



Domestic Abuse Awareness Month

Domestic Abuse Awareness Month is observed nationally every October to raise awareness about domestic violence, support survivors, and promote prevention efforts. Here in Bury, we want to use this opportunity to increase everyone's awareness of domestic abuse, its impact and the role all can play to prevent harm.

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Advanced Domestic Abuse Awareness
05/10/2026 - 10:00:16:00

This full day training session is aimed at professionals working with adults and children. Exploring specific topics associated to domestic abuse, understanding risk and how to safety plan. The Advanced Domestic Abuse Training is designed for professionals seeking to deepen their expertise in identifying, assessing, and responding to domestic abuse. This session covers the latest research, legal frameworks, and best practices for working with diverse survivor populations, including marginalised and high-risk groups.

Participants will gain skills in risk assessment, safety planning, trauma-informed care, while exploring the dynamics of coercive control and barriers to support. This training empowers professionals to deliver survivor-centered, culturally sensitive support and to effectively navigate the support for victim-survivors.

This course includes:

- Understanding Controlling and Coercive behaviour
- Detailed look at the forms of abuse
- Barriers to support
- Risk assessment / DASH Safety and support planning
- Trauma informed responses

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Upcoming Events

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Non-Fatal Strangulation (NFS)
07/10/2026 - 10:00:11:30

This training on Non-Fatal Strangulation (NFS) is provided by SafeLives, a leading domestic abuse charity and is suitable for all frontline staff. SafeLives has highlighted several professional groups that are often underrepresented in training but are particularly well placed to recognise NFS or may be the first point of contact for individuals making disclosures:

- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Officers
- Housing Staff
- Homelessness Workers
- Mental Health Workers
- Local Authority Reception Staff

Training options include 90-minute webinars and e-learning modules. Following completion of an introductory course, participants can also access a full-day online session for more in-depth learning.

Understanding the signs and impacts of NFS is vital to enabling early intervention and ensuring that victims and their families receive appropriate support and safeguarding.

You can find more information in the SafeLives [e-booklet](#) and [register for training](#) via the SafeLives website.

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Supporting Male Survivors
09/11/2026 - 09:30:13:00

In this half day session you will gain insight into the types of abuse men experience and the impact. We will explore the barriers to men accessing help and what support is available. The session is designed to help improve your responses and help you to confidently discuss domestic abuse in the context of male victim-survivors. This training is aimed at any professional whose work brings them into contact with victim-survivors of domestic abuse from the voluntary, statutory, and private sectors. This course includes:

- Gender stereotypes and the negative effects
- How different types of abuse are experienced
- Marginalised groups and additional support needs
- Barriers to accessing support
- Supporting survivors safely & compassionately

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Coercive and Controlling Behaviour

04/12/2026 - 09:30:13:00

This half day session will support understanding of coercive control and the impact. Being able to spot the signs of coercive control can help establish risk & increase safety for those affected by domestic abuse. The behaviours associated with coercive control are often hard to recognise. This training is aimed at any professional whose work brings them into contact with victim-survivors of controlling and coercive behaviour from the voluntary, statutory, and private sectors. This course includes:

- Explanation of coercive control
- Coercive control legislation and law
- Understand the stages of coercive control
- Be able to recognise the signs of coercive control
- How you can support victim-survivors
- Trauma responsive support

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New published Domestic Abuse Related Death Review (DARDR) Statutory Guidance

The new Domestic Abuse Related Death Review (DARDR) statutory guidance was published on 15th September 2026, in tandem with commencing the legislation to change the name and amend the criteria. These are available at the following links: [Domestic abuse related death reviews: statutory guidance - GOV.UK](#) and <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2024/21/section/19>.

For clarity, the requirement to use the new guidance only applies to reviews where the notification of a death was received by the CSP after the publication date of 15th September 2026. Any notifications received or reviews underway prior to this date may continue under the old guidance.

The Home Office will be hosting informative webinars to provide an overview of the changes to the guidance and an introduction to members of the DHR Quality Assurance Board. Please find the links below.

- [15th October - 14:00 : 15:00](#)
- [22nd October - 14:00 : 15:00](#)
- [5th November - 14:00 : 15:00](#)

GMCA would like to invite attendees to submit their questions about the guidance in advance via the following survey: https://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/t/JJEYW_M_, which will close on 5th October.



Further Resources



HOURLASS WEBINARS

Hourglass hosts free webinars, each one focusing on a different aspect of the abuse of older people

Hourglass share their specialist knowledge, provoke insightful discussion and ask panellists to offer their viewpoints on how we can prevent and stop the abuse of older people and work towards safer ageing.

[Access Hourglass Webinars](#)

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE

These videos explore why domestic abuse is a safeguarding issue, the impact it can have on babies, children and young people and how to support those affected by it.

[Watch NSPCC expert videos.](#)

DOMESTIC ABUSE IN PREGNANCY

Domestic abuse in pregnancy has a direct impact on the expectant parent and can put the unborn child at risk of harm. NSPCC have created a series of videos to help those working with families and expectant parents to understand why the risk of domestic abuse can increase during pregnancy and how to recognise and respond.

[Watch NSPCC expert videos.](#)

Coming soon – Bury's new Domestic Abuse Strategy. In the meantime for further information and support please visit <https://www.bury.gov.uk/social-care-and-support/domestic-abuse>