



Refuge – Barking and Dagenham Domestic & Sexual Violence Service

REFERRAL FORM

Please complete the form below and return

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If you would like to discuss your referral please call:

Advocacy Helpline: 0300 456 0174

Eastern European Helpline: 0790 900 0195

Barking and Dagenham Domestic & Sexual Violence Service

- **Independent Gender-Based Violence Advocates (IGVA's)** – specialist service for those who are at risk of harm within a family or intimate partner relationship
- **Perpetrators Service** –Applicable to Children Social Services - an intensive case management approach, co-ordinating with the Family Support & Safeguarding and Life Planning Teams a multi-agency response to hold perpetrators accountable for domestic abuse and facilitate changes in their beliefs, attitudes and behaviour.
- **Young People's Advocate** – A specialist service for young people aged 11 – 17 years old who may be at risk of or are experiencing domestic violence, sexual violence, and child sexual exploitation.
- **Children's Outreach Worker** – A specialist service for children and the non – abusing parent impacted by domestic abuse
- **Eastern European Outreach** - A specialist service for Eastern European women who have suffered abuse. This is a specialist outreach service staffed by multi-lingual expert practitioners, for Eastern European women and children from the following countries: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine
- **Tech Empowerment** – A specialist service to empower survivors of abuse about the safe use of technology

The service is available to those living, working or attending school in Barking and Dagenham who have experienced, or are at risk of, gender-based violence including:

- **Domestic violence and abuse**
- **Rape, sexual violence**
- **Prostitution**
- **Trafficking for sexual exploitation**

- Stalking and harassment
- Female genital mutilation (FGM)
- Forced marriage
- So-called 'honor'-based violence
- Child Sexual Exploitation

Date of Referral	Click here to enter text.		
Referral From	Click here to enter text.		
Referrer's Name	Click here to enter text.		
Referrer's Email address	Click here to enter text.		
Referrer's Telephone number	Click here to enter text.		
Has the survivor of abuse consented to this referral and to be contacted by the B&D Service? (Please note we can only contact clients with their permission. If you feel this case is high risk please refer to MARAC)	Choose an item.		
Survivor's Name			
Survivor's date of birth	Click here to enter a date.		
Survivor's address	Click here to enter text.		
Survivor's contact number Safe time to call Safe to leave voicemail Code word agreed?			
Languages Spoken/Interpreter required			
Gender Click here to enter text.	Ethnicity/Nationality Click here to enter text.	Marital Status Click here to enter text.	Recourse (Access to Benefits) Click here to enter text.
Religion Click here to enter text.	Sexual Orientation Click here to enter text.	Disability or Health Needs Click here to enter text.	Employment Status Click here to enter text.
Children's names and date of birth *Include pregnancy and due date when appropriate	Click here to enter text.		
Alleged Perpetrator's name, date of birth and address	Click here to enter text.		
Support from other agencies?	Click here to enter text.		

Brief details of the incidents and reason for referral and support required from the identified service options detailed on the first page	Click here to enter text.

FAQs

Do Refuge support men?

Refuge work hard to end gender-based abuse but we also recognise men can be survivors too and do support male survivors.

What is gender-based abuse?

Gender based abuse can be perpetrated in many forms: Domestic violence (physical, sexual, financial, emotional or psychological abuse), Rape and sexual assault, Stalking, Prostitution, Sexual exploitation, Trafficking for sexual exploitation, Female genital mutilation (FGM), Forced marriage, So-called 'honour'-based violence. In the year ending March 2018, nine times more women than men were killed by their partner or ex-partner. [Office for National Statistics \(2019\) Homicide in England and Wales: year ending March 2018](#)

Why do you need consent from survivors?

We are a voluntary, client-led service; we understand that there are many barriers to accessing support so we only work with survivors who are ready to access the service. To access domestic abuse services can be a challenging step for some survivors, taking a trauma informed approach is really important; understanding the trauma can really help on how domestic abuse support can be offered; Refuge are happy to advise further, so please do call the single point of access if you would like support with this.

Please note, we can override consent when the survivor's situation is deemed high risk and has been heard at the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC).

What about LGBTQ+ communities, can you help?

Refuge is here for everyone regardless of background and Refuge provides an independent and non-judgmental service.

Can you help people with additional barriers?

Refuge tries to make services as inclusive as possible. Refuge has access to telephone interpreters and can be flexible to meet survivor's needs. Refuge has many tools and resources to help including BSL which can be accessed via National Domestic Abuse Helpline.

How long do you keep cases open for?

There is no set time period of how long Refuge work with survivors and children, as the service is client led, this can vary depending on the survivor's needs.

Do you support children and young people?

Refuge has a children's outreach worker who supports mother and children around the impact of domestic abuse. There is also a young people's advocate who support children and young people aged 11-17 years who have experienced abuse directly including child sexual exploitation.