



## Five specialist domestic abuse agencies awarded Dyfed Powys IDVA Contract.

Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner, along with the four Local Authorities within the Dyfed-Powys region, (Carmarthenshire County Council, Ceredigion County Council, Pembrokeshire County Council and Powys County Council), recently retendered for the Independent Domestic Violence Advisory (IDVA) Services. The service is commissioned via funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed Powys and the Mid and West Wales Regional Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Grant. The Regional VAWDASV Partnership is made up of the four Local Authorities, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Dyfed Powys Police, Hwyl Dda University Health Board, Powys Teaching Health Board, the National Probation Service as well as the commissioned specialist providers across the region.

Five specialist domestic abuse agencies, Calan DVS, Carm DAS, Montgomeryshire Family Crisis Centre, Threshold DAS and West Wales Domestic Abuse Service have collaborated to form the Dal I Godi partnership.

The specialist domestic abuse agencies that make up Dal I Godi have 148 years collective experience of delivering domestic abuse services. Dal I Godi’s focus will be on the early intervention, prevention, protection, and support of individuals and families experiencing domestic abuse, using a service model that has been designed to ensure an efficient, safe, person-centred, needs-led and holistic experience for each service user.

The main purpose of the IDVA service is to address the safety of victims at high-risk of harm from intimate partners, ex-partners or family members, to secure their safety and the safety of their children. In providing a service to adult victims, every care will be taken to ensure appropriate advice and referral is provided to safeguard any dependent children. Serving as a victim’s primary point of contact, IDVAs will work with their service users from the point of crisis to assess the level of risk, discuss the range of suitable options and develop individual safety and support plans. The service will be independent, inclusive, confidential and flexible to meet all individual circumstances ensuring a trauma informed approach.

Dal I Godi will also be working closely in partnership with the Commissioner to help shape the future direction of addressing Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence in Dyfed-Powys.

Michelle Whelan, Chief Executive of Calan DVS and our partners within the Dal I Godi consortium are delighted to have been successfully awarded the IDVA contract covering the Mid and West Wales area. As the lead organisation for this contract, Calan DVS will work closely with our specialist partners who each have a deep understanding of the impact of and need for responsive services for high-risk victims of domestic abuse. As we move forward with the project, the partnerships priority will be to ensure the service is accessible, needs-led and trauma-informed therefore further ensuring the services meet the needs of those who access them.”

Police and Crime Commissioner Dafydd Llywelyn said “I’m pleased to announce that we are investing in the new Dal I Godi regional collaborative IDVA service.

The needs of victims is at the heart of my work as Police and Crime Commissioner, and this partnership will deliver vital services to those experiencing high risk domestic abuse, many of whom are particularly vulnerable. The service will ensure that victims and their families receive the required support to help them recover and lead to a future without abuse.

The investment also allows us to work in partnership towards the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan priorities, specifically ensuring that victims are recognised and supported.”

**As a partnership, we will be hosting a series of launch events, further information will be shared throughout March.**

