Islington Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

Service information and referral pathways

Solace Advocacy and Support Service (SASS)

Advocacy and support for women and men living in Islington who are experiencing/have experienced domestic abuse and/or sexual violence.

Provides risk assessment, safety planning and support to all survivors aged 16 years and over and consultations to professionals.

Support provided by 8 IDVAs (including 5 Targeted IDVAs co-located within housing, health and children's services settings)and 1.5 Caseworkers.

020 3778 5570 | advocacy@solacewomensaid.org

The Samira Project

Advocacy and support for Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee women living in Islington who are experiencing/have experienced domestic abuse and/or sexual violence including harmful practices.

Provides risk assessment, safety planning and support to all survivors aged 16 years and over.

Support provided by 1 IDVA and part time Caseworkers (hours shared between the partner organisations (NRCE, LASSI and KWRWO).

NRCE: 020 7354 1319 (Non-Viral) | LASSI: 020 7275 0121 (Viral-Fri) | KWRWO: 020 7263 1127 (Viral)

VAWGReferral@nrecw.org.uk | referral@samiraproject.co.uk

Children and Young People's Advocate (CIDVA)

Advocacy and support for children and young people living or attending school in Islington who are or have been in an abusive intimate relationship.

Provides risk assessment, safety planning and support to all survivors under the age of 18 (25 for young people where there is a range of specific needs).

Support provided by 1 IDVA based with the Council's Targeted Youth Support service.

020 3778 5570 | advocacy@solacewomensaid.org

DA Counselling service

The Domestic Abuse Counselling service provides free, short term therapeutic counselling support to male and female survivors of domestic violence and abuse, improving the self-esteem, confidence and the motivation of service users.

Provides a baseline of 1 assessment session and up to 15 weekly counselling sessions, depending on the needs of the individual taking part.

Support provided by qualified counsellors.

n/a | counselling@solacewomensaid.org

YUVA - A Child to Parent Violence Service

1-2-1 support service working directly with young people age 11-18 (25 for young people where there is a range of specific needs) using violence and abuse.

Parent support service offering 10hrs in charge 8 week group parenting programme.

Support provided by 0.2 FTE Young People Support Worker based with the Council's Targeted Youth Support and part time staff delivering two parenting groups per annum.

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DA Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

Meeting risk management meeting where professionals share information on high risk cases of domestic abuse and put in place a risk management plan.

Forum for sharing information and drawing up an action plan in order to reduce future harm to high risk survivors and their children.

Support provided by 1 MARAC Co-ordinator.

Referrals from voluntary and statutory sector | 02075272775 | marac@islington.gov.uk | marac@islington.gov.uk.cjsm.net

Pause Islington

The service works to prevent the damaging repeat removals of children being taken into care each year.

Provides 18 months of intensive support to women who have experienced, or are at risk of, repeated pregnancies that result in children needing to be removed from their care.

Support provided by 1 Practice lead, 4 Practitioners and 1 Coordinator.

02075271204 | pause@islington.gov.uk

Housing Intensive Tenancy Sustainment

The service provides case management for residents who are at high risk of domestic abuse.

Works with Islington Council housing tenancies to provide crisis intervention, prevent harm and manage risks, empowering residents to maintain and build their resilience and independence focusing on partnership working and integration with other services.

Support provided by 8 Principle officers supported by IDVA Housing Specialist.

02075276300 | HomesandCommunities@islington.gov.uk

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) consultation service

The service provides case consultations and support to Children's Social Workers and Family Support Workers.

Works directly with people using intimate partner violence where children and young people are placed at risk due to domestic abuse and where the service user continues to live in the family home or has ongoing contact with the family.

Support provided by 1.4 DVIP staff based with the Council's Children's Services.

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Identification and Referral to Improve Safety (IRIS)

A general practice based domestic abuse training, support and referral programme for primary care staff.

Provides an opportunity for all Islington GPs, Practice Nurses, HCAs, Practice Managers, and administrative staff to receive free training, IRIS resources and ongoing support to enable them to provide evidence based DA and abuse experiencing current or former domestic abuse.

Support provided by 1.5 IRIS Educators.

Referrals from GPs staff only | 07903985375 | islington.iris@nhs.net

DA and Multiple Disadvantage Housing First Project

Service works with a small case load of five women (at a time) over the age of 18 identified through the DA MARAC where there have been several repeat referrals due to high risk of domestic abuse.

Works with women who have experienced multiple disadvantage including homelessness, mental and physical health problems and substance misuse.

Support provided by 1 Caseworker.

02075272775 | marac@islington.gov.uk | marac@islington.gov.uk.cjsm.net | Referrals via Islington DVA MARAC only

The Women's Safe Engagement and Recovery (WISER)

Project works with women aged 16+ affected by VAWG who find it difficult to access/engage with support and who are facing severe and multiple disadvantage.

Advocates use assertive outreach techniques and work with women in a trauma-informed way to enable them to access support, increase their self-esteem, reduce their risk and make safe choices.

Support provided by Solace Women's Aid, Fulfilling Lives Islington and Camden, NIA, Hopscotch, WWRG, RMCB.

n/a | wiser@solacewomensaid.org

VAWG Workforce Development

The service works to develop a comprehensive programme of training for practitioners.

Service is available to offer practice support and case consultations for practitioners working with families in Islington affected by domestic abuse.

Support provided by 1 VAWG Workforce Development Manager and 2 Officers.

02075277733 | Aisling.Barker@islington.gov.uk

Refuge based DA Children and Family Support Work Team

The refuge accommodation based project provides children and young people with the opportunity to explore their own experiences through delivering 1:1/focused on safeguarding and group based sessions.

The project works with children and young people who have fled domestic abuse so they are supported, alongside their mothers.

Support provided by 4 Family Support Workers across three boroughs.

Refuge based service - no referral pathway. For more info about the service contact Karolina.Bober@islington.gov.uk

Services starting in autumn 2020

Daily Domestic Abuse Safeguarding Meeting - daily multi-agency risk assessment and safeguarding action planning meeting.

Intimate Partner Violence Panel - multi-agency panel managing intervention and prevention offer to persons using intimate partner violence.

Women's Complex Needs Outreach Worker - working with the women living on the streets, developing, creating solutions and interventions to move them away from the streets into accommodation and support.

For more info about the services contact Karolina.Bober@islington.gov.uk

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