

ADVOCACY SUPPORT WORKER/INDEPENDENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE ADVOCATE

- JOB TITLE:** Advocacy Support Worker/Independent Sexual Violence Advocate
- Hours:** 40 hour week 10am to 6pm (one hour for lunch) 6 month probation period
- Salary:** Dependent on experience
- Aim of Role:** To work within a multi-agency setting to provide a professional service to survivors of sexual violence reporting to the Criminal Justice System To provide unbiased information to survivors of sexual violence who are contemplating reporting to the police, support for survivors whilst awaiting trial, working empathically to ensure a nil attrition rate. Support at trial..

To work in an all-woman environment dedicated to the healing and empowerment of survivors of sexual violence and ending violence against women and girls.

SUMMARY OF THE POST

- Provide a safe environment and give an unbiased overview of the Criminal Justice System.
- Provide support to survivors reporting to the police, attending Sexual Assault Referral Centres and follow up sessions and CPS meetings
- Liaise with Sexual Offences Units within Surrey & Sussex, Witness Services, Sexual Assault Referral Centre and Crown Prosecution Service to ensure clients are kept up to date with proceedings.
- Monitor case progression.
- Arrange meetings with SO Units
- Arrange Court visits and Trials preceding the trial.
- Accompany clients to the trial providing immediate support.
- Ensure clients can access immediate therapeutic support
- Maintain contact with client during the wait for trial
- Attend committees/meetings representing survivors of sexual violence
- Assist in training and workshops.
- If necessary undergo an accredited ISVA training course

RESPONSIBILITIES

- To work within our Empowerment model of support
- To maintain confidentiality in line with the organisation's policy.
- To work at all times in line with the Organisation's Code of Conduct and all current policies.
- To be committed to ongoing personal development.
- To attend and fully participate in meetings within the organisation
- To work at all times within legal guidelines
- To work with your own case load of clients
- To be organised, efficient and dedicated to ending violence against women and girls.
- To manage Advocacy Staff and volunteers

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This post is subject to a six-month probationary period.
An enhanced DBS check is a requirement of this post.