

1.2 TRCH/SEC Policy: Responding to Domestic Abuse

All forms of domestic abuse are wrong. We are committed to promoting and supportive environments which:

- ensure that all people feel welcomed, respected and safe from abuse
- protect those vulnerable to domestic abuse from actual or potential harm
- recognise equality amongst people and within relationships
- enable and encourage concerns to be raised and responded to appropriately and consistently

We recognise that:

- domestic abuse takes many forms and is not just physical abuse but includes controlling and manipulative behaviour in many forms
- all forms of domestic abuse cause damage to the survivor and express an imbalance of power in the relationship
- all survivors (regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity) have the right to protection from harm or abuse
- domestic abuse can occur in all communities
- domestic abuse may be a single incident, but is usually a systematic, repeated pattern which escalates in severity and frequency
- domestic abuse, if witnessed or overheard by a child, is a form of abuse towards that child

We will endeavour to respond to domestic abuse in these ways.

- In our activities: valuing, listening to and respecting survivors, and alleged or known perpetrators, of domestic abuse
- In our resources: raising awareness about support services, resources and expertise

If you have any concerns or need to talk to anyone please contact the Centre Manager

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