

Domestic Abuse Concerns

Key messages for migrant women

The rights of female refugees and asylum seekers in the UK

It does not matter what your immigration status is, or what your sex is:

- Everyone has the right to be safe in the UK.
- Anyone can call the Police.
- Everyone can ask for help to be protected against abuse.

Referrals

Professionals and volunteers should use their usual referral pathways when supporting migrant women in relation to Domestic Abuse. Herts Beacon deliver a Domestic Abuse Outreach triage service [Home - Beacon](#). Open to professionals and self-referrals, Beacon will assess the risk before referring the victim to the most appropriate service. Call 0300 002 0008 or email: Beacon.DASH@oneymca.org

Migrant Women can also get help at any hospital or from the Herts Domestic Abuse Helpline 08 088 088 088, Safer Places on 03301 025811 or the Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA) Service run by Refuge on 0300 790 6772.

For more information see: [Herts Sunflower](#)

For further support, professionals and volunteers supporting migrant women in Hertfordshire can also contact the Cherished project which is based at The South Hill Centre in Hemel by emailing: jude@iamcherished.co.uk

Training

We recommend anyone working with migrant women in Hertfordshire attends J9 Domestic Abuse training and become a community champion. You can email strategic.partnerships@hertfordshire.gov.uk to find out when the next online course is running and how to sign-up. These sessions are free to anyone living or working in Hertfordshire.

Alternatively, if your organisation would prefer, you can organise your own, personalised J9 training (for a fee) and a tailored session for your organisation with pertinent examples and discussion time can be put in place.

Other support

Hertfordshire County Council operates a small grants scheme and is interested in funding groups and activities for migrant women. Contact zarrine.dye@hertfordshire.gov.uk for more details.

Nationally there are a number of specialist organisations with experience of supporting minoritised women including forced migrants.

[Home - Southall Black Sisters](#)

[Karma Nirvana](#)

[Women for Refugee Women](#)

[Sexual and gender-based violence | British Red Cross](#)