

## **Early Intervention Project**

### **Overview**

The Early Intervention Project is a service that picks up cases of domestic abuse at the earliest level and before they become high risk. It doesn't replace the normal IDVA and Outreach services as it **focuses on medium and standard risk cases** that **will not consent** to a referral for specialist support. It can also include cases that are coming to the attention of local Community Safety Hubs/MAPs groups.

The Project was piloted in York during 2014 and 2015 and initial monitoring has shown that it is effective in both improving engagement with services and reducing police call outs.

The Early Intervention worker is a qualified, specialist worker who works closely with the DAOs and PCSOs both in terms of accessing referral suitability and carrying out home visits.

### **Type of support provided**

- A full assessment of need
- Safety planning
- Triage
- Onward referrals to specialist and non-specialist services

### **Referral criteria**

A victim or suspected victim of domestic abuse classified as 'standard' or 'medium' risk.

The victim does not consent to a referral to a specialist service.

The DAO / DAC is concerned that the abuse is or is likely to become more than a one-off disagreement.

### **Making Referrals**

Referrals can come via the DAO or DAC and also through the local Community Safety Hubs/MAPs groups.

### **Other support**

IDVAs and outreach workers support all high risk cases and medium and standard risk cases with consent.

IDAS offer a 24 hour helpline available to deal with urgent situations including finding emergency accommodation and refuge space.