

## Appendix 1: Paper -CASE STUDY example of IDVA intervention with a client.

- ADVANCE receive a referral from Police following a perpetrator being charged with a domestic violence related offence.
- ADVANCE contact the survivor to offer the service. Introduce the independent support that is available. After completing a risk assessment of their current situation and hearing what the client would like to happen, discuss all the options available to them. Inform them about what the police powers are, what action the police are taking, if applicable ensure they understand the upcoming court process.
- Options covered are: Housing options - staying with friends, remaining at home, emergency housing options, civil legal options, women's refuge options, and sanctuary scheme.
- Following the risks identified through the risk assessment refer to the MARAC if case meets the criteria. Provide ongoing crisis intervention support and safety planning.
- If case is referred to MARAC, act as the voice of the survivor at the MARAC and advocate on their behalf, reporting back decision made at the meeting.
- Survivor decides if any, what options she wants to take up and IDVA supports her through this process.

*Eg. Referrals to other support agencies, arranging appointments with solicitors, providing support letter for housing, support through and beyond any court case. Liaise with other agencies on behalf of survivor ie, Children's services. Referrals to counselling services, assisting with locating a refuge space.*

- ADVANCE liaise with CSU re: charge/bail conditions/ court hearing.
- ADVANCE attends Specialist Domestic Violence Court (SDVC) and contacts survivor immediately from court with the court result. Explain the bail/ remand conditions granted. Liaises at court with CPS re: any risk updates and clients wishes to support the prosecution.
- ADVANCE continues to liaise with OIC re: special measures, interpreters.
- Encourages survivor to report breaches of bail/ further incidents.
- Support survivors through their fears of attending court. Fears of engaging with statutory services.
- ADVANCE support client on the day of trial. If found guilty...
- ADVANCE liaises with Probation officer who is writing Pre-Sentence Report to make client's views known
- Provide client with outcome of court decision at trial, explain sentencing options open to the court
- Provide further safety planning and options for future.

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- Advise survivor on child contact options/ family court procedures, orders which can be obtained to protect the children.
- Refer on/ sign post as appropriate: counselling, outreach support.
- If client moves to another area ensure they are linked up with support services in that area, and understand options to report future incidents to the police/ report breaches of any civil court orders.