.safedvs.co.uk).
4. **The Safe Project** is the main help point for anyone affected by domestic violence in Leicester. Within the project there is a helpline service, telephone counselling, outreach support and independent domestic violence advisors (for those at the highest risk of homicide or serious injury). The project is staffed seven days a week. The safe project offers safety planning and risk assessment, working individually or in groups with those affected by domestic violence to establish immediate and long term improvements to safety and overall well-being. The Safe Project is delivered by Foundation Housing (www.safedvs.co.uk).
5. **The Jenkins Centre** offers an option for those who wish to change their own abusive behaviour. There is one to one and group work, together with partner support and work specifically on parenting. The Jenkins Centre is delivered by FreeVA with Respect (see www.freeva.org.uk and www.respect.uk.net).

To speak to the contract monitoring officer in Leicester City Council regarding these services please contact Stephanie.McBurney@leicester.gov.uk, or Daxa Pancholi, Head of Community Safety.