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Scottish Women's Aid (SWA) is the lead organisation in Scotland working towards the prevention of domestic abuse. It plays a vital role in campaigning and lobbying for effective responses to domestic abuse. SWA is the umbrella organisation for 37 local Women's Aid (WA) organisations across Scotland. These provide practical and emotional support to women, children and young people who experience domestic abuse.

The services offered by our members include crisis intervention, advocacy, counselling, outreach and follow-on support, and temporary refuge accommodation. WA are specialist services that work with a gendered analysis of domestic abuse, viewing women's inequality as cause and consequence of violence against women.

SWA and our member groups have been leading, influencing and delivering domestic abuse training in Scotland for over 40 years.

The new Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 has been implemented from 1st April 2019.

• The Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 is ground-breaking legislation. It was developed from extensive collaboration between the Scottish Government, Scottish Women's Aid, other third sector organisations, Police Scotland, and other statutory bodies.

• The integrity of the legislation is strengthened by the voices of women, children and young people who campaigned and shared their stories.

• A group of expert trainers from the Women's Aid network developed this training session. It is designed to give participants an understanding of the gendered nature of domestic abuse and coercive control, with a focus on new legislation and what that means for practice.

The Women's Aid network offer training on coercive control and the new Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 to external organisations.

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

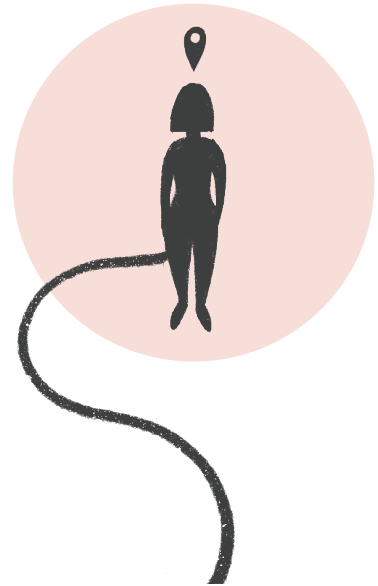
- Understand the historical context of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018
- Define and identify coercive control
- Understand the provisions of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 and the links with existing legislation
- Apply the knowledge to their own practice
- Know where to signpost

Full-day and half-day training is available.

For further information about the training and how to access it, please contact Una Dosen or Ash Kuloo at una.dosen@womensaid.scot ash.kuloo@womensaid.scot

Resources:

<https://womensaid.scot/project/hidden-in-plain-sight-domestic-abuse-and-coercive-control/>



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