

Gender-Based Violence and Bereavement

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Overview



What is Gender Based
Violence (GBV)?



Understanding loss in the
context of GBV



Navigating complexity
with bereaved loved-
ones



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



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@victimssupportsco.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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