

Emergency Accommodation

We provide emergency accommodation in refuge and self-contained flats for women and children who are affected by domestic abuse.

Refuge is a safe place with specially trained staff on hand to provide information, practical help and one-to-one support.

We **listen** to what women tell us, and recognise and respond to their needs.

We **believe** that no-one should have to live in fear or threat from abuse.

We work with **women** to identify their individual needs and develop a support plan.

We provide **specialised services** and support to **children and young people** in refuge.

Services are confidential and accessible to ALL women.

Interpreter services are available.



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We Are Women's Aid

Women's Aid ABCLN provides confidential support, information and emergency accommodation for women and children who are affected by domestic abuse in Antrim, Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Larne and Newtownabbey.

Are You Affected by Domestic Abuse?

Domestic abuse can include threatening, controlling, coercive behaviour, violence or abuse.

Domestic abuse can be psychological, virtual, physical, verbal, sexual, financial or emotional.

Domestic abuse can happen to anyone irrespective of age, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or any form of disability.

Domestic abuse can be inflicted on a woman and her children by a current or former intimate partner or family member.

If you are affected by domestic abuse you can contact:

Tel: 028 25 632136

Freephone 24hr Domestic &

Sexual Abuse Helpline: 0808 802 1414

Email: admin@womensaidabcln.org

www.womens-aid.org.uk

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Working To End Domestic Abuse

Women's Aid



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Accommodation

Virginia House

Virginia House offers emergency accommodation for women and children affected by domestic abuse.

Recently refurbished, it includes self-contained apartments and ensuite bedrooms with shared kitchens, laundry and recreation facilities.

Ruth House

Ruth House provides six apartments where women and their children including young people can be accommodated in comfortably as a family unit.



Support

Refuge staff work with women to identify their individual needs and develop a support plan. This can include:

- **Safety Planning**
- **Housing Information**
- **Money Management**
- **Court Support**
- **Advocacy**

We provide information and one to one support, enabling women to explore options and make informed choices.

We provide practical support to help women access services including housing, benefits, social services, healthcare and education, financial services, PSNI and legal support.



Children and Young People

Our dedicated staff support mums to help children settle in to the refuge.

With a fully equipped playroom and outdoor facilities, we aim to make every child feel welcome, safe and secure.



Refuge provides short term accommodation, and women can stay with us for a few days or several months depending on their needs.

All accommodation is fully accessible, with staff available in refuge or on-call 24 hours a day.

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