

One Voice 4 Travellers

National Domestic Abuse 3rd Party

Reporting Project

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One Voice 4 Travellers works with women and girls from Gypsy, Traveller and Roma community who are victims and survivors of domestic abuse and their families. We encourage women and girls to report incidents of abuse, both current and previous abuse. We work with GTR women and girls to better understand the types and levels of abuse and to recognise when they may be entrapped in a circle of abuse and help them make informed choices such as making a personal safety plan to escape abuse. We work alongside other GTR groups, organisations and partners to help raise awareness of the impact of abuse on family lives.

What is abuse:

- Physical (includes assault, hitting, slapping, pushing, kicking, misuse of medication, being locked in against their will)
- Psychological (includes 'emotional abuse' and takes the form of threats of harm or abandonment)
- Financial or material (includes theft, fraud, internet scamming, coercion in relation to an adult's financial)
- Sexual (including rape, indecent exposure, sexual harassment, inappropriate looking or touching)
- Coercion and control (include preventing the individual from seeing parents/extended family, refusing to allow contact with other members of the GTR community or friends, social isolation)

Coercive or controlling behaviour is a core part of domestic violence and abuse and can include:

- acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation
- harming, punishing, or frightening the person
- isolating the person from sources of support
- exploitation of resources or money
- preventing the person from escaping abuse
- regulating everyday behaviour.

Possible indicators of domestic violence or abuse

- Low self-esteem
- Feeling that the abuse is their fault when it is not
- Physical evidence of violence such as bruising, cuts, broken bones
- Verbal abuse and humiliation in front of others
- Fear of outside intervention
- Damage to home or property
- Isolation – not seeing friends and family
- Limited access to money

This project aims to support women and girls from the Gypsy, Traveller and Roma communities who may be living or currently residing in England to report abuse through our National 3rd Party Reporting system.

Reporting can take place in a number of ways, either through a self-referral process where a member of the GTR community can Tel, Text, Email, One Voice 4 Travellers, or with the assistance of organisations that have agreed to act as a point of contact for 3rd Party Reporting. These organisations include Gypsy, Traveller and Roma support groups and service providers engaging with or supporting GTR women and girls who may whose lives may have been or is being affected by abuse.

Maintaining safety:

Reports can be either with the consent of women and girls and can be anonymised to protect identities, or through organisations making a generic referral where data is only pertaining to the abuse and not the victim's identity.

Reporting can be undertaken in several ways

- At the One Voice office (where 1-2-1 assistance to make a report will be made available if required)
- Over the telephone
- Via Text
- Online using our 3rd Party Reporting form: <https://onevoice4travellers.co.uk/>
- Via email
- Via the help of other Gypsy, Traveller and Roma support groups (especially if outside of Eastern Region)
- With support from a service providers/partners or other professional such as, police, IDVA,

The 3rd party reporting form is available on the One Voice website:

<https://onevoice4travellers.co.uk/> or can be emailed out or a hard copy can be sent via post to those who are unable to access the internet and who may wish to complete a reporting form themselves. This project will extend the successful pilot project undertaken with Norfolk Police where for the first-time data relating GTR women and girls' experiences of abuse was collected and collated. The information obtained from these 3rd party reports will be collated by One Voice and entered into a database to allow key data to be identified and shared with other professionals and interested parties offering support to DA victims. Information gained from these reports will also be of great benefit in helping future strategic planning for DA resources through the recognition of areas of need and possible support requirements of domestic abuse victims and survivors.

Example of One Voice 4 Travellers 3rd Party Reporting Form

One Voice 4 Travellers 3rd Party Reporting Form for Domestic Abuse	
Referring agency	One Voice 4 Travellers
Our case number	
Contact name	
Phone	
Email	
Date of referral	
Referral being made to (insert name of police force)	
Name/contact details of person receiving referral	
Information about the survivor	
Name	
Any other names known by	
DOB/Age	
Current address	
Any previous addresses in past 12 months	
Phone number	
Is this number safe to call?	Yes/No
Is there another safe way to contact the victim e.g. via a safe family member?	
Relationship to perpetrator	
Summary of the concerns which have led to this referral	
Is the victim aware of this 3 rd party report?	
Has consent been given?	
Has a personal safety plan been discussed with victim? Please give brief details	

Who is the victim afraid of? (to include all potential threats, not just primary perpetrator)	
Warning markers?	
Is the victim pregnant? If yes, give approximate due date	Yes/No

Profile information about the victim/survivor

Gender	M/F
Occupation	
Ethnicity	Gypsy Traveller Roma
Is the victim BME? (give details)	
Does victim have a disability? (give details)	
Accommodation type	House Caravan Other (give details)
If caravan is location	Private site LA site Roadside Other (give details)
Type/s of abuse experience (please list)	

Information about perpetrator

Name	
Any other names known by	
DOB/Age	
Current address	
Any previous addresses in past 12 months	
Relationship to victim	
Any warning markers?	
Gender of perpetrator	
Ethnicity	Gypsy Traveller Roma
Is the perpetrator BME? (give details)	
Does perpetrator have a disability? (give details)	

Information about any children under the age of 18

Name	Gender	Age DOB	Relationship to victim	Relationship to perpetrator	Where is child living?

Are there any child safety concerns? (please give details)

Other GTR Groups or agencies involvement

Are any other agencies involved with the victim, perpetrator or children in this family? (please give details)	
Has a referral been made to any other agency? (please give details)	

Any additional relevant information