

Rainbow Bridge Awareness Session Programme

Victim Support has been funded to set up a service to support victims of domestic abuse who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender. This service is called Rainbow Bridge and is the only specialised service in Wales.

The main objectives of Rainbow Bridge are

- To relieve the distress and suffering caused to Lesbian, Gay men, Bisexual and Transgender people by domestic abuse
- To support and empower the LGBT community to increase their confidence to access criminal justice services
- To raise awareness and increase reporting of domestic abuse across all communities

The aims of the training sessions are to raise awareness of domestic abuse within LGBT relationships to organisations that regularly come into contact with potential service users so that the best support can be put in place.

2 Hour Awareness Session

The session will look at definitions of domestic abuse and the common myths and perceptions that surround it.

This session will explore how domestic abuse presents itself within LGB&T relationships and how sexual orientation and gender identity is used as a tool of control.

The session focuses on self-learning through exercises that consider the impact that domestic abuse can have and the additional barriers that the LGBT community may face.

The session also gives details of what support Rainbow Bridge offers and how it is delivered

Learning Outcomes

Basic understanding of domestic abuse and the impact it can have in a LGBT relationship

Awareness and understanding of the term LGBT

A greater awareness of the barriers to reporting domestic abuse and ways to increase confidence levels

Increased knowledge of what support is available and their role within the process

To book a session please contact rainbowbridge@victimsupport.org.uk

We recommend due to the group activities contained within the session that no more than 15 delegates attend the awareness programme; and no less than 8 delegates attend.

The sessions are delivered by the project coordinator. The sessions are not accredited and the learning outcomes may differ depending on the operational experience.