

DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONDERS' SCHEME

Central
Bedfordshire

Do you work in Central Bedfordshire and have a passion for helping people? Why not apply to become a Domestic Abuse Responder?

WHAT IS A DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONDER?

A Domestic Abuse (DA) Responder is an advocate for DA issues within their agency or team. They will be able to advise their colleagues and ensure that their team are aware of local and national support services and resources. DA Responders will have access to a network of other DA Responders that can assist in supporting, helping and advising anyone who is, or who knows someone that is experiencing DA either personally or professionally.

WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE SCHEME?

Research tells us that victims can go to as many as five agencies before they find appropriate help, advice and support. By having DA Responders in Central Bedfordshire Council and its partners agencies, the aim is to reduce this number and provide a more joined-up approach for anyone experiencing domestic abuse. You do not need to be a frontline worker to be a DA Responder, you just need to be passionate about raising awareness in a safe way.

HOW DO I BECOME A DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONDER?

You would apply to attend a two-day workshop covering all aspects of what domestic abuse is and learning about all the support available to anyone experiencing domestic abuse in Central Bedfordshire. You will have the opportunity to be part of a wider network of domestic abuse professionals that can assist in supporting, helping and advising a victim of domestic abuse and their family, and you will have access to a Domestic Abuse Responders' Forum to contact other DA Responders directly for support or advice.

WHEN CAN I START?

Our upcoming workshop dates are:

- **Thursday 16th & 23rd September 2021**
- **Wednesday 19th & 26th January 2022**
- **Tuesday 10th & 17th May 2022**
- **Thursday 15th & 22nd September 2022**
- **Tuesday 6th & 13th December 2022**

Workshops are 9.30 - 4.30pm and will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. Both workshops must be attended.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

If you would like to become a DA Responder please register on www.safeguardingbedfordshiretraining.co.uk and then search for DA Responders workshops



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