

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 may be imprisoned.

How will I know what is happening?

- During the time the notice is in place, you will be contacted by GDASS (Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service) who can help you. During that time the Police must apply to the Magistrates Court to grant a Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO).

Here are some useful contact details of available support services:

Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service (GDASS)

Tel: 0845 602 9035
(Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm)

Website: www.gdass.org.uk

Gloucestershire Constabulary

Non-emergency number: 101
(can only be used within the UK)

To contact Gloucestershire Constabulary from abroad please use the following phone number:
+44 1452 72 6920

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

Tel: 0808 2000 247

Website: www.womensaid.org.uk

National Centre for Domestic Abuse

Tel: 0844 8044 999

Website www.ncdv.org.uk

Men's Advice Line

Tel: 0808 801 0327

Website: www.mensadviceline.org.uk

In an emergency always dial 999 and ask for the police



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