**BARKING & DAGENHAM**

**DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICE**

**EXTERNAL REFERRAL FORM – Young Person’s Advocacy Service**

We support young people aged 11 – 17 experiencing the impacts of, or are directly at risk of any form of gender-based violence including:

* So called ‘honour based’ violence
* Female Genital mutilation
* Forced Marriage
* Sexual violence
* Trafficking
* Child Sexual Exploitation
* Grooming
* Domestic violence
* Stalking
* Prostitution

**How to make a referral -** We accept self and agency referrals.

Referral forms are to be completed by the referring agency. We will follow this up with the client – either on the telephone or face-to-face, according to their preferences, in order to offer support.

**Inappropriate Referrals** will be referred /sign posted onto appropriate service.

**Please complete the form below and return to:**

**CJSM Secure:** [**bd.advocacy@refuge.cjsm.net**](mailto:bd.advocacy@refuge.cjsm.net)

**Egress Secure:** [**BDAdvocacy@refuge.org.uk**](mailto:BDAdvocacy@refuge.org.uk)

**General enquiries:** [**BDAdvocacy@refuge.org.uk**](mailto:BDAdvocacy@refuge.org.uk)

**To discuss your referral please call: 0300 456 0174**

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| **Name of referring agency** |  |
| **Referrer’s name** |  |
| **Referrer’s contact number and email address** |  |
| **Has the young person consented to this referral and to be contacted by the Advocacy Service?**  **Is the young person’s guardian aware of this referral IF UNDER 16?** |  |
| **Young person’s name** |  |
| **Date of birth/age** |  |
| **Young person’s contact number**  Safe contact arrangements |  |
| **Parent / Carer’s contact number** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Is the young person a looked after child?** |  |
| **Support from other agencies,**  **including Social Services (and details of any plans in place), CAMHS etc.,**  Please provide contact details |  |
| **Name of School/College** |  |
| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Gender**  **Click here to enter text.** | **Ethnicity/Nationaility/Recourse**  **Click here to enter text.** | **Marital Status**  **Click here to enter text.** | | **Religion**  **Click here to enter text.** | **Sexual Orientation**  **Click here to enter text.** | **Disability or Health Needs**  **Click here to enter text.** | | |
| **Perpetrator’s details (if known)**  Name  Date of birth  Address  Relationship to young person |  |
| **Please provide reasons for this referral** (including details of the most recent incident) and also what kind of support is required |  |

**FAQs**

**Do Refuge support young men?**

Refuge work hard to end gender-based abuse but we also recognise men can be survivors too and do support male survivors.

**What is gender-based abuse?**

Gender based abuse can be perpetrated in many forms: Domestic violence (physical, sexual, financial, emotional or psychological abuse), Rape and sexual assault, Stalking, Prostitution, Sexual exploitation, Trafficking for sexual exploitation, Female genital mutilation (FGM), Forced marriage, So-called ‘honour’-based violence. In the year ending March 2018, nine times more women than men were killed by their partner or ex-partner. [*Office for National Statistics*](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/articles/homicideinenglandandwales/yearendingmarch2018)*(2019) Homicide in England and Wales: year ending March 2018*

**Why do you need consent from survivors?**

We are a voluntary, client-led service; we understand that there are many barriers to accessing support so we only work with survivors who are ready to access the service. To access domestic abuse services can be a challenging step for some survivors, taking a trauma informed approach is really important; understanding the trauma can really help on how domestic abuse support can be offered; Refuge are happy to advise further, so please do call the single point of access if you would like support with this.

Please note, we can override consent when the survivor’s situation is deemed high risk and has been heard at the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC).

**What about LGBTQ+ communities, can you help?**

Refuge is here for everyone regardless of background and Refuge provide an independent and non-judgmental service.

**Can you help people with additional barriers?**

Refuge try make services as inclusive as possible. Refuge have access to telephone interpreters and can be flexible to meet survivor’s needs. Refuge have many tools and resources to help including BSL which can be accessed via National Domestic Abuse Helpline.

**How long do you keep cases open for?**

There is no set time period of how long Refuge work with survivors and children, as the service is client led, this can vary depending on the survivor’s needs.