Domestic Abuse support during COVID-19

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National helplines

Women's Aid

https://www.womensaid.org.uk/covid-19-coronavirus-safety-advice-for-survivors/

SafeLives

https://safelives.org.uk/news-views/domestic-abuse-and-covid-19

Refuge

https://www.refuge.org.uk/covid19-survivor-tips/

Respect Phoneline

https://respectphoneline.org.uk/

Has a Web Chat facility – scroll to bottom of page

NSPCC

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/coronavirus-abuse-neglect-vulnerable-children/

Articles

Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Violence against Women and Girls http://www.sddirect.org.uk/media/1881/vawg-helpdesk-284-covid-19-and-vawg.pdf

Parenting in a time of COVID-19

https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)30736-4/fulltext

Guidance from WHO

COVID-19 and violence against women What the health sector/system can do https://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/emergencies/COVID-19-VAW-full-text.pdf

Alcohol briefing by Manchester metropolitan university

Briefing: Alcohol and domestic abuse in the context of Covid-19 restrictions https://www2.mmu.ac.uk/media/mmuacuk/content/documents/rcass/Briefing-on-alcohol-and-domestic-abuse-in-context-of-Covid-19-1st-April-2020.pdf

Local News

Yorkshire domestic abuse charity working "to provide vital services" to victims during coronavirus lockdown

https://www.whitbygazette.co.uk/health/coronavirus/yorkshire-domestic-abuse-charity-working-provide-vital-services-victims-during-coronavirus-lockdown-2519243

Lambeth Council gives domestic violence charity Refuge funding during Covid-19 outbreak https://www.wandsworthguardian.co.uk/news/18352362.lambeth-council-gives-domestic-violence-charity-refuge-funding-covid-19-outbreak/

Hestia Launches Bright Sky App To Support Those Affected By Domestic Abuse https://www.hestia.org/Blog/hestia-launches-bright-sky-app-to-support-those-affected-by-domestic-abuse

Anti-domestic-abuse campaign enlists people at home as allies during Covid-19 (American article about a Twitter campaign #Listeningfromhome)

https://www.campaignlive.co.uk/article/anti-domestic-abuse-campaign-enlists-people-home-allies-during-covid-19/1678599

Coronavirus Kent: Domestic abuse services expect surge in calls for help

https://www.kentonline.co.uk/medway/news/avalanche-of-domestic-attacks-expected-224804/ Links to the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy Group which links to their Police 'Silent Solution' poster:

https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Documents/research-learning/Silent_solution_poster.pdf

which details two Twitter feeds #MakeYourselfHeard and #SilentSolution

It also details a company called <u>SATEDA</u> which says they will continue to operate, via phone, Zoom, tablets or laptops, to help any victims, survivors or vulnerable women during the Covid-19 lockdown

How you can help people at risk of domestic abuse during coronavirus lockdown https://www.clactonandfrintongazette.co.uk/news/north_essex_news/18350635.can-help-people-risk-domestic-abuse-coronavirus-lockdown/

The page mentions a company called <u>Alpha Vesta</u> CIC which has launched a six-month pilot project called **Bridging The Gap** which aims to give people across Essex the tools to spot domestic abuse red flags through the workplace. They have two downloads on the project: https://cdn.website-

<u>editor.net/55773815af444401af96fd3e8e38e368/files/uploaded/Alpha%2520Vesta%2520Leaflet%</u> <u>2520-%2520January%25202020.docx.pdf</u>

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<u>editor.net/55773815af444401af96fd3e8e38e368/files/uploaded/Bridging%2520the%2520Gap%25</u>20-%2520Pilot%2520Project.pdf

France Is Putting Domestic Abuse Victims in Hotels During Coronavirus Lockdown https://www.vice.com/en_uk/article/y3mj4g/france-is-putting-domestic-abuse-victims-in-hotels-during-coronavirus-lockdown

Local Council services

Hampshire CC

https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/hantsdomesticabuse/information-and-updates

Cambridge CC

https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/domestic-abuse-and-covid-19

Middlesbrough CC

https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/community-support-and-safety/domestic-abuse

Royal Borough of Greenwich

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/domesticabuse

East Devon DC

 $\underline{https://eastdevon.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/useful-links-and-resources/support-for-victims-of-\underline{domestic-abuse/}$