

## Support for those who have experienced forms of Gender Based Violence (GBV)

The University's **Equally Safe** team are a specialist staff team within our Wellbeing Service who offer support for those who have been affected by sexual violence and other forms of gender based violence.

This can be current and/or historic, and includes:

- Rape and sexual assault
- Stalking and harassment
- Domestic abuse and coercive controlling behaviour which can include threats of harm and behaviours which restrict your ability to access friends/family/finances or the freedom to study without fear
- Sexual exploitation which can include sexual voyeurism & drug/alcohol facilitated sexual abuse, as well as forced pornography and the sale or exchange of sex for money/goods
- Online abuse, such as monitoring of social media profiles, sharing of intimate images and using GPS locators or spyware

For more information or to access confidential support contact:

## equallysafeteam@ed.ac.uk | edin.ac/GBV-support

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The **Equally Safe** team are available Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm.

After you have contacted us directly or via a trusted source, a member of the team will:

- Contact you within two working days (urgent referrals will be prioritised)
- Offer to meet with you in person, online, or talk with you on the telephone
- Help to assess your safety and wellbeing, and provide emotional and practical support
- Support you to identify your key priority needs and to access information on specialist support agencies and services – both within and outwith the University
- Provide information and guidance on your options for making a complaint or report to the University or Police
- Offer to link you in with external services appropriate to your needs

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