



Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA)

Service

The Government is committed to tackling sexual violence and in order to achieve this have commissioned the services of Independent Sexual Violence Advisors across the country to support victims of sexual violence.

To enable us to meet the immediate and varied needs of the rape clients in North West Kent and Medway, Family Matters now offer the support of an Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA)

ISVA support is specific to people who have been sexually assaulted or raped. An ISVA is associated with many agencies and services that you may be using at present and in the future. However, the fact that we are Independent means that we can offer you impartial advice from a variety of sources, where we remain independent from their Agency Policies and Guidelines.

The ISVA service can offer you emotional support as well as accurate and practical advice when you most need it. You will probably need someone to provide you with a selection of choices and services that you can access during this time.

The following are some of the ways in which the ISVA service can help you;

- By providing support through the legal process and beyond
- By helping you to access your rights with regard to other services you require (including health services, housing, Criminal Injuries Compensation)
- By helping you liaise with the police and Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)
- By helping you develop your support network
- By helping you access counselling

Family Matters understand that this a very difficult time for you and that you may need support regarding many issues affecting your life at present.

If you would like some more information on, or have any questions about, the ISVA service please contact us. You can contact the ISVA service directly by telephoning

Alternatively, you can email us at: isva@familymattersuk.org

We would very much like to hear from you