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# The Domestic and Economic Abuse Project (DEAP)

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“I would just like to say how much I enjoyed and valued the training session. I feel that I am able to support women more fully now and have an increased awareness of what to look out for and what question to ask as most survivors are unaware of economic abuse and how all pervasive and long-term it can be.”

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## What is economic abuse?

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Economic abuse involves behaviours (control, exploitation and sabotage) that interfere with a partner's ability to acquire, use and maintain economic resources. In the context of domestic violence, it commonly takes place alongside physical, sexual and psychological abuse.

## Aims of the project

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The Domestic and Economic Abuse Project (DEAP) aims to build the capacity of organisations that are in contact with victim-survivors to respond effectively.

It replicates – at the local level - work undertaken by Money Advice Plus to integrate the physical safety and support needs of domestic abuse victim-survivors when giving debt/money advice.

### The Project:

- Offers free training on economic abuse to domestic abuse services, money/debt advice services, housing associations and banks and building societies.
- Employs a Domestic Violence Debt Advocate (DVDA) who can provide advice on dealing with cases and train money/debt advice services to work safely with victim-survivors of domestic abuse.

- Encourages partnership working between organisations so that expertise on domestic abuse and money/advice is integrated.
- Is developing resources for money/debt advice services so that they can integrate physical safety considerations into their practice.
- Addresses systems barriers to economic and physical safety by working closely with the financial sector via banks and building societies.

## Scope of the Project

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England and Wales.

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## About Money Advice Plus

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Money Advice Plus is a specialist Money and Debt Advice Charity, and is the only charity that has a national service dedicated to supporting domestic abuse survivors with their money worries to increase financial stability.

## About SEA

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Surviving Economic Abuse (SEA) is the only UK charity dedicated to raising awareness of economic abuse and transforming responses to it.

## Contact us

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