

LSA

Legal Services Agency

Doing the Right Thing,
the Right Way

Your rights: legal advice to protect refugee, asylum- seeking and migrant women who have experienced violence and abuse

The LSA **Women's Project** provides legal services to protect women and children in Scotland who have an unsettled asylum/immigration position and have experienced violence and abuse.

Tel: 0141 353 3354 Freephone: 0800 316 8450 www.lsa.org.uk

About LSA's Women's Project:

Legal representation for refugee, asylum seeking or migrant women who have experienced violence and abuse

Our approach:

- We will treat you sensitively and respectfully; you can see a female lawyer if you prefer
- We can arrange for an independent interpreter if needed
- We are experienced in helping women with all aspects of protection and support under the law, including protection from abuse; asylum/international protection; immigration; trafficking
- It does not matter when (recently or some time ago) or where (Scotland or abroad) the violence took place
- We want to make sure that you are protected from further violence and abuse
- We want to make sure that you get the rights you are entitled to
- We can tell you about other specialist services which help women in your situation

Contact LSA Women's Project:

- Phone for appointment: 0141 353 3354 or **free** 0800 316 8450
- Phone for free advice: **Tuesdays, 2–4pm** on 0141 353 3354 or **free** 0800 316 8450
- Come to our free drop-in service: **Wednesdays, 10am to 12.30pm** at Fleming House, 134 Renfrew Street, Glasgow, G3 6ST

See more online at www.lsa.org.uk

About violence against women

Many women and children experience violence and abuse at some time in their lives. This is sometimes called 'gender-based violence' because, usually, the victims are women and those responsible for the violence are men. It often involves men known to the victims including husbands and family members. It can include:

- Domestic abuse
- Sexual violence
- Forced and child marriages
- Genital cutting
- Trafficking into sexual and other types of exploitation
- Childhood sexual abuse
- 'Honour-based' violence
- Or threats of violence

The law in Scotland aims to protect women and children from such abuse.

Legal advice

LSA Women's Project provides legal advice to women experiencing violence on many issues including:

- Claiming asylum/international protection
- Immigration status
- Human trafficking (National Referral Mechanism)
- Rights to practical and financial support (safe housing; state funding; community care)
- Claiming criminal injuries compensation

LSA Women's Project is part of the LSA Women and Young Persons' Department. In addition to case work, it provides free advice to other lawyers, organisations and individuals on these issues as well as undertaking training, research and policy work.

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