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Acting on the Act

Sexual violence learning event



City of
BRADFORD
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Information and Resource handout

Thank you for attending this first learning event on the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. We have put together some of the learning we used during the event and also some key services and resources that you might find useful. Please be mindful that the Act is not completely live, [click here](#) to see the commencement schedule.

Definition of Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence

'Domestic abuse' is any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between individuals who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass but is not limited to the following types of abuse:

- physical or sexual;
- violent or threatening behaviour;
- controlling or coercive behaviour;
- economic;
- psychological or emotional.

'**Economic abuse**' is any behaviour that has a substantial and adverse effect on a person's ability to acquire, use or maintain money or other property or obtain goods or services.

'**Controlling behaviour**' is a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour.

'**Coercive behaviour**' is an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim.'

'**Sexual violence**' is any sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act, unwanted sexual comments or advances, or acts to traffic or otherwise directed against a person's sexuality using coercion, by any person regardless of their relationship to the victim, in any setting. Coercion can encompass:

- varying degrees of force;
- psychological intimidation;
- blackmail; or
- threats (of physical harm or of not obtaining a job/grade etc.)

In addition, sexual violence may also take place when someone is not able to give consent – for instance, while intoxicated, drugged, asleep or mentally incapacitated.

Resources

[Domestic Abuse Act 2022 easy read guide](#)

[UK Government fact sheets on Domestic Abuse Act 2021](#)

[Safety planning brochure on non-fatal strangulation](#)

[Relationship and Sex education curriculum in schools](#)

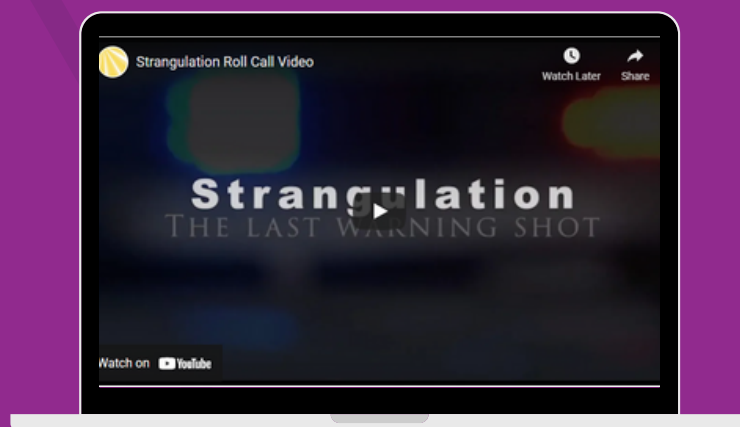
[Step 2 – Relationships, Sex & Health Education in schools](#)

[Locala – sexual health service](#)

[West Yorkshire Police – Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy](#)

Watch

The Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention created this Roll Call Video for people to learn more about the signs and symptoms, identifiers and consequences of strangulation.



Support services

Bradford Rape Crisis – helpline: 0800 448 0710

Staying Put – One Front Door helpline: 0808 8800 999

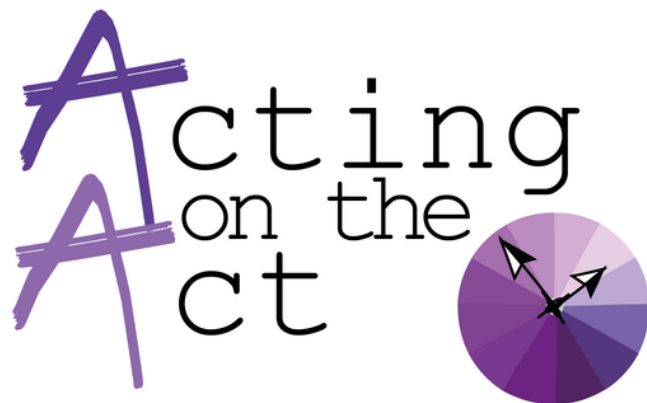
Lotus Project – Call the team directly on: 01274 762180

Victim Support – West Yorkshire ISVA service: 01274 535432

Breaking the Silence – Contact: 01274 497535 Mon–Thurs. 3pm – 8pm

SARC – Sexual Abuse Referral Centre – Contact: 0330 223 3617

Survivors West Yorkshire Ben’s Place – Contact: 07393 140 250



The time to respond is now.
Domestic Abuse Act 2021