**Supporting residents experiencing domestic abuse during Covid-19 pandemic**

Our core domestic abuse services are still operating during the current pandemic.

If a resident discloses they are experiencing domestic abuse and consent to being referred to support, the following services are available.

*Southwark Advocacy Support Service (SASS) –* providing support for victims of domestic abuse (16 years and above who are Southwark residents). The service can be contacted by telephone on 020 7539 1290 or by email SASS.southwark@solacewomensaid.cjsm.net

*Refuge –* providing emergency housing to individuals and their families fleeing domestic abuse. Referrals can be made via the National Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0808 2000 247

In addition the Councils *Housing Solutions*  department also provides emergency housing. The service can be contacted by telephone on 020 7525 5950

**Please note if you assess the victim to be high risk of concern to their welfare then consent is not required and should be referred to SASS as soon as possible.**

In addition the Council also commissions services to work with perpetrators, whom can consent to be referred to the following programmes:

*Perpetrator Programme* - working with perpetrators of domestic abuse (18 and above who are Southwark residents). Referrals to the perpetrator programme should be sent directly to Colin Fitzgerald – c.fitzgerald@solacewomensaid.org or 07500 058 135.

*Yuva* – working with adolescent perpetrators of domestic abuse (11-25 years who are Southwark residents. The service can be contacted by telephone on 020 7928 2322 or by email shem@dvip.org

For general enquires about domestic abuse and available support for other violence against women and girls related issues (including men and boys), the Safer Communities Team can be contacted on 020 7525 4396 or email Sharon.Ogden@southwark.gov.uk.

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