

Support services for people experiencing domestic abuse



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Refuge - What we do



Global

Opened the **world's first refuge** in 1971

Service pioneer

Advises internationally on strategies to tackle violence against women and girls (including Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Vietnam, China, Malawi, Canada)



National

UK's largest provider specialist support services for victims of domestic violence and other forms of violence against women and girls

Supporting almost 6,500 victims at any given time

Leading voice in campaign to end VAWG



Local

Refuges

Independent gender violence advocates

Outreach

Support for girls 13-19 at risk of gender-based violence

Lewisham's new service



Athena

Run by Refuge

**Working in Lewisham
to end gender-based violence**

The Athena service, run by Refuge, provides confidential, non-judgmental support to those living in the London borough of Lewisham who are experiencing gender-based violence.

Who is the service for?

Who can access support from the Athena service?

Anyone living in Lewisham who has experienced or is at risk of gender-based violence and is one of the following:

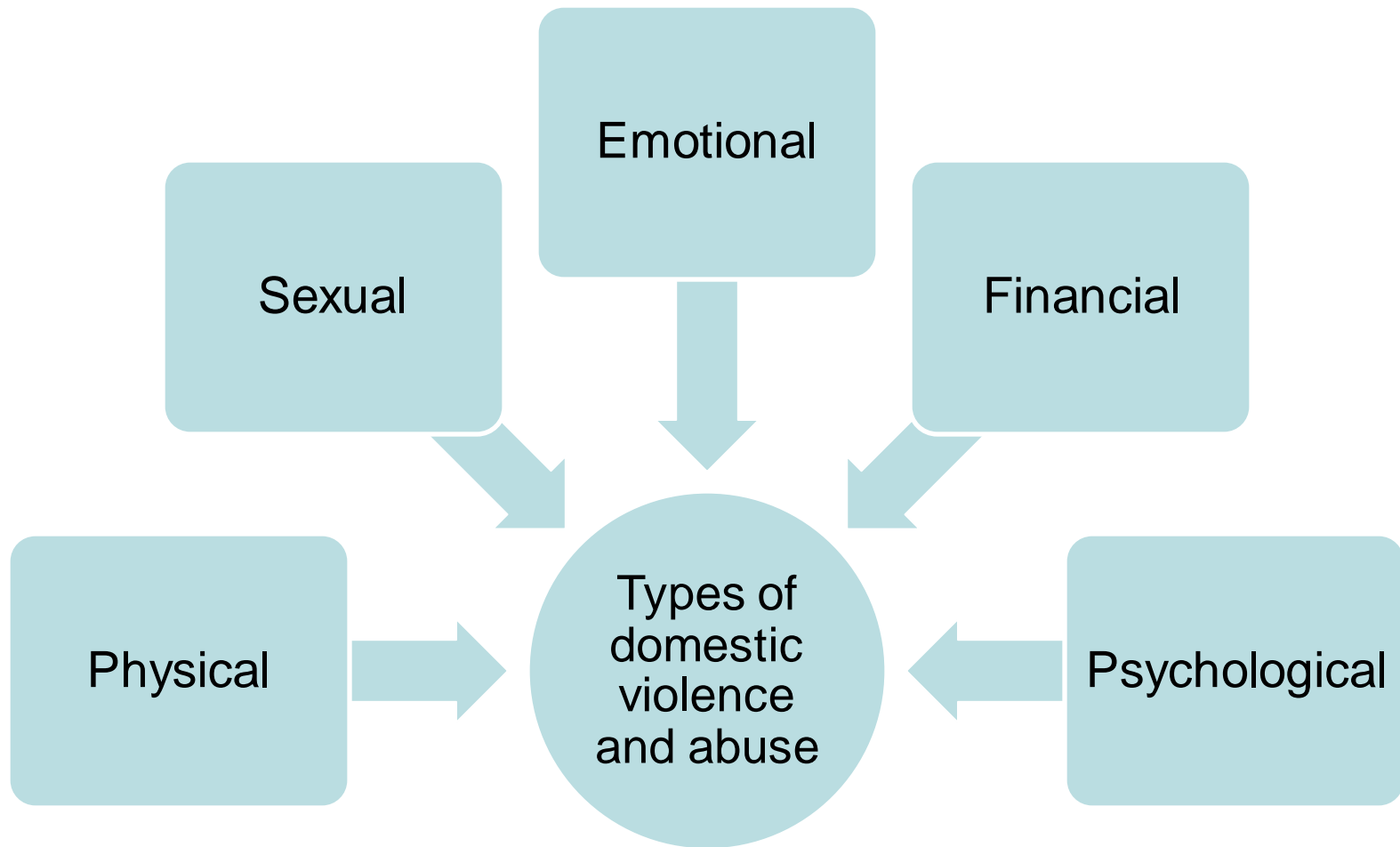
- Women and girls aged over 13
- Men aged 16 or older
- Transgender and identifies as male, female, as another gender, or is questioning their gender identity

What is domestic violence?

Domestic abuse is the repeated, random and habitual use of intimidation to control a partner or family member

- Domestic violence is an abuse of power
- It is intentional
- It is purposeful
- It is a choice – no one can be blamed for another person's behaviour
- Domestic violence occurs across society, regardless of age, gender, race, sexuality, wealth, and geography

Types of abuse



How to recognise abuse?



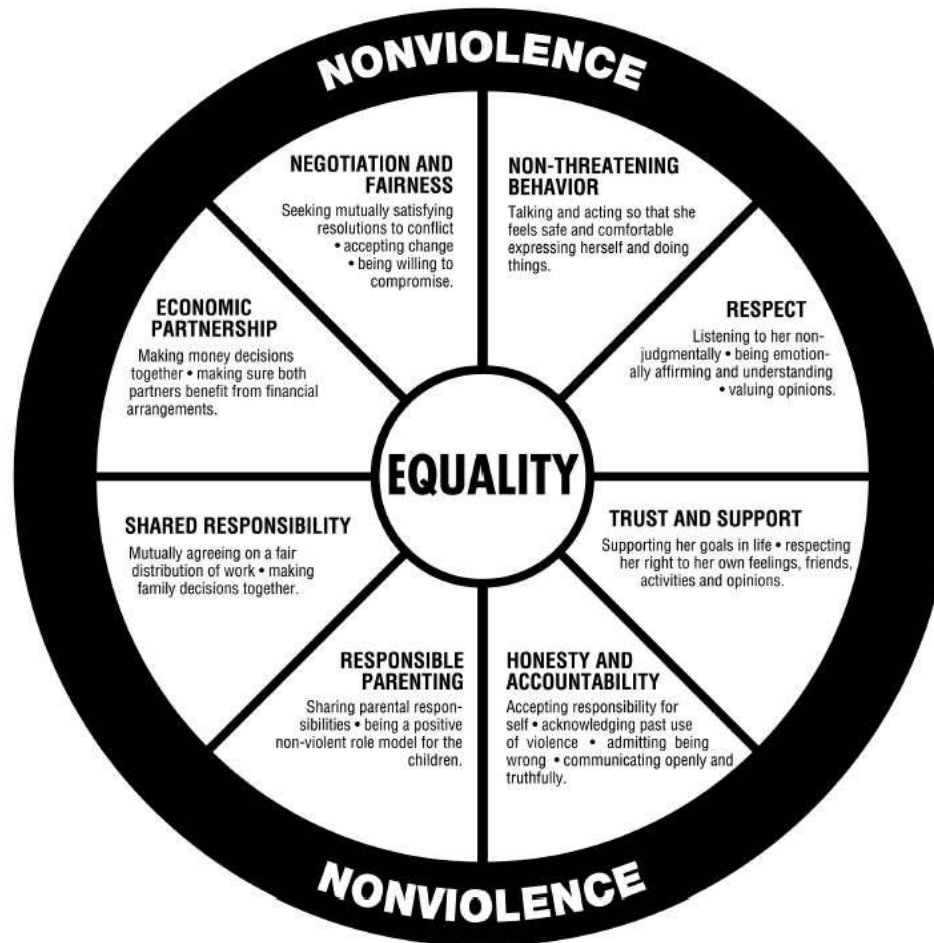
For women and children.
Against domestic violence.



Healthy relationship



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Refuge's mission



Refuge is committed to a world where domestic violence is not tolerated or ignored and where women and children can live in safety.

Domestic violence is a crime.

It is against the law.

And it must not be ignored.

How to access support in Lewisham



If you would like to use one of Athena's services, know somebody who might do, or want to find out more, you can contact us on:

0800 112 4052 (Freephone)

or email **lewishamvawg@refuge.org.uk**

In an emergency, always call 999

How to access support in Greenwich



Her Centre: 020 3860 7772

In an emergency, always call 999

How to access support in Bexley



Solace Women's Aid: 0203 198 4659

In an emergency, always call 999

Thank you to all

For more information contact:
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