

### Gender-Based Violence and Bereavement

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### Overview



What is Gender Based Violence (GBV)?



Navigating complexity with bereaved lovedones



Understanding loss in the context of GBV

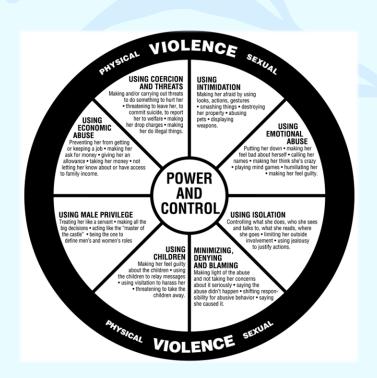


Support for staff

### What is GBV?

Gender Based Violence (GBV) – is both a cause & a consequence of women's inequality within society and takes many forms:

- Domestic abuse
- Sexual violence
- Childhood sexual abuse
- Stalking/harassment
- Coercive control
- Financial abuse
- Human trafficking
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Honour-based violence/killing
- Domestic homicide



# Understanding loss in the context of GBV



#### Homicide

- 2-3 women per week
- Femicide census
- Homicide timeline



#### Suicide

- Significant predictor of risk
- Higher rate than homicide
- Not currently counted



#### Hidden deaths

- Substance misuse
- Chronic ill-health
- Hidden homicides

# Navigating complexity with bereaved loved-ones

Post-mortem, Funeral, Finances, Property & Estate

Feeling heard, The voice of the deceased, family conflict & blame

**Practical issues** 

Relational issues



Complex emotions

Guilt, Trauma, Anger, Fear, Despair





Criminal trials, Custody arrangements,



Who are the helpers?
Advocacy, counselling & practical help.

## Support for staff



- Partnership
- Advice
- Consultation
- Training
- Supervision

### Who are the helpers?



### Victim Focus Scotland

SFBC – Support for families bereaved by crime

Contact: 0800 160 1985 sfbc@victimsupportsco.org.uk



#### **PETAL**

People experiencing trauma and loss – murder, culpable homicide and suicide

Contact: 01698 324 502



#### Cruse

Bereavement support for people of all ages

Contact: 0808 802 6161



### Women's Aid

Support for children and families affected by domestic abuse

Contact: 0800 027 1234

## Thank you

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