How to Respond to Disclosures of Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (DSGBV)

LIVES protocol¹ – simple tasks designed to respond to the needs of victims when abuse is disclosed.

Enhance Inquire Validate Support Listen safety Show the victim Listen to the Assess and Discuss a plan Support them victim closely, respond to the you understand to protect by helping themselves with empathy, various needs and believe them connect and without and concerns them. Assure from further to information, judgement. emotional, them that they harm if violence services and physical, social are not to occurs again. social support. and practical, blame. for example childcare.

Remember - disclosures of DSGBV can occur in any context. You may be the only person a victim or survivor can speak to.

To learn more about how to ask about DSGBV and how to manage disclosures of abuse, check out the HSE DSGBV Training Programme on HSELanD.







