



# DASS

## Domestic Abuse Support Service

Cambridgeshire, Huntingdon &  
Fenland



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## DASS is a part of IMPAKT Domestic Abuse.

We opened in **2022** offering Community Outreach Support across Cambridgeshire.



1x Team Leader



4x Full Time DA Coordinators



1x Full Time Triage



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# Aims of the Service

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We provide Mobile Advocacy to support individuals subjected to domestic abuse across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough to achieve:



**Increased Feelings of Safety**



**Improved Health & Wellbeing**



**Better Able to Cope with Aspects of Everyday Life**



**Better Informed and Empowered to Act**

# DA Definition

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## THE NEW DEFINITION OF DOMESTIC ABUSE:

“ Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over 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: ”

Psychological

Physical

Sexual

Financial

Emotional

Controlling Behavior

Coercive Behavior

‘Honor’ based violence

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.

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.

This definition, which is not a legal definition, includes so-called ‘honour’ based violence, female genital mutilation (FGM) and forced marriage, and is clear that victims are not confined to one gender or ethnic group.

# Staying Safe as a Professional

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## Person Centered & Trauma Informed



## Bespoke Safety Planning

Free home safety assessment



## Help With Courts

Civil and Criminal, Non-Molestation Orders, Occupation Orders, Child Arrangement Orders, Attending Police Stations



## Liaising with Police and Healthcare Services



## Financial Support

Debt Advice Management, Signposting to Relevant Agencies



## Attendance Support

Team Around the Family, Child In Need, Child Protection and Core Group Meetings

# Spotting the Signs

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Aggression and difficulty with peer relationships in school.



Withdrawal and emotional numbing.



School avoidance and truancy.



House moves, days off for physical injuries, caring for a parent or fear affecting education.



Trouble outside the home resulting in police involvement. Bullying, stealing etc.



Antisocial behaviour.



School failure.

# Who We Support

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# Anyone.

Aged over 16 who has, or is  
Experiencing Domestic Abuse that  
doesn't meet the threshold for  
IDVA/MARAC

# Activity

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## Professionals and Individuals Can Make a Referral.

We are open Mon - Fri



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**Anyone** can contact us Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm for advice, support or guidance



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