



**"the (domestic abuse) problem is much bigger than shown in official statistics, as many victims and children don't tell anyone about the abuse, and they are not recorded as crimes"**

*About domestic abuse | Safelives*

**Historically we know that LGBT+ people have not accessed counselling and support services for Domestic Abuse for various reasons including a lack of LGBT+ safe spaces .**

**We have intersectional knowledge and skills across LGBT+ issues and Domestic Abuse, that means The Centre offers expert support, guidance, information and non-judgemental acceptance.**

## **The Domestic Abuse Service**

Many people don't realise that what they're seeing could be abusive behaviour. It used to be that people only recognised physical violence, but now the law recognises so much more .

This includes sexual or intimate partner abuse, financial control, manipulation and coercion, and can come from a partner, family member or other significant person in your life.



**Meeting the needs of LGBT+ people**  
**"11% LGBT people have experienced Domestic Abuse in the past year "**

*LGBTQ+ facts and figures | Stonewall*

**"Those in LGBT+ relationships face additional barriers to reporting and accessing services "**

*Leicestershire Domestic Abuse Reduction Strategy 2022-2025*

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# **Domestic Abuse Counselling and 1:1 Support Service**



## Domestic Abuse in the LGBT+ Community

Do you recognise the signs of Domestic Abuse?



Physical Violence and Sexual abuse are not the only abuses that might be experienced



Abuse can be financial and economic. Abuse can be emotional. Abuse can come from any close or significant person - friends, family members, partners.

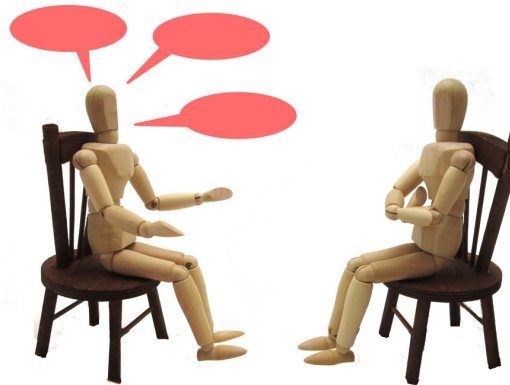
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## Counselling for Domestic Abuse



We are offering free counselling to members of the LGBT+ Community who have experienced Domestic Abuse.

This service is for people aged 16 years and above.

Close and significant others in your life are also eligible to this counselling offer.

You can self-refer by contacting the Centre or be referred by a professional working with you.



## 1:1 Support and signposting

We are offering single 1:1 supportive sessions to assist individuals in finding the right service or path for them.

This can be arranged by contacting The Centre.



Information, Drop in Sessions, Outreach Services.

The Domestic Abuse Counsellor and Support Worker will be running Drop-In Domestic Abuse information and wellbeing sessions at The Centre over the coming months.