

## Information Sheet

### Integrated Sexual Violence Services in Leicester 2013 – 2015

On November 4<sup>th</sup> 2013 three new specialist services began for people affected by sexual violence in Leicester. These have been commissioned by Leicester City Council, including Public Health. The helpline is the main help point for anyone affected by sexual violence in Leicester.

**Helpline: 0300 333 6533**

The new services aim to be accessible, flexible and visible in neighbourhoods and citywide. All are open to men and women affected by sexual violence, including those affected as a third party. The services are part of an integrated provision and work closely with each other to ensure the most effective service provision for service users

**The Helpline, Outreach and ISVA (Independent Sexual Violence Advisor) Service** is able to offer support, information and practical assistance for anyone affected by sexual violence past or present. They provide a confidential helpline, offering a call back & telephone counselling facility; provide opportunities for third party reporting and support; and signpost onto other specialist services as appropriate. Outreach support will be available to anyone over the age of 16 who has suffered sexual abuse. They will also provide an accredited ISVA service to men & women over the age of 16. This service is delivered by FreeVA [www.freeva.org.uk](http://www.freeva.org.uk)

**The Counselling and Therapeutic Service** offer sessions to victims of sexual abuse and their partners/close families either on a one to one basis or in group sessions. It works closely with other sexual abuse related services and ensures signposting to mainstream, longer term services where appropriate. There is distinct service provision for female victims of sexual violence, male victims of sexual violence and adult women survivors of childhood sexual abuse. This service is delivered by Leicester Rape Crisis in partnership with local specialist agencies <http://jasminehouse.org.uk/>

**The Training & Awareness Service** delivers sexual abuse awareness training programmes, targeted at frontline and specialist staff in statutory organisations. The aim of the training is to enable staff to support survivors of sexual abuse, including signposting into relevant services. It also delivers age appropriate programmes and resources for children and young people, to promote healthy relationships and raise awareness about sexual violence. The training and awareness service is delivered by FreeVA [www.freeva.org.uk](http://www.freeva.org.uk)

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## Information Sheet

### Specialist Integrated Domestic Violence Services in Leicester 2012-2015

On September 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 four new specialist services began for people affected by domestic violence in Leicester, funded by Leicester City Council. These can be accessed via the central helpline number: **0300 123 0918**. The new services aim to be accessible, flexible and visible in neighbourhoods and citywide. All are open to men and women affected by domestic violence, including those affected as a third party.

**The SAFE Project** is the main help point for anyone affected by domestic violence in Leicester. Within the project there is a helpline service, telephone counselling, outreach support and independent domestic violence advisors (for those at the highest risk of homicide or serious injury). The project is staffed seven days a week. The safe project offers safety planning and risk assessment, working individually or in groups with those affected by domestic violence to establish immediate and long term improvements to safety and overall well-being. The Safe Project is delivered by Enable ([www.safedvs.co.uk](http://www.safedvs.co.uk)).

**The Safe Home Service** offers a holistic assessment of housing options for those affected by domestic violence, including making safety improvements to current addresses, accessing emergency temporary accommodation or negotiating a housing transfer. The main aim is the safety of those affected and finding sustainable long term safe accommodation as soon as possible. This can also mean moving the perpetrator rather than the victim of domestic violence, if they are committed to change and if this is the best way forward for the victim and children. The Safe Home service is being delivered Enable ([www.safedvs.co.uk](http://www.safedvs.co.uk)).

**The Family Service** is able to offer support for children, young people and families affected by domestic violence past or present. They work with children and young people aged 0-19 and offer emotional and practical support such as crèche facilities, individual and group work. There are specific groups for those children and young people who have experienced domestic violence and for those who are using violence. There is also specific parenting support work. This service is delivered by Living Without Abuse ([www.lwa.org.uk](http://www.lwa.org.uk)).

**The Jenkins Centre** offers an option for those who wish to change their own abusive behaviour. There is one to one and group work, together with partner support and work specifically on parenting. The Jenkins Centre is delivered by FreeVA (formerly DVIRP) with Respect (see [www.freeva.org.uk](http://www.freeva.org.uk) and [www.respect.uk.net](http://www.respect.uk.net) ).

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