

Information for Victims

As a result of a recent incident (*the perpetrator*) has been served with a Domestic Violence Protection Notice (DVPN).

What is a DVPN?

- A DVPN is authorised by a Police Superintendent where violence or a threat of violence has occurred.
- A DVPN can be issued to protect you from further violence and/or threats. This can be done with or without your consent.
- A DVPN can only be issued to a person over 18 years old.

What is the purpose of the DVPN?

- The purpose of the notice is to prevent the perpetrator from being in your home and restricts them from returning whilst the notice is in place
- The notice gives you time to consider what you want to happen next.
- During the time the notice is in place, you will be contacted by support services who can help you.

How long does a DVPN last?

- A DVPN can last up to 48hrs (excluding Sundays/Bank Holidays).
- During that time the Police must apply to a Magistrate to grant a Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO).

What happens if the perpetrator does not follow the conditions of the DVPN?

- The perpetrator can be arrested and held in custody.

- He/she can be brought in front of the Magistrates' Court where the application for a DVPO will be heard within 24hrs (excluding Sundays/Bank Holidays).

What is a DVPO?

- A Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO) can be granted by a Magistrate.
- It can last up to 28 days and will include conditions which the perpetrator **must comply** with.

Examples of conditions include:

- prohibit them from making you leave your home
- prohibit them from entering your home
- require them to leave your home, or
- prohibit them from coming within a specified distance of your home

What happens if the perpetrator does not follow the conditions of the DVPO?

- The perpetrator can be arrested and held in custody.
- He/she can be brought in front of the Magistrates' Court where they may have to pay a fine or will be imprisoned.

How will I know what is happening?

- You will be kept informed at all stages of the DVPN/DVPO process and you will be offered support from specialist staff.

Here are some useful contact details of available support services:

Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs)

Wiltshire Jennifer Cirone Tel: 01380 738878 (Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.30pm)	Swindon Elizabeth Scanlon Tel: 07949 343243 (Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.30pm)
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Domestic Abuse Outreach Service

Wiltshire Nikki Stevens Tel: 01225 777724 (Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm)	Swindon Michelle John Tel: 01793 642425 (Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm)
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Police Domestic Abuse Investigation Teams (DAIT)

Melksham Tel: 01225 794766	Swindon Tel: 01793 507801
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Salisbury
Tel: 01722 435390

National Domestic Abuse 24hr Helpline (Women's Aid)

Website: www.womensaid.org.uk
Tel: 0808 2000 247

In an emergency always dial 999 and ask for the police

Keeping Swindon **Safe**
Swindon Community Safety Partnership
Swindon Borough Council, Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service,
NHS Swindon, Wiltshire Probation Area, Wiltshire Police Authority



New Domestic Violence Protection Notices and Orders

Giving victims of domestic abuse the space, time and support to plan a safe future...

by keeping the perpetrator away