

Criminal Justice Contacts

Sussex Police

Sussex police are committed to protect both adult and child victims of domestic abuse. They have specialist units to tackle domestic violence.

Police Emergency 999

Police non Emergency 0845 6070999

Victim Care Officers

What are Victim Care officers and what do they provide?

Witness care officers provide victims and witnesses with a single point of contact in criminal cases after someone is charged with an offence and due to appear in Court. They will keep the victim or witnesses updated with progress of the case and provide support and assistance to those victims and witnesses called to give evidence in court.

This service provides the following:

- Someone who you can talk to in confidence
- An opportunity to view the court room before the hearing and to answer any questions on the court procedure.
- A quiet and private place to wait
- Someone to remain with you whilst you give your evidence.
- Practical help (i.e. completing forms)
- Access to people who can answer specific questions about the case.
- A chance to discuss the case when it has concluded.
- Continued support and assistance to not only witnesses and victims but also to their families and friends before, during and after the hearing. This support will be arranged in conjunction with colleague from the witness service and the Crown Prosecution Service.

Probation Services

Women's Safety Worker

Contacts victims and current partners of men sentenced at court to undertake the Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme (IDAP). This is to provide realistic information about the programme, offer support and advice, contribute to safety planning, signpost to other support agencies, gather feedback about the programme and advise of any issues or risks posed by the men undertaking the programme.

E-mail address for clients: Jess.outreach@hotmail.co.uk

Agencies that provide support and advice to people affected by Domestic Abuse/Violence in your area

You are not alone. There is help and support available

www.ncdv.org.uk National Centre for Domestic Violence **24 hr National Domestic Violence Helpline (Interpreters available) 0808 2000247**

www.refuge.org.uk Offer a range of services to support women and children experiencing domestic violence.

www.respectphoneline.org.uk An information and advice line for anyone who is concerned about their violence or abuse towards a partner or ex-partner. Respect also provide advice to frontline workers. Helpline opening times are Monday to Friday 10am – 1pm and

2pm – 5pm. **Respect Phone line 0808 8024040**

www.riseuk.org.uk A charity that supports women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse in Brighton & Hove and West Sussex

www.womensaid.org.uk Work to end violence against women and children, and support over 500 domestic and sexual violence services across the country.

www.broken-rainbow.org.uk Provide advice and support for lesbian, gay bisexual and transgender people experiencing domestic violence. **Broken Rainbow LGBT helpline 0300 9995428**

www.mankind.org.uk Provide support for male victims of domestic abuse and domestic violence. They run a national helpline staffed by trained people who provide information and support on a number of issues.

www.mensadvice.org.uk Men's Advice line is a national free phone helpline for male victims of domestic violence and abuse. The Helpline welcomes calls from men in heterosexual or same sex relationships. They also provide advice to frontline workers. Helpline opening times are Monday to Friday 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm. **Men's Advice Helpline 0808 8010327**

www.samaritans.org Samaritans provides confidential non-judgmental emotional support, 24 hours a day for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those which could lead to suicide.

www.supportline.org.uk Provides confidential emotional support to any individual on any issue. They take calls from children, young adult and adults.

www.victimsupport.org.uk Provide free and confidential help to victims of crime.

Are you afraid in your relationship?

Below are local services and agencies that can give you help and advice

Rise is a charity working to offer advice and support to women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse across Adur and North Sussex. Rise provides regular drop-ins and advice appointments.

www.riseuk.org.uk. Rise Adur: 01273 263414, Rise North Sussex: 01403 750499

Drop-ins:

Burgess hill – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 12.30-2.30pm

Burgess Hill Clinic, the Brow. 07817 990656

Crawley – Mondays 1.00-3.00pm

Relate, 1 – 2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road.

07817991750

Horsham – 1st and 3rd Thursdays 12.30 – 2.30pm

Horsham library, Lower Tanbridge way 07817991750

Shoreham – Call for an appointment Central Adur.

Tel: 01273 263414

Worthing Women's Aid

Drop-ins

Chichester Shared House

A women's refuge which offers safe, temporary accommodation to women and children experiencing domestic violence. Practical housing and support provided. Tel 01243 839376

WORTH IDVA Services

Access to a trained IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advisor), who will:

- Listen to you and believe you
- Carry out an assessment of risk
- Give immediate advice on safety
- Develop an in-depth safety plan and an individual action plan if appropriate
- Talk through all your options and advise on the next steps
- Help identify appropriate services for any further support needs
- Advocate on your behalf with other agencies

Worthing Hospital, Lyndhurst Road

Mon-Fri 9-5pm 01903 205111 ext 4395

Crawley Hospital, West Green Drive

Mon-Fri 9-5pm 01293 600300 ext 3510

A duty IDVA is available at 9-5pm 7 days a week for urgent enquiries on: 07834968539

www.worthservices.org

The Freedom Programme

This is a FREE term-time 12 week rolling programme open to any woman who wishes to learn more about the reality of domestic abuse.

Monday – 12.30 – 2.00

Wickbourne Centre

Clun Road, Littlehampton, BN17 7DZ

Telephone – 01903 276840

Wednesday - 10.00 – 11.30

Bognor Nursery School Children & Family Centre

85 Victoria Drive, Bognor, PO21 2TB

Telephone – 01243 642924

Thursday - 10.00 – 11.30

The Wave Children's and Family Centre

Dominion Road, Worthing, BN14 8JL

Telephone - 01903 276869

Thursday's - 10-11.30

Sidney West Children and Family Centre

Leylands Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 8HS

Fridays - 10-11.30

Stepping Stones Children and Family Centre

Gardner Street, Fishersgate, BN41 1PN

Has a crèche facility

[Chichester area](#)-Weekly 10am-noon.

Please call 01243 839376 and speak to Lesley or Sharon. 01243 642920 and speak to Kerry or Tania for further details.

The Saturn Centre

The Saturn Centre is the sexual assault referral centre (SARC) based at Crawley Hospital. It provides a range of services to women and men who have been raped or sexually assaulted including linking in victims to local Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) to provide ongoing support.

The Saturn Centre

Crawley Hospital

West Green Drive, Crawley

Phone: 01293 600 469

www.saturncentre.org