



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 women, children and men to escape from violence, cope with trauma and move on with their lives.

We receive over 13,000 requests for help from across the West Midlands every year.

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 **Modern Day Slavery** team offer safe refuge and community support to people trafficked to the UK for forced labour and prostitution.

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

- Our **Women's Justice Services** support vulnerable female offenders to change their lives for the better.

We transform lives

In 2021/22

13,150



cases of
abuse and
violence were
referred to us.

11,521 adults



1,629

children



11,911

women and
girls

17

non-
binary



1,222

men and
boys

8640

victims of domestic abuse in the
community



361

women with children needing refuge



606

victims of stalking



370

victims of modern slavery and
international human trafficking



891

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



1075

victims of rape and childhood sexual
abuse



291

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



183

men in our new specialist service Ask
Marc



216,911

entries recorded on our case
management system



6

calls to our helpline
every hour



61,911

calls made to
survivors and
agencies

**A year in our
services
2021/22**



18,615

one-to-one
support sessions



26,124

texts and emails
to clients



10,930

phone calls from
clients and agencies

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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