

HOSPITAL IDVA

Hold a caseload and work to conduct comprehensive assessments of needs and risk (DASHH) for women experiencing domestic abuse referred to our services, carry out short- and long-term risk management, safety planning, and support.

Ensure effective access to the service for women and girls and encourage their engagement with services through multi-agency working and service flexibility. Whilst working with high-risk victims of domestic abuse to help them access services to keep them and their children safe, all referrals should be suitable passed either internally within the service or signposted to another service provider as required.

Develop and deliver support plans that include the delivery of high-quality face-to-face or telephone crisis intervention, information, advocacy, and support, in respect to criminal and civil remedies, housing, health, welfare rights, children's legislation, and other appropriate interventions.

To provide practical and emotional support to women and men, applying the Principles of effective casework when supporting survivors of domestic abuse at the highest risk and their children, and to advocate for survivors to ensure their Needs are met.

Advise clients of their rights and options for seeking help and support from other sources, agencies, making referrals, and coordinating the provision of multi-agency support where necessary, and proactively advocate, ensuring barriers to accessing support and protection are minimised. Support the empowerment of the client and assist them in recognizing the features and dynamics of domestic abuse present in their situation, and help them regain control of their lives.

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY I have been working closely with victims of domestic abuse in a hospital setting, at the point of crisis, to provide high-quality independent advocacy and support for survivors of domestic abuse who are at the highest risk, and their children. I have been working within a multi-agency framework consisting of the MARAC and local partnership protocols and procedures that prioritize the safety of survivors.

Working in partnership with the Hospital, Trust and the Commissioners in improving strategic, and operational links and joint working, including training for hospital staff to improve awareness and understanding of domestic abuse.

Based within the Maternity A&E wards, within; Oxfordshire, NHS Trust, carrying a caseload of survivors and their children who require additional support.

A practicing lawyer originally from Tanzania and currently based in the UK, with extensive experience in Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Humanitarian Law, and Human Rights Advocacy.

Founder of 2 non-governmental organisations. Mamas & Hope Organization, (Kagera, Tanzania) and the MHOLA-HOPE organization (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania).

Both advocating for human rights and aiming to prevent and tackle GBV, Gender Based Violence in communities in Tanzania am available to start immediately
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I would like to hear from you. Guidance and support are needed to help you and your family remain safe. We will seek ways to empower you to make positive, safe choices, and we will liaise with full defiance on your behalf. The support they provide could include help for you through a court process, help to access safe accommodation, and advocacy on your behalf.

Delivery of Advocacy and Independent Visitors, Advocacy and Independent Support form an integral part of the overall offer for children and Young People, ensuring that our statutory duty as Advocates is met. Our service design to ensure focuses on achieving outcomes for Children and Young People's We will also focus on achieving greater value and effectiveness for children, young people, and their families.

Fully; Integrated, Domestic Abuse, Service. The service we provide is holistic support to victims/survivors and families of domestic abuse, irrespective of protected characteristic or risk level.

Our Service provides therapeutic counselling to those who require it to build resilience and aid recovery from the long-term effects of domestic abuse. The service will address the priorities outlined in the action plan accompanying the Domestic & Sexual Abuse Strategy 2023-2028.

Based on the needs assessment that was commissioned to meet our statutory obligations under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, we have unmet needs around: Reporting of domestic abuse in more affluent in some Areas was less than In areas of deprivation.

Older victims/survivors, due to the varying age demographics, Male victims, ensuring the voices of those with lived experience of domestic abuse are being fully utilised. We are keen to hear from you about the victim we committed in delivering a Domestic abuse support service for local survivors and children.

This service aims to deliver interventions for victims/survivors and increase awareness of domestic abuse within communities and with professionals.

We would like to hear from a range of Victims' Friends about the future options and Family Members to prevent it from happening again.

As a young person in care or a care leaver, you have the right to work with someone called an Independent Advocate. An independent advocate can help you to speak out about what is important to you.

They will help you to have your say and be listened to when decisions are being made about you. Check out article 5 here as my limitation. This is because I am not a qualified solicitor. What IDVAs or ISVAs may do.

An IDVA or ISVA may: i) provide practical, emotional, or moral support for a litigant; ii) provide assistance and support to engage with the court process as well as with out-of-court discussions; and iii) help in dealing with authorities or other support services.

What IDVAs or ISVAs may not do 5. *IDVAs or ISVAs may not: i) act as the litigant's agent in relation to the proceedings; ii) manage a litigant's case outside court, for example by signing court documents; iii) address the court, make oral submissions or examine witnesses.* 6.

An IDVA or ISVA does not have a right of audience or a right to conduct litigation. It is a criminal offence to exercise a right of audience or to conduct litigation unless properly qualified and authorised to do so by an appropriate regulatory body or, in the case of an otherwise unqualified or unauthorised individual (i.e., a lay individual including a McKenzie Friend), the court grants such a right on a case-by-case basis.¹ Support from an IDVA or ISVA at Court 7.

Any party to family proceedings who is receiving support from an IDVA or ISVA has the right to receive that support at any hearing, subject to the court's power to direct otherwise. The court retains the power to refuse to permit attendance at a hearing and may do so where it is satisfied that it is not in the interests of justice for the IDVA or ISVA to be present or continue to be present at a hearing. 1 Legal Services Act 2007 s12 – 19 and Schedule 3.

Statement Commission Your Advocate Ms Shose Katende.