

Domestic Abuse Practitioner Standards (DAPS)

Level 2 training

Saturday 19th October at 10am – 3pm
Toll Gavel United Church

The Domestic Abuse Practitioner Standards (DAPS) training programme comes in three levels and is CPD accredited. Toll Gavel United Church is working alongside the Domestic Abuse Lead Representative Support Officer and Safeguarding Development Officer for Community Vision, Gemma Jennison, to offer levels 1 and 2.

The training course was developed by a collaboration between the Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner and White Ribbon, and therefore themes relating to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) are explored within the components.

Level 1 is suited to all those having contact with the general public and explores how we identify domestic abuse (signs and symptoms), the impact of DA, barriers to seeking support and prevalence. It is suited to any persons, at any level, who may come into contact with families affected by domestic abuse. It also looks at domestic abuse services locally and nationally that may be useful to those support people affected by domestic abuse.

Level 2 builds upon this to explore the 'Ask' and 'Act' roles of staff and volunteers and how they respond to disclosures of abuse. It explores what questions they need to ask, and how this should be done, and what actions may need to be taken to safeguard those who may disclose domestic abuse. It aims to increase the confidence of staff and volunteers to intervene when they have concerns, or receive a disclosure, of domestic abuse.

Each course is roughly a day (around 5-6 hours) with a lunch and break. The training session serves really well to bring teams together. Generally, attendees also go on to share their own experiences, and it's really nice to see people pull together during this.

Register with tollgaveloffice@gmail.com

Level 1 must have been completed (face to face or online) to participate in this. If anyone would like to complete Level 1 before 19th October then please contact gemma.jennison@communityvision.org.uk as this can be done online

Refreshments will be available but there is no lunch provided for this course so if anyone would like to bring a packed lunch or alternatively, there will be a break to go out and get something if you wish