

**Professionals Leaflet for Cambridgeshire Young Person’s Domestic Violence Advisor**

Professionals leaflet not be handed to potential clients

**Purpose of Young People’s IDVA role:**

* To provide support and safeguarding advice to young people in an abusive intimate relationship.
* To identify immediate risks and implement safeguarding measures to address crisis and reduce risk of harm.
* To regularly review risks and devise together bespoke safety and support plans.

**How do we engage with young people?**

* The YP IDVAs work peripatetically across Cambridgeshire with young people in places that are safe and convenient for them.
* We work with young people to develop safety plans with them and to encourage positive choices and actions for that young person.

**Who is appropriate to be referred?**

* Victims aged between 13-19 years, who are or have been in an intimate relationship with a partner whose behaviour is frightening, violent or abusive in any way.
* Young people suffering emotional, controlling or coercive behaviour by a partner or ex-partner.
* Young people aged 19-24 who have a diagnosed learning or physical disability or mental health issue.
* Young people aged 19-24 who are an ex ‘looked after child.’

NB: The young person needs to consent to the referral and want support. We are a voluntary service.

**Other support YP IDVAs can offer:**

* Advice and information to professionals who may be concerned about a young person.
* Professional consultation may be provided by the YP IDVA when appropriate

**To contact Young People’s IDVA:**

If you have any concerns about a young person, please contact the YP IDVA on IDVA.Referrals@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

**Referral Pathway-** [**http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/children\_and\_young\_people\_/96818**](http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/children_and_young_people_/96818)