



ADVANCE is a specialist project that supports survivors of intimate partner domestic abuse and honour based violence / Forced marriage in the borough of Brent. We work as a co-coordinated response to tackle domestic abuse and work in partnership with Brent Police, Local Authority Housing Department, Brent Magistrates Court, Substance Misuse agencies, Probation and many others.

Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) within ADVANCE provide support at the point of crisis and can advise on police process and the criminal justice system, housing options, civil injunctions, target hardening and general safety planning.

The role of the IDVA would be to address the safety of survivors of domestic abuse. This includes offering face to face support and telephone support.

We already offer this model of support to women aged 18+ and it is effective. We work very closely with the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and Safeguarding Children frameworks and would continue to do so with younger women.

As of now we can take referrals for a woman resident in the borough of Brent aged 15 to 17 years old who consents to a referral being made.

If you are working with a young woman aged 15 to 17 who may be suffering any form of domestic or sexual abuse from an intimate partner or at risk of honour based abuse from family members please:

- ✓ *Take the issue seriously and recognise the potential risk of harm to the victim*
- ✓ *Gather as much information as possible about the survivor – it may be the only opportunity*
- ✓ *Speak to a member of the team at ADVANCE or make a referral to ADVANCE.*



Do you work with young people aged between 15-17 years old?

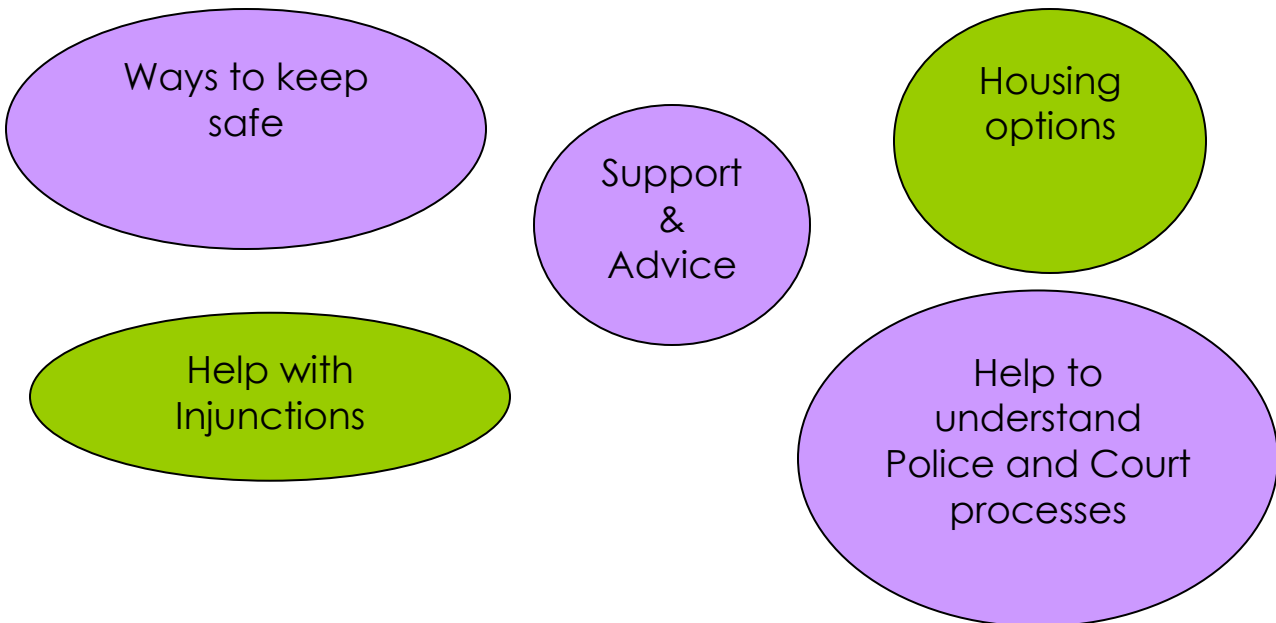
Who have disclosed concerns about Domestic Abuse?

Advance Advocacy Project is now accepting referrals from Professionals or the survivor who meet the following criteria:

- **Females** aged between **15-17** years old
- Experiencing **Domestic abuse** from a current or previous **intimate partner**
- Living in the Borough of **Brent**

**Advance is an independent domestic violence agency
based in Brent**

**We offer a confidential service to women experiencing abuse and can
provide support in the following ways:**



**Call us to make a referral on: 0208 733 3715/ 3970/ 3751
Open between Mon-Fri 10am – 6pm**