

# Young Person's Domestic Violence Adviser Service



**Young Person's Domestic Violence Adviser (YPDVA)**

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Supporting young people escaping domestic abuse

# How we can help you

- ✓ **Help with loads of issues - like being angry, understanding your feelings and what is happening in your life**
- ✓ **We may be able to help you sort out problems at college or work. If you want, we can talk to them on your behalf**
- ✓ **We can help with a counsellor - someone to talk to and share your problems with**
- ✓ **Just by listening. You may find that talking to us can help**

## What we offer

Endeavour's Young Person's Domestic Violence Advice Service is a personal service designed to support victims/survivors whose cases are subject to the MARAC process (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference).

If you have been identified as 'being at risk' by the MARAC process, you will be contacted by a Young Person's Adviser. If you accept their services you will first of all meet with the advisor on a one-to-one basis to discuss your options. As a result of this meeting there will normally be a safety and support plan made with you.

Actions undertaken by your advisor will normally involve contacting all the MARAC agencies for you. Your advisor will also act as your representative at the MARAC meetings, telling them your thoughts and informing you of any plans arising from the meeting.

Your advisor will be a single point of contact for you and ALL other agencies to improve your safety.

You will be helped with:

- ✓ **Risk assessment**
- ✓ **Risk management**
- ✓ **Safety planning**
- ✓ **Initial crisis support - including information on your options**
- ✓ **Referral to other local agencies**
- ✓ **Assistance with other services eg. substance misuse**
- ✓ **Support throughout the Criminal Justice Process**

# We know

Some problems only get worse if you ignore them.

Feelings can be really powerful - there is no right or wrong way to feel.

What is happening to you can be hard to talk about - this may be making you angry or depressed.

## Your referral to MARAC

**How do I become subject to a MARAC?** A MARAC referral simply means that the information gathered during the risk assessment is shared with the professionals who attend MARAC in order that you can be supported in a multi-agency approach and that the YPDVA service will have your details and will make contact.

**What next?** Within 48 hours of receiving the referral, the Young Person's Advisor (YPA) will contact you regarding the service and arrange to visit you. The police may also contact you at this time.

**What happens at MARAC?** At the next MARAC meeting, actions are agreed that are designed specially to reduce the risk to you and your family. They must be completed, where possible, before the next meeting. Your advisor will contact you to discuss these actions. The following agencies are represented:

**Adult Services; Childrens Services; Bolton at Home Health Services; IDVA Services; Local Education Authority; Police; Probation; Victim Support; Women's Support Services.**

Your named YPA:

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Contact Number:

*This is a confidential line and cannot be accessed by others.  
If there is no answer please leave a message.*



*"Responding to young victims/survivors who are at risk"*



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# In an emergency!

The YPDVA is not an emergency service and our working hours are:

**9.30am - 5pm, Monday to Friday.**

## ***IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION PLEASE CALL 999***

This is when you are in fear of your safety and the threat to you or your family could endanger life. If you need to log or report any abuse that is not an emergency please contact:

**Greater Manchester Police on 101 or report via live chat on the GMP website.**

## **24-hour Domestic Violence Helpline**

**Freephone CALL - 0808 2000 247**

Visit [www.endeavourproject.org.uk](http://www.endeavourproject.org.uk) for useful contacts.

Endeavour provides a number of unique and diverse support services, making a real difference to all those affected by domestic abuse. By providing bespoke safety plans and support packages we empower people and their pets to live lives free from abuse with a positive and caring future. For further details visit [www.endeavourproject.org.uk](http://www.endeavourproject.org.uk)

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