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Domestic abuse

Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd (CCG) recognises the seriousness of domestic abuse, and the devastating effects on victims and their families.

We will not tolerate domestic abuse by or against our tenants, and we will aim to protect sufferers of domestic abuse by sign posting to relevant agencies and offering advice and support.

Some facts about domestic abuse:

- 2 women are killed every week in England and Wales by a current or former partner
- In 2012 /13 – 15 men died at the hands of their partner or ex partner
- On average, a woman is assaulted 35 times before her first call to police
- 1 in 4 women experience domestic abuse over their lifetime
- In over 50% of known domestic abuse cases, children were also directly abused
- In the UK police receive a complaint of domestic violence every 60 seconds

Types of domestic abuse:

Domestic abuse occurs across society regardless of age, gender, race, sexuality, disability, class, lifestyle or wealth, and can involve the following types of behaviour.

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional and / or physical abuse
- Economic and financial abuse
- Coercive behaviour (e.g. female genital mutilation, forced marriage, honour based violence)
- Stalking and harassment
- Adolescent to parent violence and abuse (APVA)

Indicators of abuse

There's no easy way to know whether someone is a victim of abuse, but here are some signs that you can look out for:



- Isolation and withdrawal from friends and family
- Cancelling plans and making excuses not to spend time with friends
- Depression or anxiety, less happy than they used to be
- Changes in clothing and hairstyle
- Changes in use of social networking sites – such as posting fewer updates, removing photos or deleting friends
- Constantly apologising for a persons behaviour

CCG will:

- Aim to treat victims of domestic abuse in a sensitive, confidential and consistent way in accordance with our Domestic Abuse Policy, relevant legislation and guidance on best practice.
- In some cases CCG may share information with partner agencies (for example Social Services, Police, other supporting agencies), especially if a CCG officer identifies perceived risk of harm to a child or any adult.
- We will work with individuals and their families to try and prevent homelessness by providing advice on tenancy matters and sign posting or referring to relevant support agencies.

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Legal remedies

In some cases of domestic abuse CCG may consider legal action against the perpetrator. These can include eviction, injunctions and exclusion orders. Victims of domestic abuse would always be advised to seek independent legal advice when considering these options.

A victim of domestic abuse may wish to take his / her own legal action with support from other agencies such as Womens Aid / Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA). Remedies under the Family Law Act 1996 & Protection from Harassment Act 1997 may include:

- Non molestation order
- Restraining order
- Occupation order

Advice and support

If you are concerned about your own safety or the safety of a family member, friend or neighbour you may find the following agencies and contact numbers useful:

ALL WALES DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE
0808 80 10 800
www.allwaleshelpline.org.uk

WOMENS AID
01248 679 052
www.bangorwomensaid.org

DE GWYNEDD DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE
01766 830 878
www.degwynedd.co.uk

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE
0808 2000 247

BAWSO (Black Minority Ethnic Groups)
01978 355 818

For more information

Contact us on **0300 123 8084** or www.ccgwynedd.org. for further information or a copy of our Domestic Abuse Policy and/ or Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Policy and/ or the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Fact Sheet.

If you would like to receive this leaflet in a different format, such as Braille, large text or in another language, contact us on 0300 123 8084.

