

A. AIMS OF THIS POLICY

This document sets out the British Union Conference's (BUC) Domestic Abuse Policy and Procedures providing guidance on how local churches will implement its policy. It supports the Church's commitment to address and respond effectively to domestic abuse both within its own community and wider society. The aims of the policy are:

- To raise awareness about domestic abuse in local church communities.
- To increase awareness of and access to support services for victims of domestic abuse and where appropriate for perpetrators.
- To offer suitable training from appropriate specialist within the church and outside agencies for key staff and church leaders and to encourage church members to undertake basic training.
- To encourage churches to become places of safety.
- To encourage collaborative working among the various levels of church administration.