

## **Support for People Experiencing Domestic Abuse during Covid-19**

### **If home isn't a safe space for you, support is available**

- Anyone experiencing domestic abuse can access support from Leeds Domestic Violence Service (LDVS): <https://ldvs.uk/>.
- People who need to leave home to stay safe will still be supported to do so by LDVS or Leeds Housing Options. LDVS continues to support existing clients and their families in the community.
- There'll be a safe place for you to stay with social distancing measures in place to protect you.
- Support is available via the LDVS helpline: 0113 246 0401. If calling is unsafe, a web-chat service is now being offered from Monday-Friday between 1pm-3pm via <https://leedswomensaid.co.uk/>. If you're in immediate danger, call 999 (press 55 after the emergency number if you're in danger and unable to speak).
- For more information and resources, see: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/domesticviolence/Pages/default.aspx>
- Government guidance is available on [Domestic Abuse](#) and [Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Provision](#).

### **Boots Pharmacy Consultation Rooms become safe spaces for victims of domestic abuse**

From 01/05/20 victims of domestic abuse will be able to access safe spaces at Boots pharmacy consultation rooms across the country, where they can contact specialist domestic abuse services for support and advice. The scheme is in response to the desperate situation facing many victims who are isolating with perpetrators during lockdown. While in the consultation room, people will have access to:

- 24-hour National domestic abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Men's advice line: 0808 801 032
- Signposting to download the free mobile app, Bright Sky, which provides support and information to anyone who may be in an abusive relationship or those concerned about someone they know

### **Children who don't feel safe at home:**

- Can call [ChildLine](#) on 0800 1111 or [NSPCC](#) on 0800 800 5000.
- For people working with children and families, the Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership has lots of information and guidance on safeguarding issues: <https://www.leedsscp.org.uk/COVID19>.