

About us

Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service (SDASS) provides a fully integrated support service for all victims and perpetrators living within Swindon Borough.

We provide Refuge accommodation for women, with or without children, one-to-one support for victims in the community and perpetrator work through our Behaviour Change project.

SDASS staff are also co-located in partner organisations such as GP surgeries and the Great Western Hospital and work closely with schools. We also provide education and training to victims and a wide variety of organisations.

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(incorporating Swindon Women's Aid)

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01 What are unhealthy behaviours?

Is there:

- physical and/or sexual violence?
- bullying and intimidation?
- enforced isolation from family and friends?
- coercive or financial control?
- emotional and psychological abuse?
- stalking and harassment?

Unhealthy and abusive behaviours can easily escalate but through the use of confidential, structured support, tailored to each individual, change is possible.

Confidential advice, guidance and safety can be provided to partners, ex-partners and family members. The protection of victims, children and vulnerable adults is paramount.

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What is Open2Change?

Prevention is better than cure. The Open2Change team provide early intervention and prevention support to those who recognise and want to change their abusive behaviour.

By exploring current or historic behaviour, Behaviour Change Workers enable positive change in people who use abusive or unhealthy behaviours to a partner, former partner or family member.

03 How to work with the Open2Change Team?

Referrals come to the team from several sources including Probation and Children's Services teams. For a referral to be successful, the individual must recognise that their behaviour requires change.

Once accepted, a referral will be assigned to a Behaviour Change Worker and, if appropriate, a Partner Support Worker to work with victims.

To discuss a potential referral, please email o2c@swindonwomensaid.org