

**10th March 2020**

**RE: YML/FW: P-05-798 Correspondence from the Chair of the Petitions Committee**

The Safer Wales Dyn project is the only dedicated service that provides the following for Gay, Bisexual, Heterosexual and Transgender men who experience domestic abuse and/or sexual violence in Wales;

- Dedicated Dyn Wales Helpline and Independent Advisor Service
- Awareness raising and training

The Safer Wales Dyn project receives referrals to the project which include the following;

- Police
- Self referrals
- Housing
- Third Sector organisations
- Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence sector

All men accessing the Safer Wales Dyn project are assessed according to; risk of harm from domestic abuse and sexual violence levels, emotional support, wellbeing, signposting to agencies and advocating for men who experience domestic abuse and sexual violence.

The Safer Wales Dyn project only works with men and does not support women who experience domestic abuse and sexual violence. Safer Wales does not currently deliver a dedicated Wales helpline and Independent Advisor Service to women.

In line with the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act, all people accessing Safer Wales Services who disclose domestic and/or sexual violence will be supported and appropriately referred to relevant multi-agency safeguarding and support services, such as MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) or SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre) following agreed assessment, such as Safe Lives DASH/RIC (Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment Risk Indicator Checklist).

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