SUPPORTING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS, WHO ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE.

In the Scottish Borders CHILDREN 1ST support victims of domestic abuse, whether they are still living with domestic abuse or have experienced this in the past, through the following range of inclusive services.

LetSBsafe2
We offer this therapeutic service, which supports children and young people (up to age 18 years) who have been most seriously impacted by domestic abuse and/or where they continue to live with domestic abuse or have unsafe contact. The service operates across the entire area of the Scottish Borders, with workers travelling to support children and young people on an outreach basis.

Support for Children in Refuge
Our children’s workers work closely with Borders Woman’s Aid (BWA) staff to offer support to children and young people who are living within the BWA refuge accommodation. Time with a children’s worker can give a child the chance to share any worries they may have, help them understand about being in refuge and what may happen next for them.

Support is also offered to children and young people who have moved on from refuge, helping them to settle into their new house and area. Children and young people who have moved home, either into temporary accommodation or into a new permanent home, where domestic abuse is cited as the reason for the move can also access support from our refuge workers.

Domestic Abuse Community Service (DACS)
We have six DACS project workers supporting adults and children across the Scottish Borders area, to aid their recovery from domestic abuse. Support is available to adults (both men and women), including victims of abuse within a same sex relationship, parents and single adults without children, as well as children and young people up to the age of 18 years. Each worker leads within a ‘locality’ area, and also works flexibly across different areas, depending on the assessed level of need.

The DACS service works closely with the new Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service (DAAS), offering support to those victims of domestic abuse who are assessed as being at low-medium risk of further abuse. Support can be offered on a medium to long-term basis if this is needed.
About CHILDREN 1ST
For over 127 years, CHILDREN 1ST has been working to build a brighter future for Scotland’s vulnerable children and families. We work to safeguard children and young people, to support them within their families and to help them to recover from abuse, neglect and violence. We speak out for children’s rights and we campaign to change attitudes.

Our services reach out to children, young people and families across Scotland.

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