



## Supporting victims of domestic violence and abuse in A&E at RSCH

	Presentation	RESPONSE
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No injuries (signs of physical abuse);</li> <li>- No suicidal thoughts/no distress (signs of emotional abuse).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check if patient knows how to access support if needed.</li> <li>• Offer Domestic Abuse Helpline numbers (see next page for details).</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Patient presenting with injuries due to domestic violence;</li> <li>- The injuries do not match the explanation given and you suspect a crime was committed;</li> <li>- Patient distressed, suicidal;</li> <li>- No domestic abuse marker on Symphony.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer referral to Health Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (HIDVA) at RSCH and give patient Domestic Abuse Helpline numbers.</li> <li>• If there are children in the family or household, notify children's social services.</li> <li>• If patient is a vulnerable adult at risk, raise safeguarding adult concern.</li> <li>• Inform Mental Health Liaison Team if appropriate.</li> <li>• If you are able to, complete DASH RIC and MARAC referral if needed.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Severe injuries, strangulation, rape and/or</li> <li>- Patient reports threats to kill have been made and/or</li> <li>- Patient has a domestic abuse marker on Symphony and you believe an incident of physical violence took place and/or</li> <li>- Patient is very frightened.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer the patient to HIDVA at RSCH and give patient Domestic Abuse Helpline numbers.</li> <li>• Raise safeguarding concern for the adult.</li> <li>• If there are children in the family or household, notify children's social services.</li> <li>• Consider calling the police (999 if patient is in immediate danger or 101 to report a crime).</li> <li>• If you are able to, complete DASH RIC and MARAC referral if needed.</li> </ul>

Tick the one that applies the most.

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Actions taken	Tick if completed
Referral to HIDVA offered and declined	<input type="checkbox"/>
Referral to HIDVA accepted and made (see contact details below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domestic violence and abuse helpline numbers offered	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safeguarding adult concerns raised	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safeguarding children concerns raised/ referral to Children Social Services made	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	

**Health Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (HIDVA) at RSCH**, ext 64266 or 07792276165 (available Monday to Friday).

To refer a patient, please leave a message with the patient's name, DOB or hospital number and their contact details.

**Raising concerns for a vulnerable adult at risk:**

For RSCH patients- contact a hospital social worker – ext. 4001 or bleep 8831; out-of-hours - Adult Social Care Access Point 01273 295555 or e-mail

[RSCH@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:RSCH@brighton-hove.gov.uk) For PRH patients contact 01243 64 21 21 **in hours or email [socialcare@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:socialcare@westsussex.gov.uk) out of hours**

Safeguarding Adult team for BSUH – ext. 64972;

**Raising concerns about a child at risk:**

Contact Children Social services – Brighton&Hove - 01273 290400; East Sussex - 01323 464222; West Sussex - 01403 229900.

Out-of-hours: Brighton&Hove and East Sussex - 01273 335905; West Sussex - 0330 2226664.

Safeguarding Children team for BSUH – ext. 2363.

**Domestic Abuse Helpline numbers:**

National 24/7 freephone helpline: 0800 2000 24724. Portal Helpline (Brighton & Hove and East Sussex): 0300 3239985 (Monday – Friday 9-5pm)