## **Domestic Abuse:**

### A Referral Pathway for the Isle of Wight

### **Definition of Domestic Abuse**

Domestic abuse involves any single incident or pattern of **conduct where someone's behavior towards** another is abusive, and where the people involved are aged 16 or over and are, or have been, personally connected to each other (regardless of gender or sexuality). The abuse can involve, but is not limited to psychological, physical, sexual, financial, emotional, threatening and controlling and coercive behavior.

# Who are the Domestic Abuse services on the Isle of Wight?

Paragon works across the Island providing dedicated trauma informed support to adults and children from all communities who have or are subjected to domestic abuse. They provide practical and emotional support alongside refuge, safe accommodation, community outreach and IDVA support, counselling, and recovery group work, move on and resettlement services and training.

Hampton Trust work with people using harmful, unhealthy behaviors in their intimate relationships. Support is offered via a range of methods and interventions to address the root cause of behaviors to make positive changes.

Paragon are based on the island and can be contacted on 0800 234 6266 or email paragoniow@theyoutrust.org.uk



### What is the Victim Care Service?

The Victim Care Hub provides free, confidential support for victims of crime and those impacted by crime who are residents of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Their aim is to help you cope and recover from the effects of crime, regardless of whether or not you have reported to the police. The Victim Care Hub is delivered by Victim Support.

# Jargon Buster

DASH - Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Harassment and Honour Based Abuse - a risk assessment checklist

I DVA - Independent Domestic Violence Advocate

### What is a (DASH) risk assessment?

Understanding risk is a crucial part of responding to domestic abuse. The purpose of the DASH risk checklist is to give a clear and consistent tool for practitioners who work with adult victims-survivors of domestic abuse. The DASH helps identify different risks and needs to ensure the most appropriate course of action. If you have not received DASH training it is recommended that you contact The You Trust to complete this.

#### What is MARAC and HRDA?

MARAC meetings are held monthly and combine up-to-date risk information with a comprehensive assessment of **victim's** needs, identifying the actions needed to keep them safe and the most appropriate services for all those involved. HRDA is the daily version of MARAC discussing the highest risk cases that require a more immediate response.

#### What is MASH?

The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) provides triage and multi-agency assessment of safeguarding concerns.

### Key contacts and services

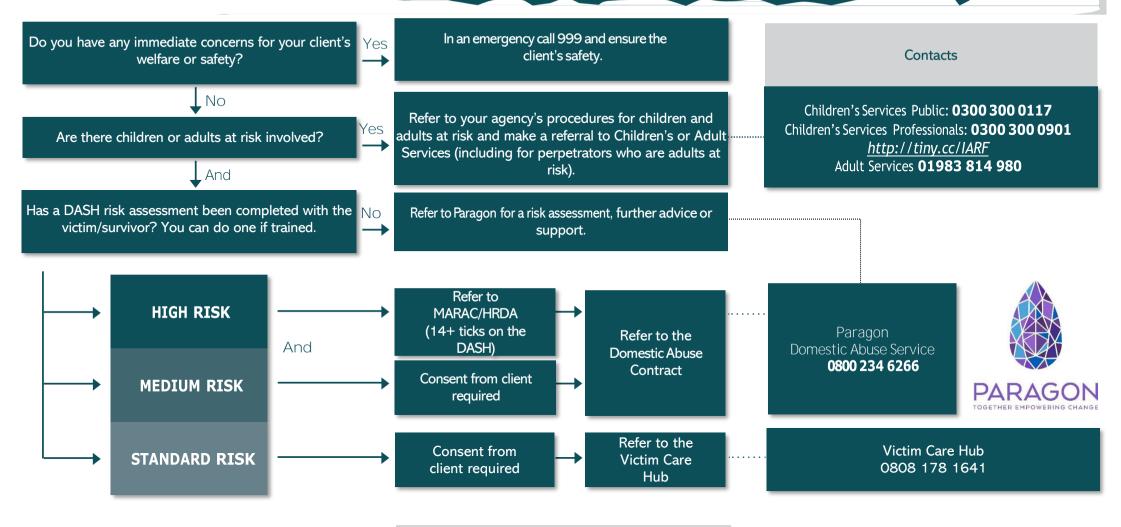
- Hampshire Police: 999 in an emergency and 101 for other calls/enquiries
- www.iwight.com/domesticabuse for information and details about local services and support
- Isle of Wight Council domestic abuse service Paragonon 0800 234 6266
- Hampton Trust on 023 8000 9898
- Victim Care Service (for standard risk victims): 0808 178 1641
- Isle of Wight Children's Social Care: 0300 300 0117
- Isle of Wight Adult Services (safeguarding):
   01983 814980 safeguardingconcerns@iow.gov.uk
- MARAC (Police safeguarding Team): safeguarding.team.iow@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
- MASH: concerns about a child 0300 555 1384, out of hours 0300 555 1373 or professionals via the IARF <u>http://tiny.cc/IARF</u>

#### I SVA - Independent Sexual Violence Advocate

MARAC - Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference
MASH - Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
I ARF - Inter Agency Referral Form for professionals online
HRDA - High Risk Domestic Abuse Meetings



## Domestic Abuse victim disclosure - what should I do?



Isle of Wight Council Domestic Abuse website

www.iow.gov.uk/domesticabuse

In all cases, undertake these actions with your client:

- Talk to your client about safety planning.
- Consider what your agency should do to help them and keep them safe, and which other agencies should be contacted.
  - Ask if they want further support or information.

Perpetrators of abuse

For concerns about perpetrators of abuse, or to make a referral, call Hampton Trust on 023 8000 9898

