**Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence**

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Dear All

**Support for victims of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence**

With new national restrictions coming into effect people have been told not to leave their home except for specific purposes. But what does that mean for those enduring domestic abuse or sexual violence, for whom home is not a safe place? Within the restrictions there is an important exemption; **you are able to leave your home to escape injury or harm.**It is essential that people know we are here to help and that they are not alone.

Please find attached the following which I would be grateful if you could circulate to your teams and networks:

* Specialist Services – Status Update
* 999 Silent Solution Guide
* Guidance on asking about Domestic Abuse
* SafeLives Safety Planning Guide
* DA Champions - Basic Safety Planning Advice

Many Thanks

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