

Ask police if concerned a partner has history of abusive behaviour

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If you have concerns that your partner, or the partner of someone you know, has a history of abusive behaviour you can now ask the police confidentially about them. This will enable you or someone you know to make an informed choice about an existing personal relationship.

Look for signs and contact police

This new [Domestic Violence and Abuse Disclosure scheme](#) can help protect people from becoming a victim of domestic violence or abuse.

It is similar to a scheme introduced in England and Wales, which is commonly referred to as 'Clare's Law', and to a scheme introduced in Scotland.

It provides safe and confidential support and guidance.

You can find out more, including how to ask about a partner's history, on the following page:

Look for the signs of [domestic violence and abuse](#), and apply to the scheme if you're worried about the abusive history of your or someone else's partner.

Anyone suffering from domestic abuse is encouraged to contact their local police on the non-emergency 101 or in an emergency always call 999.

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