

Appendix 10 - Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme and Domestic Violence Protection Notices/Orders

Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme [DVDS]

DVDS also known as Clare's Law is now available in Lincolnshire.

From March 2014 Lincolnshire Police launched the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme. Partner agencies involved with the Scheme include Lincolnshire Probation, Lincolnshire Children's and Adult Services and the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) Service.

The Public Protection Unit's specialist Domestic Abuse Detective Sergeant manages the Scheme.

More information on this scheme is available from Lincolnshire Police via [here](#) including two leaflets on the Scheme which you can download. This includes how and who to contact to make an application, under the Right to Ask or the Right to Know routes available.

Lincolnshire County Council Adult and Children's Safeguarding attend the monthly Decision Making Forum (DMF) and share information with Lincolnshire Police, Probation and IDVA service where available before the DMF decide to disclose or not in each case.

Domestic Violence Protection Notices/Orders (DVPN/O)

A DVPN is a notice served by the police against a person who is aged over 18, where the police reasonably believe that he or she has been violent or has threatened violence against you and that you need to be protected from him or her.

The law allows the police to serve a DVPN on this person even if you do not agree to it.

A Police Superintendent will review all of the information and evidence and may decide for your safety that a DVPN should be issued.

A DVPN places certain conditions on the person which may include:

- stopping him/her from entering, and being within a certain distance, of your home;
- stopping him/her from making you leave or excluding you from your home;
- requiring him/her to leave your home.

If the perpetrator lives at the same address as the victim then the DVPN requires them to leave immediately. They will be able to take with them possessions that they may need.

A DVPO is an order applied for by the police and made by the Magistrates' Court.

If an order is made it will last for a minimum of 14 days and a maximum of 28 days.

The Order may:

- stop him/her from entering, and being within a certain distance, of your home;
- stop him/her from making you leave or exclude you from your home;
- require him/her to leave your home.