

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.



How to become a Volunteer

If you would like to become a volunteer in the roles listed, please phone or email for an application form.

Once we have received your application we will arrange for you to have an informal interview with a member of staff.

Before you start volunteering we arrange for you to have an enhanced Criminal Record Bureau check. This is standard procedure as you will be working with vulnerable adults and their children. Having unrelated offences does not necessarily rule you out of volunteering with PDVS.

Once you have been accepted as a volunteer you will have to attend two compulsory training days. You will also receive induction training and then you will be a part of the PDVS team.

For an application pack contact us by:

telephone 01772 201 301

email: enquiries@pdvs.org.uk

or

in writing

10 Oakham Court

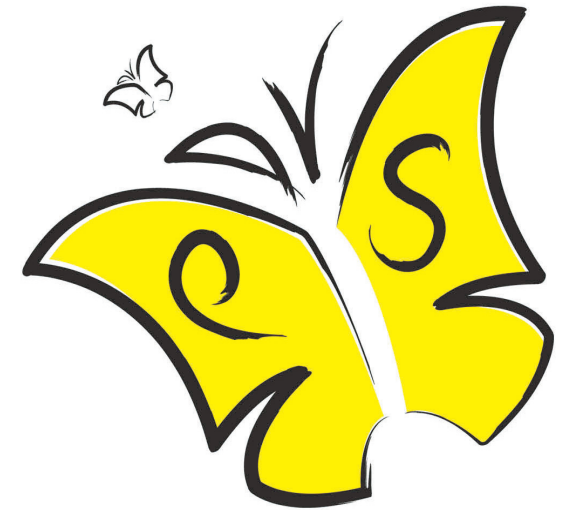
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Volunteer with Preston Domestic Violence Services



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Volunteer Opportunities and Roles

We have a number of different roles at Preston Domestic Violence Services. You do not need to have any experience as we provide full training and support.

Drop in Centre Volunteer

Volunteers in our Drop in Centre experience a varied day. At the Drop in Centre we provide initial face to face contact with women who are or who have experienced Domestic Violence. We offer emotional and practical support as well as a range of therapeutic activities and courses such as the Freedom Programme and the Recovery Tool Kit.

Counselling Volunteer

Preston Domestic Violence Services has a specialist counselling service which is provided by counselling volunteers. We take students on their placements as well as trained and experienced counsellors. All of our counsellors need to have BACP registration. Our counselling service is a highly sought after service.

Administration Volunteer

The role of administration volunteers varies greatly according to the events and workload. Tasks can range from assisting with events, publicity and our website, to photocopying and general tasks such as letter writing and filing.

Refuge Support Volunteer

Preston Domestic Violence Services has a purpose built refuge with 15 self contained flats. Volunteers in the refuge have a wide range of responsibilities. These are mostly office based, such as dealing with agencies on behalf of service users. There will be times where it is necessary for volunteers to provide emotional and practical support to service users. Refuge volunteers are also involved in providing emotional and practical support on the Domestic Violence Helpline.

Helpline Volunteers

The 24 hour Domestic Violence Helpline is available 365 days a year and is transferred between our main Support Centre and on an evening and at weekends it is transferred to the Refuge.

The Helpline provides emotional and practical support to women, men and children who have experienced Domestic and Sexual Violence.

The role of a Helpline volunteer is important as you may be the first person the service user tells about the Domestic or Sexual Violence they are experiencing.

Volunteering is Rewarding!

Whether you would like to gain experience for your career progression or if you would like to give something back to the community we have lots of opportunities for you.

What will you gain from being a Volunteer?

- Excellent training such as:
 - Domestic Violence Awareness
 - Helpline and Communications
 - Forced Marriage & Cultural Awareness
 - Safeguarding Adults and Children
 - Navajo LGBT Awareness
- Experience working with a wide range of people from diverse backgrounds
- Learn new skills
- Meet new people
- Gain experience for your CV

We encourage people aged 18+ from all of our diverse community to volunteer.

We offer a friendly, challenging and supportive environment for you to grow and develop your skills.

Due to the sensitive nature of our work we only consider female applicants in accordance with the provisions of the Occupational Requirement (Equality Act 2010, Schedule 9 Part I)