

How to spot the signs of domestic abuse during COVID-19

During these difficult times, how do we as friends, family or neighbours support those who may be experiencing domestic abuse

Some signs could be:

- Has communication changed from video calls to voice calls?
- Do you talk less often?
- Is the partner always controlling the conversation?
- Does the conversation seem false?
- Are the calls less frequent/shorter?
- Can you hear arguing?
- Do they seem preoccupied/wanting to get off the phone?
- Have you seen your neighbour like you normally would during Covid-19?
- Are they visible for the clap NHS, carers and key workers on Thursdays at 8pm?
- If there are children within the household, have they changed?
- Are your questions being answered? Think about what is not being said.

If you have any concerns, please seek further advice from the services below:

Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service

Tel 03300 165 112

Web hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/domesticabuse

Stop Domestic Abuse for Victims

Tel 03300 165 112 • Web stopdomesticabuse.uk

The Hampton Trust

For anyone who is or feels they may hurt their partner
Tel 023 8000 9898 • Web hamptontrust.org.uk

Hampshire Constabulary

Web hampshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/daa/domestic-abuse/

Government

Web gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-and-domestic-abuse/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse

If you feel anyone is at immediate risk, call Hampshire Constabulary on 999.