

Preston Domestic Violence Services provides specialist services to victims of domestic violence/abuse (women, men and children).

What is Domestic Violence/Abuse?

Domestic violence is about a partner, ex partner or family member trying to control your life.

Abuse can be physical, financial, psychological, emotional or sexual and there is no excuse for it.

Abuse can affect your long term self esteem and wellbeing and also your children's.

Anyone can experience domestic violence regardless of race, ethnic or religious group, class, disability, sexuality or lifestyle.

Domestic Violence may include a range of abusive behaviours, not all of which are in themselves inherently 'violent'.

We need your support!

Cash donations are very welcome and are used to support activities for victims and their children.

You can also join our 200 Club.

For further information please contact us.



Contact Us



24 Hour Domestic Violence Helpline

01772 201601

Drop into the HOPE Centre in St John's Shopping Centre, Lancaster Road, Preston Tel: 01772 906667

Contact IDVA / ISVA
01772 201 501

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Please visit our web sites for more information:

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www.umeed1.org.uk
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PRESTON SANCTUARY SCHEME



Helping to keep you safe from Domestic Violence, whilst staying in your own home



Lancashire Constabulary
police and communities together



What is the Sanctuary Scheme?

The Preston Sanctuary Scheme aims to make it possible for victims of Domestic Violence, women, men and their children, to remain in their own homes and feel safe and secure. Many victims of Domestic Violence have to leave their own homes as a result of the Domestic Violence and the threat of repeat incidents.

The Sanctuary Scheme offers an alternative option to victims of Domestic Violence who would otherwise have to leave behind their home, family, friends and all their belongings

It is a partnership scheme between Preston Domestic Violence Services, Preston City Council and Preston Police.

To be eligible for the scheme you must:

- no longer be in the domestic violence relationship but are still receiving abuse and threats at the property
- live within Preston city council boundaries
- Have right to occupy your property, be this your own property or rented accommodation. Permission from landlords must be sought for work to go ahead.

How can the Sanctuary Scheme help me?

The Sanctuary Scheme is designed to enable you to safely remain in your home by adding extra security measures, depending on individual circumstances.

A security survey is carried out on each property to ensure the extra security measures are suitable. These may include making improvements to external doors, lock changes, window alarms ect These measures are intended to improve security and keep you safe until the police arrive.

The Sanctuary scheme can also refer you to Lancashire Fire and Rescue for a home safety fire check.

The Sanctuary scheme provides support and Safety Planning advice to help keep yourself and your children safe.

The Sanctuary scheme can offer you emotional support and act as a main point of contact for further support from Preston Domestic Violence Services or other local agencies

What can I expect?

1. Once a referral has been submitted to Preston Domestic Violence Services (PDVS) the Sanctuary Coordinator will contact you to discuss your needs in general.
2. A full assessment is required and carried out over the telephone by the Sanctuary coordinator.
3. If accepted for the Scheme, a Sanctuary Worker, Police representative and where applicable housing association officer will visit your house to complete a security survey.
4. Your property will be checked on the police system to ensure it has a Domestic Violence marker. Should you require the police in an emergency the marker will enable the police respond appropriately
5. If you are not accepted, PDVS will find you alternative support.
6. PDVS requires, in writing from your landlord, permission to undertake the suggested security measures.
7. Once received the work to your property will then be undertaken.
8. In addition to the above, emotional support and safety planning advice will be provided.