



Community Domestic Violence Practitioner

Domestic abuse is always unacceptable. We support people affected by it regardless of age, gender, race or sexual orientation, and we act to prevent it. We are a proud partner of Leeds Domestic Violence Service (LDVS) with Leeds Women's Aid (lead) and Women's Health Matters.

The Community Domestic Violence Practitioner works in a demanding and busy environment providing crisis support, safety planning, information, continuous risk assessment, and ongoing emotional and practical support for people who have experienced domestic abuse in the Leeds.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

Service Delivery

1. Establish and maintain community-based support for people experiencing or who have experienced domestic abuse.
2. Undertake risk assessment for service-users referred to the organisation.
3. Complete support plans and regular reviews for service-users.
4. Offer a range of practical support tailored to the service-user's needs, including safety planning, civil and criminal court action, and welfare rights.
5. Provide information and sources of help including emergency accommodation, legal options, welfare entitlement and housing.
6. Work effectively with a wide range of statutory, private and voluntary sector agencies including Children's Social Care, Housing Providers, Solicitors, Police and Health Providers
7. Develop links with other service providers and maintain a network of support for the service.
8. Advocate on behalf of service users with other agencies.
9. Maintain effective support for parents/guardian's and their children to develop the skills and resources to maintain independence.
10. To promote effective partnership working, taking a multi-agency approach to tackling the issue of domestic abuse.

11. To keep thorough, confidential and up to date service-user records on the electronic case management system in accordance with Behind Closed Doors and LDVS requirements.
12. Ensure regular opportunities are given for service-users to feedback and participate in Service-User Groups.

Organisational

1. Fully understand the vision, mission and values of Behind Closed Doors and to reflect these in carrying out your work.
2. Complete relevant admin including timesheets, HR and finance forms in a timely manner in line with BCD policies.
3. Be involved in planning, reviewing and evaluating services.
4. Attend team and whole organisational meetings and away-days.

Personal

1. Be familiar and work within all the organisation's policies and procedures.
2. Maintain a high degree of professionalism, always acting within the values of the organisation.
3. Take responsibility for assets, materials, keys, cash and equipment used in the delivery of your role.
4. Participate in regular supervision sessions and the annual appraisal process with the Community DV Team Supervisor.
5. Participate in regular training and development activities as identified in your annual development objectives.