

## 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 will be imprisoned.

### How will I know what is happening?

- You will be kept informed at all stages of the DVPN/DVPO process and you will be offered support from specialist staff.

## Support helplines

You can contact Leicestershire Police on 101.

In an emergency always ring 999.

If you would like additional help and support on domestic abuse, then you can contact any of the following local and national helplines:

- SAFE (Leicester City Domestic Abuse) 0300 123 0918
- WALL (Leicester County Domestic Abuse ) 0300 303 1844
- Living without Abuse (Rutland Domestic Abuse) 0300 365 0112
- National Domestic Violence Helpline 0808 2000 247
- National Centre for Domestic Violence 0844 8044 999
- Broken Rainbow – 0300 999 5428
- Men's Advice Line – 0808 801 0327
- Stalking Helpline – 0808 802 0300

You can also ask the police for information on other Specialist services and organisations that exist where you live



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# New Domestic Violence Protection Notices and Orders

Giving victims  
of domestic  
abuse the  
space, time  
and support  
to plan a  
safe future...

by keeping the  
perpetrator away