



IDVA & ISVA Services & Support

For victims of domestic abuse
& sexual violence



**Police and Crime
Commissioner
North Yorkshire**

What is an IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advisor)?

The IDVA provides support to people who have been assaulted or abused by their partner or a family member.

The IDVA can explain the criminal justice process, attend court and provide support on a range of things such as the emotional impacts of domestic abuse, housing and legal matters. The IDVA acts as a single point of contact for clients who are involved in cases going through the courts.

What is an ISVA (Independent Sexual Violence Advisor)?

The ISVA provides support to people who have been sexually assaulted or raped.

Like the IDVA, the ISVA can explain the criminal justice process, attend court and provide support on a range of things such as the emotional impacts of sexual violence, housing and legal matters. The ISVA acts as a single point of contact for clients who are involved in cases going through the courts.

IDVAs and ISVAs are fully trained, specialist staff who prioritise safety, reduce risk and provide an independent voice for the victim. Referrals to the service come from a range of agencies including the police.

The IDVAs and ISVAs offer non-judgemental support and won't ever tell someone what to do.

Engagement in the service is voluntary and both services are free and confidential.

The service is managed by the local charity IDAS.

What is IDAS?

IDAS is a registered charity that provides specialist support to people who are escaping from or living with domestic abuse. Our services include the IDVA, outreach workers and refuge accommodation. We also support children and young people and victims and survivors of sexual violence

We work across York and North Yorkshire.

Who funds the service?

The service is funded through the Police Crime Commissioner and the Local Authority.

Multi agency work

The IDVAs and ISVAs work in close partnership with a range of agencies to ensure the safety of victims and survivors. This includes attending MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences) to promote the best interests of the client. The ISVA can also refer to the SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre) which is a local centre that provides a dedicated support and medical service to victims of rape and sexual assault.

Useful contacts

IDAS

03000 110 110
info@idas.org.uk
www.idas.org.uk

24hr National Domestic Abuse Helpline
0808 2000 247

Rape Crisis

0808 802 9999
12 - 2.30pm and 7 - 9.30pm every day including holidays.

Sexual Abuse Referral Centre (SARC)

01904 669 339
www.turntobridgehouse.org

