

G. COLLABORATION WITH OUTSIDE AGENCIES

The goal to eradicate domestic abuse within the Church is not an undertaking the Church can accomplish in isolation. It is imperative that the Seventh-day Adventist Church at every level works in collaboration with the agencies within their communities who are specially trained and equipped to intervene in instances of domestic abuse. These agencies include, but are not limited to, the Police, Children's Services, The National Probation Service, legal professionals, housing authorities and health professionals. Seventh-day Adventist support and interventions should always operate alongside domestic abuse support services, like Refuge, Women's Aid and Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP), not as an alternative. All training provided to pastoral workers must include an awareness of the existence of these services and the help they can provide. See Appendices for Support Organisations.