



Black Country Women's Aid

we listen, we support, we care



“When I came here my hands were empty... now they are full of happiness”

“They helped me to regain my confidence and rebuild my life”

Black Country Women's Aid (BCWA) is an independent charity which has been supporting victims of abuse and violence in the West Midlands for over 30 years.

We help over 9000 women, children and men every year to escape from violence, cope with trauma and move on with their lives.

We believe that no-one should have to live in fear of violence and abuse. We *listen, we support, we care...*

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What do we do?

- Our **Domestic Abuse** team support victims in the community and at court;
- Our **Refuge** offers a safe place to stay for women and children escaping their abusers. Refuge is more than just a bed, we give specialist support to help these families get back on their feet;
- Our **Stalking Support Service** supports people across the West Midlands who are being stalked by a former partner, acquaintance or stranger;
- Our Rape Support team support victims of **rape, sexual violence** and **childhood sexual abuse** with practical advocacy and specialist counselling;
- Our Young People's Team support **children and young people** who have suffered domestic abuse, rape and sexual exploitation;
- Our **Women's Justice Services** support vulnerable female offenders to change their lives for the better.

Domestic abuse

- Domestic abuse comes in many forms and affects people from all walks of life and ages but mostly women
- 1 in 4 women in the UK will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime
- National statistics show 2 women are killed each week by a partner or former partner.
- 10% of our clients are men
- Calls are made to police every 30 seconds
- 65% of people don't report
- 40%-60% of women experiencing domestic violence are abused while pregnant
- 62% of children living with domestic abuse are directly harmed by the perpetrator of the abuse

We transform lives



In 2019/20, we supported

9496 people.



(5 non-binary)

6148

victims of domestic abuse in the community



290

women with 128 children in refuge or with floating support



607

victims of stalking



346

victims of modern slavery and international human trafficking



717

children and young people who were victims of rape, domestic abuse and exploitation



683

victims of rape and childhood sexual abuse



441

female offenders, women with complex needs, and women involved in sex work



205,834

entries recorded on 4site, our case management system



7

phone calls every hour to our helpline



33

number of calls made every hour



63,054

outgoing calls

A year in our services



44,446

phone calls made to support clients



38,220

updates made to other agencies



12,909

phone calls from clients and agencies



17,156

one-to-one support sessions

How can your fundraising make a difference?

- £5** a bus ticket to get a young person to a support appointment
- £10** toiletries for a young person in care
- £15** a Christmas present for a child in refuge or a young person in support
- £20** an hour's staffing for our 24 hour helpline
- £30** a specialist counselling session for a victim of rape, to cope with trauma
- £40** interpreting services giving a voice to women who have been trafficked internationally
- £50** a workshop helping 30 young people understand teenage relationship abuse and exploitation
- £100** support at court for a young victim of rape
- £500** arts therapy for children affected by domestic violence
- £1000** Re-furbish a room in refuge

Go Purple Campaign

This October, in Domestic Violence awareness month, pay £1 and wear the colour purple in your school, college or workplace to show you care



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