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# **TOWARDS HOPE AND LIBERATION:** SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE



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### **DOMESTIC ABUSE SUPPORT**

Greater Manchester who are aged 16 and above. Our domestic abuse services are for LGBTQ+ individuals living in

### Ur Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IVVI) service

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### RECEAIM Service:

abuse but do not require support from our IDVA service. Our Reclaim caseworkers help it you're going through domestic

#### LUBIU+ Safe accommodation and resettlement service

part of the community again. domestic abuse. Uur aim is to help you live independently and be We offer safe places in the community for those recovering from

UUL domestic abuse caseworkers can:

- **Μακε α safety plan (to stay safe or leave safely)**
- Help you report what happened
- Support with obtaining legal orders to protect you
- Be there for you emotionally and practically
- Offer group work support
- Provide advice on housing, debt and finances
- Offer complementary therapies and talking therapies
- Help you get back into education, work or volunteering

### **SEXUAL VIOLENCE SUPPORT**

**REACH OUT TODAY** 

Our LGBTQ+ domestic abuse service:

Our LGBTQ+ sexual violence service:

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### LGBTQ+ ISVA Service

people in Greater Manchester aged 18 and older who've Our Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) helps LGBTQ+

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- Be your main contact and stay focused on your goals.
- Help with reporting options
- Be with you through the legal process
- Be there for you emotionally and practically
- Offer harm reduction and safety advice
- Offer complementary therapies
- Support you to access talking therapies



### **ABOUT US**

In our LGBTQ+ domestic abuse and sexual violence team, our mission is simple: to empower you, listen without judgment, and remind you that you're not alone in your journey.

We're here to focus on the hopeful future we can achieve together, helping you overcome abuse in various forms, including:

- Physical harm
- Coercion into sexual acts
- Psychological manipulation
- Emotional abuse
- Financial control
- Controlling behaviours
- Stalking or harassment
  - Online harassment (including through social media)
- Forced marriage
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)



# SUPPORT POINTS



Our support points across Greater Manchester are there to offer advice around domestic abuse. Our friendly and judgement free team are there to reassure you, answer any questions and help you plan your next steps. You can either book an appointment or drop in.

You can find our support point times/dates and locations via our website: lgbt.foundation/domesticabuse

## **GROUP PROGRAMMES:**

#### **Resilience Group:**

This is an 8-week support group for LGBTQ+ survivors of domestic abuse, looking to develop positive coping strategies and confidence in order to look to the future.

### The sessions cover:

- Power and control
- Stages of domestic abuse
- Gas-lighting
- Healthy relationships
- Boundaries and consent
- Communication
- Managing emotions
- Self-care/reflections/healing

### **Healing Hour:**

A safe healing space for LGBTQ+ survivors who have experienced domestic abuse or sexual violence. We offer complimentary therapies including acupuncture, reiki, mindfulness meditation, as well as healing through nature.

## **FOR PROFESSIONALS:**

How to Refer and Signpost

If you're a professional looking to refer or signpost someone to our services, here's what you can do:

Make the connection: if you think someone you're working with might benefit from our support, start by having an open conversation with them about their experiences and needs.

Share our information: let them know about our LGBTQ+ domestic abuse and sexual violence services and the help we provide.

Offer assistance: if they're willing, assist them in making contact with us. You can help them call or email us using the details on the 'reach out today' page.

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