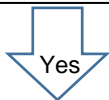


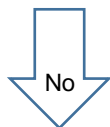
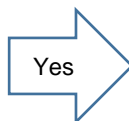
# IRIS REFERRAL PATHWAY – VICTIMS/SURVIVORS



**DISCLOSURE**  
She is currently experiencing or has experienced domestic violence and abuse



Is she (and any children) in immediate danger?



**IMMEDIATE ACTION**  
Help her contact local Police on 999  
**and/or**  
Local specialist service:  
Solace Women’s Aid  
0808 802 5565  
**and/or**  
24 hour National Domestic Violence Helpline:  
0808 2000 247 (women)  
**And**  
Men’s advice and helpline:  
0808 801 0327  
Consider MARAC referral  
**\*refer to local safeguarding procedures\***  
GALOP: 02076974081 (LGBT+)

Does she have children?



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Discuss with health visitor, school nurse and/or safeguarding team



Refer to your child protection procedures



**RESPOND**

**LISTEN    BELIEVE    NOT ALONE    HELP AVAILABLE    SAFETY**



**REFER**  
Direct to advocate educator, Aasifa or Saliha  
  
Complete IRIS referral form and email to [islington.iris@nhs.net](mailto:islington.iris@nhs.net)  
  
Call **07500 865315** or **020 3795 9246**  
**Duty: 020 3795 5070** to get advice

**SIGNPOST**  
Provide IRIS leaflet (If it safe to do so)  
  
Provide number for the National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247 (Freephone, 24hr)



**RECORD**

**EXPLAIN WHY RECORDING    HARK    CODE 14XD    NOTES    SAFE DOCUMENTATION**

# Notes on Care pathway for victim/survivors of Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) for Islington GPs

## 1. Patient discloses domestic violence/abuse

Conduct safety risk assessment. Consider HARKS (Humiliate? Afraid? Rape? Kick? Safety?)

### Domestic Violence and Abuse

Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, 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

Includes 'honour' based violence, FGM & forced marriage

Can encompass but not limited to psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional abuse

## 2. Consider level of RISK

If emergency / Immediate threat to life – call 999

If high risk DVA – refer to MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference). Use professional judgement guided by below indicators. <https://gps.islingtonccg.nhs.uk/service/domestic-violence-multi-agency-risk-assessment-conference-marac>

### Indicators of higher risk – SPECCS+ (Richards, 2004)

- Separation or child contact dispute
- Pregnancy or recent birth
- Escalation and severity of violence
- Cultural issues/isolation
- Stalking or harassment
- Sexual assault
- Suicidal thoughts
- Homicidal thoughts
- Threats to kill victim/other family members
- Abuse to family pet
- Access to weapons
- Alcohol/drug use
- History of assaults

## 3. Consider any CHILDREN involved

If children present or other concerns regarding Child Safeguarding, refer to Children's Social Services.

Make Urgent Child Protection referral if child/children are at immediate risk of abuse:

Call Duty Social Worker on 0207 527 7400 during normal working hours.

Call Emergency Duty Team on 020 7226 0992 – After 5pm weekdays, weekends or public holidays

<https://gps.islingtonccg.nhs.uk/topic/child-safeguarding>

If children are not at risk discuss with HV, school nurse and/or safeguarding team

## 4. Provide SUPPORT for victim/survivor

**RESPOND** \* Listen and acknowledge \* I believe you \* You're not alone \* There is help available \* Offer follow-up

### OFFER REFERRAL

Offer referral for specialist support – All services accept GP referral or self-referral

- IRIS project (for women and men victims)  
<https://gps.islingtonccg.nhs.uk/service/iris-domestic-violence>
- SAMIRA project (for Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee women)  
<https://gps.islingtonccg.nhs.uk/service/samira-project-ending-violence-against-bamer-women>
- LGBT domestic abuse partnership (for LGBT victims)  
<https://gps.islingtonccg.nhs.uk/service/lgbt-domestic-abuse-partnership>

### GIVE INFORMATION

Signpost patients to websites and helpline:

- National Domestic Violence helpline  
0808 2000 247 - Freephone 24 hour helpline  
<http://www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk/>
- Solace Women's Aid  
<https://www.solacewomensaid.org/>
- Men's advice line (for male victims of DVA)  
0808 801 0327 - Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

### DOCUMENT

Document injuries carefully

Document discussion and referrals offered

Add appropriate EMIS codes:

- Victim of Domestic Abuse 14XG
- Victim of Domestic Violence 14X8
- At Risk of Domestic Violence 13ZZ0

Add appropriate EMIS codes to children's notes, e.g.:

- History of Domestic Violence 14X3
- Violence between parents 13HP6