

How to access EIP

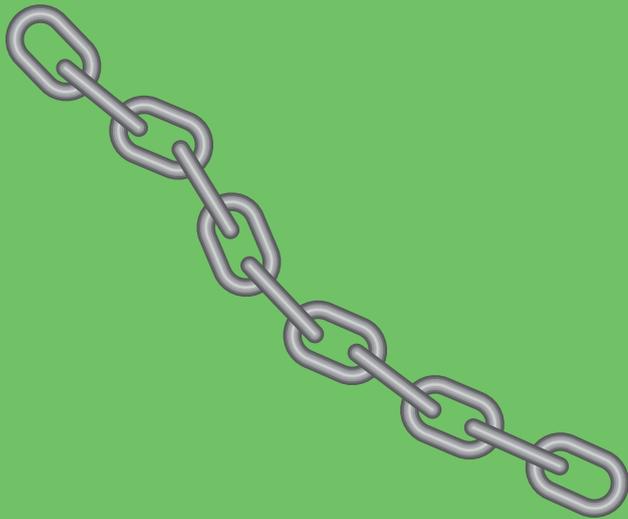
EIP are able to take referrals for survivors of domestic abuse.

Professionals wishing to refer clients to the project can call the EIP to request a referral form. Project workers are also happy to answer any queries about the service or the referral process.

It is preferable that a risk assessment* has been completed; if no risk assessment has been completed please contact EIP Advocacy and Support on **023 9268 8472** or email **EIPadvocacy&support@portsmouthcc.gcsx.gov.uk**

For high-risk referrals call **023 9268 8586** or email **eipidva@portsmouthcc.gcsx.gov.uk**

We welcome any feedback on our service.



*DASH (Domestic abuse, Stalking and Harassment) risk assessment or professional judgement.

Additional support and information

Police:
In an emergency, dial 999

Hampshire Police (non-emergency) –
Eastern Public Protection Safeguarding Team
101

Women's Aid
National 24hr Domestic Violence helpline
0808 2000 247

Housing options (Portsmouth City Council)
023 9283 4989

Social care (Portsmouth City Council)
0845 671 0271

Portsmouth Hospitals
023 9228 6000

Victim Support
0845 30 30 900

Broken Rainbow (LGBT)
0300 999 5428

Karma Nirvana (Honour Based Violence)
0800 599 9247

For more information about domestic abuse:
Refuge: **www.refuge.org.uk**
Women's Aid: **www.womensaid.org.uk**
Broken Rainbow: **www.broken-rainbow.org.uk**
Karma Nirvana: **www.karmanirvana.org.uk**

You can get this information in large print, Braille, audio or in another language by calling **023 9268 8471**.



DOMESTIC ABUSE

Information for clients and professionals from the
Early Intervention Project

A support service for females and males experiencing domestic abuse



The Early Intervention Project (EIP) is a Portsmouth-based advocacy and support service for females or males over the age of 16 who are experiencing domestic abuse (sometimes referred to as “domestic violence”).

Advocates are available to speak with clients, either via telephone or face-to-face, in order to provide them with information about their options and offer them emotional support. Safety is central to EIP’s work and all clients will have both a comprehensive assessment made of their risk level and a safety plan tailored to meet their individual needs.

The project is open five days a week and is staffed by specialist advocates who have extensive knowledge and experience in the fields of domestic abuse and sexual violence. Anyone wishing to access the service can obtain a referral via various agencies in the Portsmouth area.

What is domestic abuse?

The Government defines domestic abuse as:

“Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.”

Domestic abuse can take many forms and is not always just about physical violence. It is a pattern of abusive and controlling behaviour through which the abuser seeks power over the abused. This may involve emotional abuse, the destruction of property, isolation from friends, family or other potential sources of support, control over access to money, behaviour that constitutes harassment and also ‘stalking’.



Above: The ‘Duluth Wheel’, the internationally recognised model of abusive behaviour.

Devised by the Duluth Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, Duluth, Minnesota, USA.

1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. In the UK, 2 women a week are killed by a current or former partner. In Portsmouth, domestic violence accounts for 25% of assaults and nationally the police receive one call in relation to domestic violence every minute of the day.

What does EIP offer?

EIP offers clients non-judgmental support and advice about the options available to them. The project aims to empower those experiencing abuse to make informed choices.

Support provided will depend on what the individual client feels they need. This may include:

- The full Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA) service for those clients assessed to be at high risk, focusing primarily on safety and risk reduction.
- An advocacy and support service for those clients assessed to be at standard risk, offering emotional support, information about options, and signposting where appropriate.
- Assistance with immediate safety and/or access to emergency accommodation.
- Support regarding longer-term housing issues.
- Help with legal matters, access to solicitors and advice about legal options.
- Support at court.
- Providing signposting advice to appropriate counselling services.

Contact can be by telephone, email or by way of an informal face-to-face chat with a project worker in a safe location.

The EIP also provides a support service for victims of rape and sexual assault. For further information, please contact our Independent Sexual Violence Advocate on 023 9237 0166.

The EIP does not work with perpetrators of abuse. For information about services available for perpetrators, please contact RESPECT on 0845 122 8609 or go to www.respectphoneline.org.uk