



Leeds Domestic Violence Service (LDVS) works with women, men & families in Leeds offering emergency accommodation, support, advice and advocacy around a range of issues

(Information for the Public)

What can we offer you?

24 Hour Helpline – 0113 246 0401

LDVS operates a 24 hour telephone support line. Call us at any time for emotional support and information on LDVS or other services. Calls can be anonymous.

Drop In Service

We run regular discreet drop-in services for women across the city. Our drop-in worker will offer confidential, emotional and practical support and can give information about your rights and talk through your options. No appointment is necessary – you can just call in – and you don't need to give your name. For more information about where the drop-ins are held please call the helpline or email (see below for details).

Community Domestic Violence Team

Our Community DV Practitioners will provide regular practical and emotional support on housing, benefits and budgeting, safety planning, health and social care and community engagement. In addition we can accompany you to solicitor's appointments and support you in attending the Family Courts. We can liaise with agencies on your behalf to ensure that you receive specialist support in areas such as drug and alcohol dependency, mental health and children's education and wellbeing.

IDVA Team (Independent Domestic Violence Advocates)

Our IDVAs will support you if you need immediate crisis or safety advice and will focus on reducing your risk. We will provide legal advice and advocacy on a range of issues within the family and criminal law. This can include advice on injunctions, children's matters, divorce, the police and we can support you at criminal court if you have to give evidence at a trial. Our IDVAs will offer short or long-term support depending on your needs.

Emergency Accommodation

We can offer safe and secure emergency accommodation if you are experiencing domestic violence or abuse. We can accommodate people from Leeds or anywhere else in the UK. You will receive support from our experienced workers in dealing with the effects of domestic violence and abuse and help with practical issues such as benefits and finance, and accessing other specialist agencies like housing.

Group Support

We run a number of support groups for women in different locations around the city. The groups provide an opportunity for you to meet others who have been through similar experiences in a relaxed and informal setting. Our experienced group facilitator will help you and the other group members to share stories, support one another, plan your safety, and discuss patterns of abuse and control. In addition you can also receive advice, signposting and referrals for other support.