

Local contacts:

CAMBS/ PETERBOROUGH IDVA OFFICE:
01480 847718

MARAC CO-ORDINATOR:
01480 847717.

OUTREACH CAMBRIDGE/SOUTH/EAST
01223 361214

**OUTREACH
FENLAND/HUNTS/PBORO** 07787255821

ISVA SERVICE: <http://www.caprvc.org.uk/>

VICTIM & WITNESS HUB
800 6818

CHILDRENS SOCIAL CARE

- Cambs 0845 045 1362
- Peterborough 01733 864180

ADULTS SOCIAL CARE

- Cambs 0845 045 5202
- Peterborough 01733 747474

CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE
24-hour non-emergencies: **101**

National contacts:

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE
Freephone **0808 2000 247**

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

GALOP Support for LGBT victims
0800 999 5428

RESPECT Advice, information and support to
perpetrators
0808 802 4040

CITIZENS ADVICE
www.citizensadvice.org.uk
www.adviceguide.org.uk

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

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An introduction to the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Independent Domestic Violence Advisory Service (IDVA Service)

Information leaflet for professionals



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

What is domestic abuse?

Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive and or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or immediate family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass but is not limited to the following types of abuse:

- psychological
- physical
- sexual
- financial
- emotional

Anyone can experience domestic abuse regardless of age, gender, race, ethnic or religious group, class, sexuality, disability or lifestyle.

Who are we?

The Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) team are based at the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) at Godmanchester and at the Victim's and Witness Hub in Peterborough. The IDVA team work across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

IDVA's provide an independent service offering crisis (short term) intervention and support to high risk victims (scoring 14 or over on the Safe Lives DASH Risk Indicator checklist, or on professional judgement of high risk).

There are also specialist client based IDVA's that cover Cambridgeshire only and take referrals at all risk levels:

- The Young People's IDVA works with 13-19 year olds who are experiencing abuse in their own intimate relationships (up to 25 if they have a diagnosed learning or physical disability or mental health issue, or where they are ex-LAC). Cambridgeshire only.
- A8 IDVA works with victims and survivors from Eastern European A8 countries. Cambridgeshire only.
- The Health IDVA is based at Addenbrookes Hospital and takes referrals from hospital based services and midwifery across Cambridgeshire only.
- Stalking and Harassment IDVA who supports victims of Harassment and Stalking who are victims of domestic abuse and non-DA harassment/ stalking across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

What does the service offer victims?

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 DA services. Sadly, we cannot accept self-referrals, only via professionals. If you are unsure always ask us for advice on 01480 847718 (professionals only)

What is a MARAC?

MARAC is a multi-agency risk assessment conference that is held daily to review the most high risk DV cases. Cases that require a full multi-agency discussion are taken forward to the monthly MARAC Plus meeting or a professionals meeting. Referrals to MARAC should be made by use of the Safe Lives DASH; the threshold for MARAC is 14 ticks on the DASH but evidenced professional judgement is vital. Professionals can refer by using the Safe Lives DASH questionnaire Risk Assessment tool. This will assist them to measure current risk.

The form can be downloaded from our website at 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: advareferrals@cambs.pnn.police.uk

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

Family Safeguarding Team -Peterborough

Peterborough has a Family Safeguarding Team of specialist professionals working intensively with families where the children have been the victim or have been exposed to inter-familial domestic abuse.

Referrals to this team are via professionals only through the three locality based Multi-Agency Support Group (MASG) panels. Requests for cases to be heard at MASG is through the use of the Peterborough City Council web-based Early Help Module.