

- ◆ Helping Imams develop best practice in dealing with domestic violence within their congregation.
- ◆ Helping Imams to raise awareness/ decrease tolerance of domestic violence within their congregation.
- ◆ Encouraging Imams and community leaders to refer clients to Al-Aman.

### Working with voluntary sector organisations

We aim to work with voluntary sector organisations and other similar organisations to share information and expertise especially those who work with minority ethnic groups.

### Contacting Al-Aman

If you would like Al-Aman to speak to your organisation, please call 020 8748 2577 or 020 8563 2250.

If you want to refer an Arabic speaking woman to Al-Aman Women's Support Service, please call 020 8563 2250.

If you want to refer an Arabic speaking man to Al-Aman Violence Prevention Programme, please call 020 8748 2577.



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# برنامج الأمان لسلامة الأسرة

## Al-Aman Family Safety Project

### What is the Al-Aman Project?

The Al-Aman project is the part of the Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP) that works with the Arabic speaking communities in the London Boroughs of Westminster, Kensington and Chelsea, and Hammersmith and Fulham.

### Al-Aman aims to:

- ◆ Support Arabic women who experience domestic violence and their children.
- ◆ Work with Arabic men who are perpetrators of domestic violence to end their abusive behaviour, in a way that prioritises the safety of women and children.
- ◆ Enable Arabic men and women to access DVIP's services more easily.
- ◆ Ensure that DVIP's services are appropriate and relevant to the needs of Arabic clients, including the development of new materials and ways of working.
- ◆ Raise awareness of domestic violence within the Arabic communities.
- ◆ Raise awareness within mainstream services of the particular needs and issues facing Arabic communities in relation to domestic violence.
- ◆ To work with both community organisations and main stream agencies to improve professional responses to domestic violence in the Arabic speaking communities.

- ◆ Share information and enable networking between those who come into contact with domestic violence in the Arabic speaking communities.

### Direct services to Arabic speaking men and women

#### Al-Aman Women's Support Service (AWSS)

Al-Aman Women's Support Service is a service offered to any Arabic speaking woman, who lives in Westminster, Hammersmith & Fulham, or Kensington and Chelsea and who has experienced domestic violence from a current or ex-partner. AWSS offers safety planning, emotional support, telephone support, and one-to-one support sessions.

#### Al-Aman Violence Prevention Programme (AVPP)

Al-Aman aims to provide a service to Arabic speaking men who have been violent and abusive towards their partner or ex-partner and want to end their abusive behaviour. AVPP helps men from Arabic communities access DVIP's group work programme as well as offering one to one violence prevention work with men in Arabic language.

### Al-Aman outreach work

#### Working with statutory agencies

Al-Aman aims to work in partnership with statutory agencies to highlight the needs of Arabic speaking communities in relation to domestic violence and to improve statutory responses. We aim to work with:

- ◆ Social services.
- ◆ The police.
- ◆ Housing.
- ◆ Education.
- ◆ Health authorities.
- ◆ Any other statutory agency that provide a service(s) to the community.

### Working with community organisations

Al-Aman aims to work closely with the Arabic speaking community organisations to combat the problem of domestic violence by:

- ◆ Providing training to community leaders and organisations to help them respond to domestic violence in the best possible way.
- ◆ Raising awareness in the community about domestic violence through using Arabic language media, workshops, seminars etc.
- ◆ Working in partnership with community organisations on identifying their needs through consultation.
- ◆ Using community outlets – eg newsletters or community events – to raise awareness about the issues and about Al-Aman's services.

### Working with mosques and cultural centres

Al-Aman aims to work with mosques and cultural centres to improve their responses to dealing with domestic violence by:

- ◆ Providing training for the Imams and other religious and community leaders on domestic violence issues.