

How to make a referral

Referrals for non-DA victims of Stalking & Harassment IDVA should be made by use of the Stalking Harassment Non -DA Referral Form

https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/referral_forms/296136

For high risk victims of DA who are also experiencing stalking and harassment, please use the Safe Lives DASH questionnaire Risk Assessment tool to make a referral to MARAC. The questionnaire and referral form can be downloaded from our website http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/downloads_and_resources_1/96816

Although preferable, consent is not needed for referral to MARAC. Referrals can be made to the MARAC Coordinator via: dvareferrals@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Tel. 01480 847718 for help or advice regarding MARAC referrals.

Useful contacts:

NATIONAL STALKING HELPLINE 0808 802 0300
www.suzylampugh.org

NATIONAL DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE
Freephone 0808 2000 247

MEN'S ADVICE Line Support for male DA victims 0808 801 0327

GALOP Support for LGBT DA victims
0800 999 5428

RESPECT Advice, information and support to DA perpetrators
0808 802 4040

For further information please see our website www.cambsdasv.org.uk or contact:

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Stalking & Harassment IDVA

Information leaflet for professionals



**Cambridgeshire
& Peterborough**
Domestic Abuse & Sexual
Violence Partnership

This leaflet is for professionals only

What is Stalking & Harassment?

Stalking and harassment both involve any repeated behaviour that would cause alarm, distress or fear of violence in a victim. Common stalking or harassment behaviours include unwanted contact online or in person, following a victim, and interfering with property. Stalking is characterised by a perpetrator's fixation or obsession and can have long-term psychological and social effects on a victim. Stalking also has the potential to escalate to other crimes, such as sexual assault or murder.

The Protection from Harassment Act
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1997/40/contents1997>

Stalking can include:

- (a) following a person,
- (b) contacting, or attempting to contact, a person by any means,
- (c) publishing any statement or other material relating or purporting to relate to a person, or purporting to originate from a person,
- (d) monitoring the use by a person of the internet, email or any other form of electronic communication,
- (e) loitering in any place (whether public or private),
- (f) interfering with any property in the possession of a person,
- (g) watching or spying on a person.

Who experiences stalking or harassment?

Stalking and/or harassment can be part of domestic abuse. The abuser may use these alongside other behaviours to control their victim. The victim in domestic abuse cases may be a current or ex-partner or a close family member.

Alternatively, Stalking and or harassment can also be unrelated to domestic abuse and carried out by person(s) who have no formal relationship with the victim. The perpetrator of the stalking/Harassment might be a complete stranger or someone the victim may know socially, at work, who live locally or an informal acquaintance. It could potentially be anyone other than a partner, ex-partner or immediate family member.

What support can the Stalking and Harassment IDVA offer victims?

- The Stalking and Harassment IDVA supports and advises as a priority, any victims of Harassment and Stalking who live in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area, aged 16 and over.
- Additionally, the IDVA also supports high risk victims of domestic abuse where the primary abuse is stalking and harassment. Referrals of this nature can be made via the MARAC referral form and DASH risk indicator list. Please see the next section overleaf for referral pathways.

This service is voluntary not statutory and requires the consent of the victim before referring.

IDVA's are able to:

- Talk through clients' options and give information to help them make decisions;
- Advocate on behalf of clients with other partner services on behalf of their clients, such as housing.
- Assist with personal safety planning for clients and their children in order to reduce risk;
- Support clients through the civil and criminal justice proceedings.

We are able to offer advice to professionals around risk and available services. Sadly, we cannot accept self-referrals, only via professionals. If you are unsure always ask us for advice on 01480 847718 (professionals only)