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**SAFELY
LEAVE
BEHIND
DOMESTIC
ABUSE**

**FREE LEGAL FAMILY
LAW ADVICE**

PROTECT

EMPOWER

CHOICE



LEGAL ADVICE

FAMILY LAW

Do you want to make a difference?

Are you a fully qualified Family Law Lawyer?

Do you want to use your skills, experience and knowledge to give something back to the communities you work in?

Are you aware of people who are experiencing domestic abuse but cannot afford legal representation to help protect themselves and their families?

Do you want to help those who do not understand the legal process and do not know where to turn to help them end the cycle of abuse?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, you could join our team of amazing volunteers!

Who we are

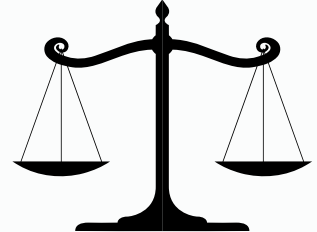
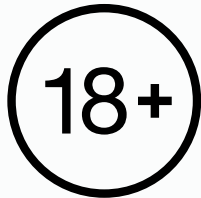
Our mission is to empower and support those who have experienced domestic abuse by providing them with free, confidential family law legal advice. We strive to raise awareness of their legal rights and options. We endeavour to work in collaboration with other organisations and government agencies to ensure that our service users have access to the resources and support they need to make informed choices about escaping abuse and rebuilding their lives.

We do this by:

- Establishing a network of trained legal professionals who can provide free, confidential family law advice to those who have experienced domestic abuse.
- Raising awareness among those who have been affected by domestic abuse v of their legal rights and options, and to help them understand the legal process within any family law proceedings.
- Working with local resources and organisations, building community links and strengthening networking relationships, to raise awareness about domestic abuse within those organisations and to build on the support offered to those who have experienced abuse.
- Advocating for policy changes and legal reforms that will improve the rights and protections of domestic abuse victims through our work.

Who you will be helping

By volunteering with us you would be helping anyone who:



Is aged 18
years or older

Lives within
Berkshire,
Buckinghamshire
, Oxfordshire or
Hampshire

Has
experienced
domestic
abuse

Who seeks
legal advice to
achieve
justice and
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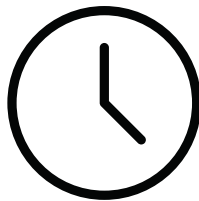
We are a fully inclusive service who embrace diversity and treat each individual with respect, dignity, and without judgement. We are committed to addressing the unique needs and experiences of all survivors, irrespective of their gender, ethnicity, or background

Volunteering commitment

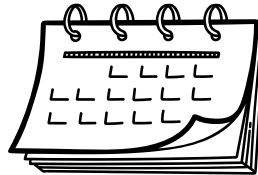
We are a professional, flexible and supportive charity who understands the day-to-day pressures of practicing in law. We work with our volunteers to find a schedule that works for them and enables them to help our clients in a smooth, hassle free way.



Most of our clinic appointments are telephone calls. Some can be face to face if the client needs this.



We ask for 45 minutes. 30 minutes will be to talk to the client and 15 minutes to write up some brief notes.

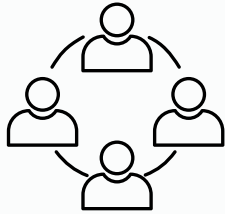


Most of our volunteers hold their clinics on a weekly schedule. We can arrange other schedules that suit your needs.



We have a sophisticated Clinic Management System that notifies you when a case is allocated and guides you through submitting post clinic notes.

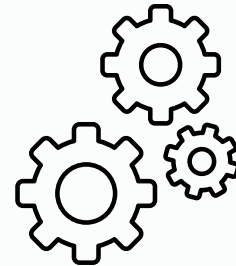
How we support you



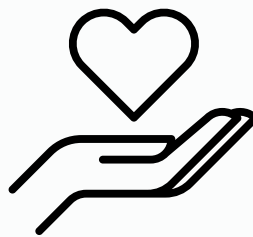
We have a dedicated clinic team to help with all aspects of volunteering and clinic work.



You can contact us from within the Clinic Management System or by calling our helpline.



We do all of the leg work. We arrange the appointments and make contact with the clients if the appointments need to be rearranged.



We value each and every one of our volunteers and understand the pressures of working in the legal sector.

We not only have the welfare of our clients at heart but also the welfare of our volunteer team and strive to do all that we can to support everyone and ensure they have all that they need to make the time given to us smooth, effective and worthwhile.

What we do matters



"I have put my next steps into action. I have put a C100 for in to ask the court to consider amending our Child Arrangements Order. I will be representing myself - which is TERRIFYING, but I feel empowered to do it, compared to a few months ago where I felt powerless and trapped"

"Thanks to the advice I received from FLAG DV's clinic I feel I have more options financially regarding legal support I can obtain without going into extensive debt and feel more prepared so I am far less anxious about the next steps"



"I found the appointment with the solicitor highly informative and reassuring. It has empowered me on the net steps to take and on my rights. Very many thanks"

"I was having problems with my abusive ex and i feel more incontrol of the situation and knowing where i stand legally has taken a huge pressure off."



How to Contact us

If you would like to speak to us to find out more about how you can start your volunteering journey with FLAG DV here are the ways you can contact us



www.hello@flagdv.org.uk

01635 015854 Extension 811



A little further reading?

We are proud of our work and the impact we have made. If you would like to know even more about this please visit our **website** as well as reading our **2022 Impact Report**.

