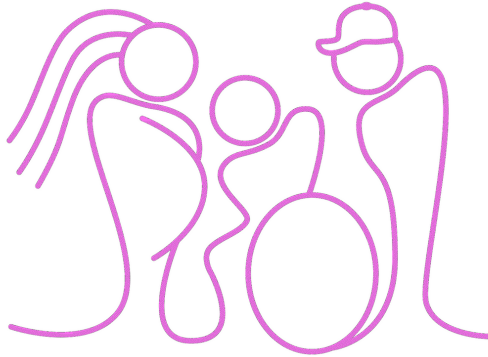


SIDASS



Salford Independent Domestic Abuse Support Service

Helpline Service

0161 793 3232

Website

salfordwomensaid.org

Email

SIDASS@salford.gov.uk

GUIDANCE FOR PROFESSIONALS

Support for survivors of domestic abuse?

Are you in contact with a victim of domestic abuse?

Have they experienced violence, controlling or coercive behaviour or abuse from a partner or ex, or by a family member?

This abuse can include (but is not limited to):

- Psychological
- Physical
- Sexual
- Financial
- Emotional

If they have been through any of the above, then SIDASS is here to offer help and support.

What can SIDASS do?

SIDASS provide support, emergency safety planning and advocacy to all domestic abuse survivors across Salford. This includes:

- Survivors age 16 and above
- Men and women
- All DASH risk levels
- Survivors in need of a refuge
- Those experiencing honour based violence and forced marriage
- Survivors who choose not to report to the police

We can help them with the following:

- Support over the telephone or face to face in a safe place
- Initial crisis support, providing information and options
- Assess the level of risk they are facing and create a safety plan
- Advocate on their behalf with other agencies, such as police, children's services, housing, and more
- Referrals for safe accommodation in our refuges (please note that places can depend on availability)
- Support with going to court, attending trials and court results
- Access to our in-house solicitor, specialising in Protective Orders and child contact issues

How can my service refer?

Client consent must be obtained for SIDASS to provide support.

Organisations operating within the Salford Community Safety Partnership can refer by submitting a completed DASH RIC to SIDASS@salford.gov.uk.

Organisations operating outside the Salford Community Safety Partnership can refer by visiting our website at salfordwomensaid.org where a Non-DASH Agencies referral form can be downloaded and completed. This should be emailed to SIDASS@salford.gov.uk.

If a client is identified as high risk, or scores 14 or more on the risk assessment, the referral should be uploaded to share point and heard at the next MARAC meeting.

For more information

For further information regarding Domestic Abuse, please visit:

www.salford.gov.uk/crime-reduction-and-emergencies/domestic-violence/

If you would like to access more information about the SIDASS service before deciding whether you would like to refer to us, please visit our website at:

www.salfordwomensaid.org

The website includes more information on our services, and guidance on how to increase safety and security.

Training for my service?

Salford Community Safety Partnership is developing the training offer for all agencies. Training is currently provided through SSCB, and course availability can be accessed here:

www.partnersinsalford.org/sscb/sscbcourses.htm

To discuss more specific requirements, please contact the SIDASS service directly.

Women's Aid is the key national charity working to end domestic violence against women and children.

If you would like to get in touch to discuss fundraising please contact:

0161 793 2136 or email: yvonne.dronsfield@salfordwomensaid.org