

“Helping families and their pets escape lives of fear and abuse is like putting together a larger than life jigsaw puzzle - but living with the constant fear that just as you get close to seeing the full picture coming together, one of the pieces will suddenly go missing”



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End domestic abuse!

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Our range of domestic abuse support services



Pets Service



Safe Haven
Outreach Project



Independent
Domestic Violence
Advocacy (IDVA)



Young Persons
Domestic Violence
Advisor (YPDVA)

Providing stability in an unstable world



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Mission statement

Endeavour is a unique and diverse support service, making a real difference to all those affected by domestic abuse. By providing bespoke safety plans and support packages we empower people and their pets to live lives free from abuse with a positive and caring future.

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Aims

- ✓ To empower people to live lives free from domestic abuse
- ✓ To provide a voice for, and respond to the needs of people escaping and recovering from domestic abuse
- ✓ To ensure the continued safety of people experiencing all forms of domestic abuse
- ✓ To help break the cycle of abuse
- ✓ To enable people to escape abusive relationships - including the temporary fostering of their pets

Vision

Endeavour believes no person should be subject to domestic abuse. Protecting people and their pets from all forms of domestic abuse is our highest priority. We are committed and passionate in taking this cause forward, empowering people to live lives free from abuse.

Day-to-day, the Endeavour team are guided by our values; respect, empathy, diversity, compassion and empowerment. Together these express Endeavour's way of working - putting people and their pets at the heart of everything we do.

Definition of domestic abuse

Any incident or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between any person of age 16 or over who are, or have been intimate partners, or are family members, regardless of gender or sexuality. This not only includes physical violence but other types of abuse such as verbal abuse, threatening behaviour, emotional/psychological abuse, financial abuse, sexual abuse, isolation, coercive control and false allegations. It can happen to men as well as women, including those in same sex relationships, no matter what background, race, age or job.

Endeavour is here to give all the support we can to all sectors of the community. We are committed to equal opportunities in all aspects of our work.

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Background

Paws for Kids was established in 1997 by a group of women wanting to provide support to women and children experiencing domestic abuse in the North West, which was additional to that provided by women's refuges. Major gaps in existing provision were identified for those escaping abuse, having to leave their family pets behind to face an uncertain future.

In 1998 this goal was realised with a successful bid to the National Lottery Charities Board for funding for three years to set up a pet fostering service - enabling women and children to access refuges knowing their much-loved pets were safe from the hands of their abusers.

The Pets Service is now available to any person escaping or recovering from domestic abuse in women's refuges and any temporary accommodation throughout the North West of England.

In 2005 Paws for Kids launched the UK's first Safe Haven Project, providing services for all members of the family escaping domestic abuse - both humans and animals.

Over the last 19 years we have established four services:

- ✓ Pets Service
- ✓ Safe Haven Outreach Service
- ✓ Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA)
- ✓ Young Persons Domestic Violence Advisor (YPDVA)

In 2015, the board and staff team decided it was time to have a name that reflected the work we do. Paws for Kids was no longer a suitable "umbrella" to cover the diversity of the established four services. We decided on the project name Endeavour - the definition is 'earnest and conscientious activity intended to do or accomplish something'. We felt that this new name reflected both the ethos of the charity and also the work ethic of all the staff team. However, more importantly, having the working name of 'Endeavour' with the strapline 'End domestic abuse for people and their pets' gives an overall clearer picture of the work that we do. Paws for Kids will live on as the registered name of our charity.

We are proud of our history and what we have achieved since 1997. We believe a holistic approach to issues of domestic abuse is vital to the success of helping all members of society rebuild violence free lives.

The links between domestic abuse and animal abuse

Working with people and their pets we see the connection between animal abuse and domestic abuse. When animals are abused, people are at risk; when people are abused, animals are at risk. In a fifth of homes where pets suffer cruelty, there is a high risk of domestic abuse.

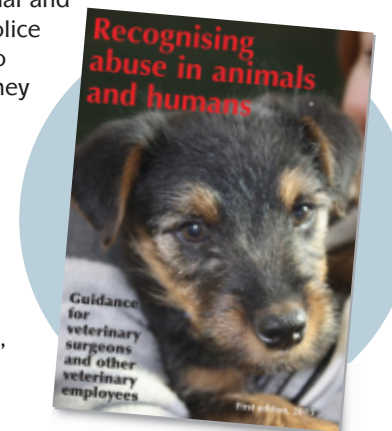
In violent and abusive relationships, pets are often threatened, injured or even killed by the perpetrator to maintain control over their partner and children or to intimidate them to remain in, or be silent about their abusive situation. Our experience has shown us that acts of animal abuse can be used to coerce, control and intimidate women, men and children to remain in, or be silent about, their abusive situation.

One of our surveys revealed that 94% of women living in refuges said that the availability of a pet fostering service would have made it easier for them and their children to escape the violence. Over 50% had no option but to permanently give up their pets before going into temporary accommodation.

We reduce the distress and pressure on these families and the suffering of the animals by providing a high quality pet fostering service until their owners are rehoused. The Pets Service comprises a network of experienced volunteer pet foster carers who are supported and advised on specialist animal care as required. All fostered animals are visited and monitored on a regular basis to ensure they are receiving the highest standards of care.

To increase awareness of links between animal and people abuse, vets are encouraged by the police to look for signs of non-accidental injuries to pets. If vets are suspicious about an injury they should consider encouraging the pet owner/potential victim to speak out by asking for example; "Is it possible that this injury has been caused by someone you live with?"

At Endeavour we welcome this initiative by vets to look out for non-accidental injuries and raising awareness of domestic abuse in everyday places will not only help to protect, but show that abusive behaviour of any kind is unacceptable in our communities.





Pets Service

The Pets Service is a pet fostering facility that covers Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside and provides fostering for any pet belonging to anyone escaping from domestic abuse who needs to access a refuge or any temporary/emergency accommodation.



Accessing the Pets Service

If pets are part of the family, referrals can be taken directly from the person fleeing domestic abuse or from any of the agencies that may be asked to help; this includes Refuges, Helplines, Police Domestic Violence Units, Social Services, Victim Support, Housing Advice Centres, Hospitals/Clinics etc.

The process

A form must be completed with the pet's details, including: vaccination/neutering status, size, breed, any

behavioural problems, socialisation with other animals and children etc. Contact details for refuge/hostel and key worker as appropriate. Specialist equipment eg. for exotic pets, should be provided by the owner.

Food/vet expenses

Pet owners are asked to contribute towards food costs and any veterinary treatment required.

Length of placement

Pets are fostered for the length of time their owners are in refuge/hostel. Pets can be fostered for a further 2-3 weeks when their owners move into their new homes to allow time for repairs/decorating/settling in.

The Pets Service is now an integral part of a survivor's journey to safety

In 2009/10 Paws for Kids were instrumental in campaigning for animal abuse to be included on the risk assessment tool that professionals use to assess the risk to the family. The risk indication checklist now features a question about the perpetrator ever mistreating an animal or the family pet. This further cements the link between animal and human abuse and ensures that all members of the family are involved in the risk assessment.



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My two dogs were fostered when I needed to go into a refuge. I know I wouldn't have left them and would have stayed for us to be hurt. When I got my new house my dogs came home and my family was complete again. Thank you so much - I was so relieved to get us all back together.

Karen

Safe Haven Project

Safe Haven provides a unique and specialised bespoke support service to any person affected by domestic abuse who has separated from their abusive partner and is ready to move on with their lives; we support them practically and emotionally with both short and long term objectives.



By offering practical and emotional support at the same time, this project's unique and invaluable strength is to support the person and members of their family to break the cycle of abuse. In doing so it has long term benefits in helping children to develop into emotionally balanced adults, less likely to be violent to their partners, families or animals.

Bespoke support may take the form of a combination of the following:

- ✓ Home based support
- ✓ One-to-one work with individuals and members of their family
- ✓ Group work

Safe Haven services include:

- ✓ Emotional support throughout recovery from experiences of domestic abuse.
- ✓ Help with settling in, making new friends and coping with new experiences.
- ✓ Practical support eg. attending appointments, help with accessing specialist support services.
- ✓ Information giving (rights, entitlements etc.)
- ✓ Safety planning
- ✓ Addressing early signs of anti-social behaviour working in partnership with relevant agencies.
- ✓ Developing problem solving and coping strategies, both in terms of practical problems, as well as dealing with emotions.



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After I left the refuge I was really apprehensive about living in my new house - just me and the children. Safe Haven helped me settle into my new home, and introduced me to my local women's group. They showed me how to budget and get to make my new house a happy home.

Jane



Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA)

One in four women experience domestic violence at some time in their lives and thousands of children are affected by witnessing or experiencing abuse in their homes.



Bolton adopts a multi-agency approach to tackling violence and abuse and recognises the importance of a coordinated community response, including the provision of dedicated advice and assistance from an INDEPENDENT source.

IDVA provides independent specialised confidential services for HIGH RISK victims/survivors of domestic violence. The overall aim is to reduce the risk of harm to those experiencing domestic abuse in Bolton and reduce further incidents by empowering victims/

survivors to take positive action. **Language does not have to be a barrier. All victims can make their voices heard by speaking to us through translators or via one of our advisors who speaks community languages.**

Four IDVA specialists provide a highly confidential service to victims of domestic abuse who are at high risk of homicide or serious harm - our main aim is to improve the safety of victims and their children. We are totally independent and are not part of the police or court system which enables us to offer advice and support and help victims consider all options and ensure the necessary help is given from other agencies. The IDVA service attends MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences) and ensures that the victim's thoughts, feelings and beliefs are relayed to the MARAC panel.

IDVA services include:

- ✓ Information giving (rights, entitlements etc.)
- ✓ Risk Assessment
- ✓ Advocacy and support regarding criminal and civil law
- ✓ Safety planning (how to stay or leave safely).
- ✓ Emotional and practical support
- ✓ Addressing the additional needs of Black Asian Minority Ethnic Refugee (BAMER)

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I could not have got this far if I did not have you behind me, supporting me through court hearings, helping me to find work, supporting me when I needed to move house and so much more. I am very grateful... you're amazing!

Jessica

Young Persons Domestic Violence Advisor (YPDVA)

In 2012 the definition of domestic abuse was amended to include young people aged 16+. Endeavour responded by employing a dedicated Young Persons Advisor to support young people in and out of abusive relationships.



Endeavour's young persons advisor increases the understanding of the dynamics of domestic abuse and how it is different for young people and how this impacts on a young person's behaviour as well as the key risk factors for serious harm, and how to safety plan in a multi-agency context.

The Young Persons Advisor bridges the gap between the Safe Haven and IDVA service and contributes to the multi-agency planning for the young person, ensuring they are linked into an agreed care/referral pathway.

The overall aim of the YPDVA is to reduce the risk of harm to those experiencing domestic violence and abuse. We undertake intensive safety planning and ensure the person's thoughts, feelings and beliefs are taken to the MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference). This is a personal service designed to support young victims/survivors who have been identified as 'being at risk'.

The Young Persons Domestic Violence Advisor also supports young people affected by 'honour based' violence and forced marriage and identifies and responds to child sexual exploitation. The advisor is also a single point of contact for all other agencies to improve the young person's safety.

YPDVA services include:

- ✓ Information giving and advice (rights, entitlements etc.)
- ✓ Risk assessment
- ✓ Safety planning (how to stay or leave safely).
- ✓ Emotional support
- ✓ Practical support
- ✓ Support within the Criminal Justice System and with Civil Law

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The service has helped me change my life for the better and helped me recognise that the relationship I was in was not a good one and not acceptable. With all the help I now fully understand domestic violence.

Nicole



In an emergency

Endeavour is not an emergency service. In an emergency situation when there is a threat to safety, the police should be contacted on 999.

Report any abuse that is not an emergency to Greater Manchester Police on 101.



Reporting incidents of domestic abuse to the GMP specialist domestic abuse investigators greatly assists in tackling the problems. The information provided enables the police to identify areas of concern and patterns of behaviour that could lead to the prosecution of offenders and ensures the safety of the victim. Visit www.gmp.police.uk for more information.

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Fundraising and support

The harsh reality, as with many other charities, is that Endeavour is faced with the constant problem of funding the services. Funding applications to organisations such as the Big Lottery, Bolton Council, Lloyds Bank Foundation together with a number of smaller Funds and Trusts all help to provide core funding, but fall short of the true figure required to ensure the continuation of services.



Endeavour rely on a variety of fundraising initiatives to help bridge the gap:

- ✓ FREE fundraising when shopping online through the Easyfundraising website. With a choice of over 2000 of the UK's popular retailers, up to 15% from every purchase is donated to a nominated cause at no extra cost to the shopper.
- ✓ The 50/50 Club gives supporters the opportunity of winning one of three different cash prizes every month with an equal amount going to Endeavour's funds.
- ✓ Personal donations and fundraising activities, no matter how big or small, regular or one-off, are precious for the continuation of the services.
- ✓ Payroll Giving is a scheme that enables UK employees to give to any charity that is recognised by HMRC for tax purposes straight from their gross salary before tax. This allows UK employees to give more for less as the tax that would normally have been deducted is gifted to the charity too.
- ✓ Donating through Gift Aid means charities and community amateur sports clubs (CASCs) can claim an extra 25p tax relief for every £1 donated without any extra cost to the donor. Therefore a gift of £10 from a basic rate UK taxpayer via Gift Aid is worth £12.50 to Endeavour.
- ✓ Legacies are of enormous importance to Endeavour. Such bequests can also reduce Inheritance Tax liability. Donations in lieu of flowers at funerals are also very much appreciated.
- ✓ Volunteers and trustees donate vital energy, foregoing a salary.

Information about donating/fundraising and opportunities arising for volunteers and trustees are published online at: www.endeavourproject.org.uk

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