

Victim Support Bromley

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Victim Support

- Free confidential, emotional support and practical help to victims of crime
- Merger to National Charity 2008
- Victim Support Plus – Core Crimes
- Consent Crimes direct to borough– Domestic Abuse, Youth, Sexual Violence and Families of murder victims

Victim Support

- 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2009: 11,000 referrals for victims of crime
- 3 staff and 15 volunteers in the community
- Youth Intervention: City Bridge Trust
- Community Domestic Violence Worker
- 2 Domestic Violence Advocates at Bromley Police Station
- Safer Bromley Van - Carpenter
- Witness Service Coordinator and 10 volunteers at Bromley Magistrates Court

VS work with survivors of Domestic Violence

- Daily referrals – police, other agencies and self.
- DV crimes – 2,200 to 1 Apr to 31 Dec 2009
- 2 DVAs: High/Med risk 218 cases to 31 Dec 2009
- DV worker – community and standard risk
- Procedures to ensure that client is not put in more danger
- CAADA risk assessments- MARAC referrals: monthly multi agency meeting high risk cases
- Criminal Injuries Compensation
- The Safer Bromley Van – Safer Bromley Partners
- Young Peoples Worker – City Bridge and LBB

Surviving DV in Bromley

- CAADA risk assessment (police call outs, score, professional judgement)= MARAC referral
- A place of safety = Women's Aid
- Home Security = Sanctuary Scheme
- Professional help and advice = One Stop Shop: Legal, Housing, Police, emotional support
- The Freedom Programme / WAT

Going to Court

- Called to give evidence
- Fear of being seen by defendant
- Repercussions
- Cross examination
- Trial adjournments

The Witness Service

- At all Magistrates' and Crown Courts
- Pre trial visits
- On hand to provide emotional support on the day of the trial
- More comfortable facilities for witnesses and especially young people
- Special Measures - Video linking, screens
- The London Mainstream Model