

# Sefton domestic and sexual abuse support services

## Sefton IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advisor) Team

- Provide practical crisis intervention support, including immediate safety planning for the whole family, support through the Criminal Justice System, and home security checks.
- Work with male and female victims aged 16+
- Work with victims even if they choose to remain in their relationship.
- Our team is available: Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm
- > **Tel: 0151 934 5142**  
**Email: [IDVA.Team@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:IDVA.Team@sefton.gov.uk)**  
**Please note this is not a secure email address**  
**[www.sefton.gov.uk/behindcloseddoors](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/behindcloseddoors)**

## Sefton Women's and Children's Aid (SWACA)

- Help women, young people and children survive the impact of domestic violence and abuse by giving free practical and emotional support.
- Services are offered regardless of age, disability, sexuality, race or religion.
- Support can be given by phone, in person, in school, in the workplace, in Children's Centres or in our Centre.
- Our team is available:  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am – 5.00pm,  
Wednesday 9.30am – 7.00pm,  
Friday 9.30am – 3.00pm
- > **Tel: 0151 922 8606**  
**Email: [help@swaca.com](mailto:help@swaca.com)**  
**[www.swaca.com](http://www.swaca.com)**  
**Text helpline: 07779 745594**

## Venus

- Work with women, families, children and young people and homeless adults in Sefton.
- Provide help on: family and home management, supported accommodation, financial resilience, counselling and emotional support, support for young people in care and care leavers, life skills training for women and children, IDVA support.
- > **Tel: 0151 474 4744**  
**Email: [hello@venuscharity.org](mailto:hello@venuscharity.org)**  
**[www.venuscharity.org](http://www.venuscharity.org)**

## Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA) Merseyside

- essential crisis and therapeutic support to individuals of all ages who have been affected by sexual violence at any time in their lives.
- specialised counselling, support and an Independent Sexual Violence Advocacy (ISVA) service, which includes support through the Criminal Justice process.
- the opportunity to give anonymous intelligence in relation to sexual violence if an individual does not want to make a formal complaint.
- Helpline support is available: Tuesdays & Thursdays 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Friday 12.00noon – 2.00pm, Sunday 1.00pm – 3.00pm
- > **Tel: 0151 558 1801**  
**Email: [sefton@rasamerseyside.org](mailto:sefton@rasamerseyside.org)**  
**[www.rasamerseyside.org](http://www.rasamerseyside.org)**

## WIDER SUPPORT SERVICES:

### National Domestic Violence Helpline

- > **24 hrs Freephone: 0808 2000 247**

### Broken Rainbow UK

Support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transexual (LGBT) victims of domestic abuse.

- > **Freephone: 0800 999 5428**  
**[www.brokenrainbow.org.uk](http://www.brokenrainbow.org.uk)**

### The Hideout

An online resource for children and young people living with domestic violence.

- > **[www.thehideout.org.uk](http://www.thehideout.org.uk)**

### SAFE Place Merseyside

Is a sexual assault referral centre.

- > **Tel: 0151 295 3550**  
**[www.safeplacemerseyside.org.uk](http://www.safeplacemerseyside.org.uk)**

### Mankind Initiative

Helping men escape from domestic abuse.

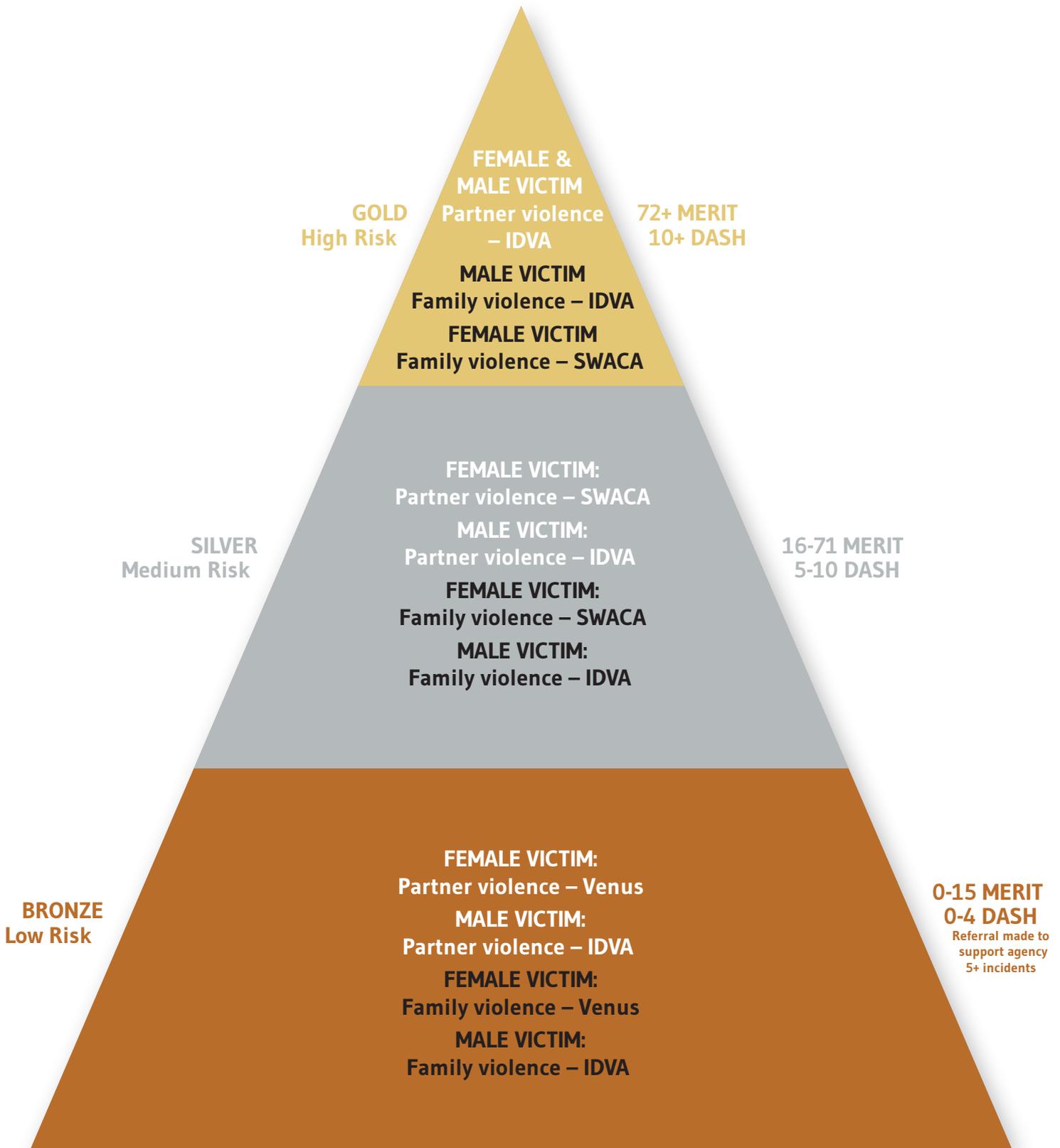
- > **Tel: 01823 334 244**  
**<http://new.mankind.org.uk>**

### Respect Helpline

A confidential and anonymous helpline for anyone concerned about their violence and/or abuse towards a partner or ex-partner.

- > **Tel: 0808 802 4040**  
**[www.respectphoneline.org.uk](http://www.respectphoneline.org.uk)**

# Sefton Domestic Abuse Referral Pathway



**THIS PATHWAY IS FOR VICTIMS 16+.**

**MARAC Threshold:**

- All New GOLDs 14+
- DASH Professional Judgement (for cases below 14+)
- Any repeat cases where there has been a further significant incident.