



Safeguarding: Domestic Abuse

What is Domestic Abuse?

The Government defines domestic abuse as “Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass, but is not limited to, the following types of abuse: psychological, physical, sexual, financial, emotional.

Controlling behaviour is: a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour.

Coercive behaviour is: an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim.”

Domestic abuse can affect anyone, the recent government measures to tackle COVID-19 can cause anxiety for those who are experiencing or feel at risk of domestic abuse.

Domestic abuse is unacceptable in any situation, no matter what stresses someone is under. If you are worried about domestic abuse there are a number of organisations out there who want to help.

Next Link

Next Link provides support services for women, men and children in South Gloucestershire who are, or have been victims of domestic abuse. Their services include telephone help and advice, safe house accommodation, community outreach services and group programmes.

Referrals can be made by telephone, email or through the Next Link Website. At the first point of contact there is a triage advice service, and all victims asking for support are offered a relevant service that meets their needs and responds to their immediate safety risks. Callers wanting advice and guidance can access our accredited advice service.

You can also talk anonymously with our support workers through our live chat helpline.

To find out more about these services please call 0800 4700 280 or

email enquiries.southglos@nextlinkhousing.co.uk

Website: www.nextlinkhousing.co.uk/southglos/

Support is Available!

SARSAS

[SARSAS](#) (Somerset & Avon Rape & Sexual Abuse Support) is a support service for people who have experienced sexual violence at any point in their life.

Women and girls, call 0808 801 0456

Office hours: Monday and Friday, 11am to 2pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6pm-8.30pm

Men and boys, call 0808 801 0464

Office hours: Monday, 11am to 2pm Tuesday, 6pm-8.30pm



Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.



Ms James
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(Year 7, 8 & 9)



Mrs Thurston
KS4 Deputy Safeguarding Lead
(Year 10 & 11)

Need to talk to us, but would prefer to text?



Text us on 07749723552 between 3:00pm and 5:00pm Monday-Friday

Please speak to us for support or advice!

Contact us Via Email:

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External Agency Support



Both OTR and CYN can offer comprehensive support on all issues. They offer youth clubs, 1-1 support and their websites can be used for students to find advice and information on a range of topics.

Kooth offer free, anonymous online support. You can encourage students to use Kooth on any issue.

