



Hertfordshire Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA) service



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The Refuge-Hertfordshire IDVA service supports women and men who are experiencing domestic violence and abuse.

Refuge is the country's largest provider of specialist support for those experiencing domestic violence and abuse. Our services change lives and save lives.

As of **1st October 2016** **Refuge-Hertfordshire IDVA service**, funded by a range of Hertfordshire agencies, will provide confidential, non-judgmental, independent specialist support to women and men across Hertfordshire experiencing:

- Domestic violence and abuse
- Coercive control, intimidation, threats, physical abuse, emotional abuse
- Sexual abuse within an intimate relationship
- Forced marriage
- So-called 'honour'-based abuse
- Female genital mutilation

The service will provide tailor-made:

- One to one support from a specialist practitioner
- Emotional and practical support
- Signposting to local external agencies (such as solicitors)

To make a referral to the service from 1 October 2016:

Telephone: 0300 790 6772 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Out of hours referrals will be responded to the next working day

[Email: hertsidva@refuge.org.uk](mailto:hertsidva@refuge.org.uk) or herts.idva@refuge.cjism.net