

Expression of Interest

Email Sue with your details:

Name:

Address:

Contact No:

Mobile:

Date of Birth:

Gender:

Nationality:

Days available to volunteer:

Any Relevant Experience:

Working status:

On receipt of your expression of interest, Sue will contact you direct.

DAVSS Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services

DAVSS

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Train to be a Volunteer Domestic Abuse Adviser

- **Could you be a volunteer** and give some of your time to support people who have suffered or are suffering domestic abuse?
- DAVSS provides a helpline and a support service to people (male and female) who have been or still are in abusive relationships.
- Full training will be given to equip you to do this important role.

**Intensive training begins in
the Autumn 2012**



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What are we asking of you?

Commitment, dedication, enthusiasm, willingness to participate in learning and training.

We need two trained volunteers per day during opening hours.

One person manning the help-line phone per shift.

Home visits will not be permitted, unless there's exceptional circumstances

Meet the person you are supporting at a neutral venue wherever possible, somewhere where they feel safe.

After each contact with someone, a record must be kept, so that cases can be easily

identified and tracked.

Good record keeping is of the highest importance.



Having time to listen

Expenses will be reimbursed for such things as travel costs, telephone calls, car parking and other out of pocket purchases with receipts.

There is ongoing Supervision for the volunteers both individually and as a group.

What's at stake here?

Domestic Abuse is a crime and is taken very seriously. At some point in their lives, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience it. Children too are affected and without early intervention, may grow up thinking that the abusive behaviour they've witnessed is normal.

West Kent lacks rapid access to advocacy support for all persons who are affected.

A pool of trained people who can step in and help them through the sometimes complex systems and procedures is needed to get the outcomes they deserve.

Some people won't want to leave the abusive environment they are in, but just need to talk to someone. Others may want to escape the abuse and need help with housing, financial advice, and in gaining injunctions through the courts.



Support through a court case

Whatever they need, we have to be able to help and support them . . . and that's where you come in!

How You Can Help!

We are looking for people who have at least half a day per week to give, to support those living locally, affected by Domestic Abuse.

We will help you (through intensive training) to acquire the relevant skills / knowledge to be able to support a victim holistically.

You will have the back-up of other volunteers and a professional who has worked in the field of Domestic Abuse for over 20 years.



Join the Team

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer adviser, please complete the expression of interest form overleaf and return it to this address:

DAVSS, Hope House, 7 Lyons Crescent, Tonbridge, Kent. TN9 1EX

Alternatively email the responses to the email address below, for the attention of Sue Dunn.

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