

## Equal Opportunities

Derbyshire Probation Trust is committed to ensuring that it operates fairly and consistently and avoids discrimination on the grounds of race, nationality, ethnic origin, gender, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation or any other improper ground.

If you feel you have been discriminated against, please discuss this with a member of staff and this will be dealt with accordingly.

## Dealing with Complaints

If you have a problem, please speak to a member of staff.

If you wish to take the matter further, ask for the leaflet which tells you about our Complaints Procedure.

## Your Views are Important

We are committed to continuous improvement in all areas of our work. Your views on how we might provide a better service are most welcome.

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# Women's Safety Workers

## How we work with you

Information for Victims

## WHAT IS A WOMEN'S SAFETY WORKER?

Your (ex) partner has received a sentence from the court and will have to complete the Men's Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme (IDAP). This programme is provided by the Probation Service.

IDAP is a group programme made up of 9 themes and each of them will take 3 sessions. Men will generally attend 1 session per week which lasts for 2 hours.

It is a requirement of the National Probation Service that contact is made and maintained with (ex) partners of men completing this programme. We have specialist staff who make this contact - the Women's Safety Worker (WSW)

## WHAT WILL MY WOMEN'S SAFETY WORKER DO FOR ME?

- § Your Women's Safety Worker will have no direct contact with your (ex) partner and they will be female.
- § She will make contact with you when your (ex) partner starts the programme, if he continues to attend

(at his halfway stage), if he stops attending, when he finishes and 6 months after he has finished the programme.

- § Help manage your safety and that of any children.
- § Assess any issues that concern you about your safety.
- § Ensure that you are informed about any current or developing risks posed by your (ex) partner whilst attending the programme.
- § Share the information you provide with relevant agencies and staff to assist them in managing your (ex) partner's risk of any further harm.
- § Refer you to support agencies if you feel you need further support.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO THE INFORMATION I GIVE MY WOMEN'S SAFETY WORKER?

The information you give to your Women's Safety Worker will give you an opportunity to have your views and feelings about the relationship with your (ex) partner to be known.

**The information you give will be kept confidential from the offender.**

It will be shared with the officer supervising him and the tutors in charge of his IDAP group. This is to help them manage the risk he may pose and provides useful information on how he may feel about doing the programme.

Your (ex) partner does not have a choice about what information your Women's Safety Worker is able to share with you.

Your Women's Safety Worker will supply information about how he is getting on in the group and if there are any issues concerning the safety and well being of you and your children.

Your Women's Safety Worker will not disclose to your (ex) partner any information you have given her.

Your Women's Safety Worker would like to contact you at the halfway stage of the men's IDAP to find out how things are going for you. She would also like to contact you when he has finished the programme and have a six month follow up contact to hear your views on how things have been going.