



Ending  
domestic  
abuse

# Connect

...at 2 years of service delivery



## Support for adult victims experiencing medium risk abuse

The Community Idva supports clients experiencing medium risk domestic abuse. Earlier intervention can help someone experiencing domestic abuse to recognise the signs before it escalates, to get safe and stay safe before they are at high risk of harm. The programme also supports people who have moved from high-risk domestic abuse to keep themselves and their children safe and avoid patterns of repeat victimisation.

How many adult victims and survivors have been supported?

From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020



# 227

Adult victims and survivors have been supported on the 'Medium Risk' programme. The following **SafeLives Insights data** is based on those 227 individuals.

## Who are the 'medium risk' adult victim-survivors?



25% referred by external DVA & SV services  
93% are new to the services  
26% are unemployed  
22% have financial issues  
\*significant financial problems/reliant on others/unable to pay for essentials



16% have a disability  
Of these, 42% have mental health issues

## Who else is involved?

89% have a perpetrator who identifies as male  
For 76% the perpetrator will be an ex-intimate partner



42% have been exposed to domestic abuse in the past



4% were pregnant  
87% have children

449 children were involved  
22% of children were 3 or under



10% have multiple perpetrators

## What have they experienced?

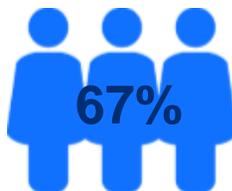


Average number of ticks on the DASH  
4% were at serious risk of harm

Average length of abuse:



3% experienced so called 'Honour'-based violence



67% experienced multiple types of abuse

42% have experienced physical abuse  
26% have experienced sexual abuse  
54% have experienced harassment and / or stalking  
80% have experienced jealous and controlling behaviours

## What support did they receive?

% are of those identified with needs



Were supported with safety



Were supported with children and parenting



Were supported with housing



Were supported with their mental health



Were supported with finance, benefits and debt

## What was their experience on leaving the service?

162 Exit forms have been submitted



78% cessation of physical abuse

82% cessation of sexual abuse

54% cessation of harassment & stalking

41% cessation of jealous and controlling behaviour



54% reduction in survivors experiencing multiple types of abuse  
30% of survivors had experienced no abuse since intake



85% said they felt safer

77% said their wellbeing had improved

78% said they felt more confident

72% said their quality of life had improved

76% said they were optimistic about the future

(n=79 survivors)

“Of course, it has made a massive difference, massive support from Idva, I needed it in that time. Helped me to find the solution, and I had someone to fight for me. I trusted the Idva and this really helped. I felt that every time I went out of the Idva's office, felt relieved that someone had told me that what I was feeling was normal. I want the Idva to know that the support meant so much to me and the service is very much needed ”

*Survivor, Medium risk, Connect*