

## THE ISVA SERVICE

**T**he Cambridge and Peterborough Rape Crisis Partnership ISVA Service provides specialist sexual violence advocacy services to women, men and children who have experienced sexual violence and/or sexual abuse at any point in their lives.

This includes but is not restricted to: rape, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, sexual harassment, rape within marriage/relationships, forced marriage, so-called honour-based violence, female genital mutilation, trafficking, child sexual exploitation, institutional sexual abuse and ritual abuse.

All our specialist services are free at the point of access and are available to survivors whether they choose to report to the police or not.

## WHAT IS AN ISVA?

**I**ndependent Sexual Violence Advocates (ISVAs) offer practical and emotional support to anyone who has been raped or sexually assaulted, recently or in the past, and help you to access other available support services to address both short and long-term needs.

They can support you through the criminal justice system, providing information on what happens when you report to the police. You do not have to report to the police to get support from an ISVA. They can help those who are not reporting access support for their emotional needs as well as help with safety planning.

ISVAs will support you in a non-judgmental way to work with you to identify your needs and ensure that other agencies provide you with information.

## WHAT WE OFFER:

**T**he ISVA service can help you with a range of things depending on your needs and what kind of support you would like.

They can:

- Provide you with impartial information on the criminal justice process and what you can expect if you report to the police. They can also support you through the criminal justice system and following a trial.
- Give you information on health and well-being services and accompany you to your first appointment.
- Help you to think about your safety and what can be done to improve your safety.
- Provide emotional support.
- Advocate on your behalf to enable you to exert some influence on processes that concern you.
- Provide practical help with issues such as housing and benefits.
- Put you in touch with or refer you to other services that may benefit you, such as specialist counselling, domestic violence support, sexual health, mental health, substance misuse and housing.

## CONTACT US

We accept self-referral, professional and third-party referrals and you can find our referral forms by going to:

[www.caprccp.org.uk](http://www.caprccp.org.uk)

Or contact us on: **01733 511250**

Our normal office hours are:  
9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Please contact us if you would like the information in this leaflet in another language, or in large print or Braille.

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