

# Somerset Domestic Abuse Service How to Refer (Victims/Survivors)

Identify signs of Domestic Abuse or disclosure from victim (16years +)

Identify signs of Domestic Abuse from child (3-15yrs)

Professional to complete risk assessment (DASH RIC)

## Standard Risk (score 1-9)

Provide the client with the following suggestion:

- National DA 24hr Helpline:  
Tel: 0808 2000 247
- National LGBT+ DA Helpline:  
Tel: 0800 999 5428

## Medium Risk (score 10-13)

**With client's consent** refer to Somerset Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (SIDAS)

Email:  
[paragonsidas@theyoutrust.org.uk](mailto:paragonsidas@theyoutrust.org.uk)

attaching your completed SIDAS referral form and DASH RIC

*(NB: Please use secure email)*

## High Risk (score 14+ or Professional Judgement)

Send DASH RIC to your agency's MARAC Representative and follow your processes for MARAC referral

Send DASH RIC and SIDAS referral form to

- **Somerset Domestic Abuse service (SIDAS):**  
[paragonsidas@theyoutrust.org.uk](mailto:paragonsidas@theyoutrust.org.uk)

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Professional to complete  
Early Help Assessment

If you have a concern about a child who maybe affected by domestic abuse then complete an early help assessment and follow your internal process

And please complete the SIDAS referral form as children and young people are victims in their own right under the DA Act, please send to  
[paragonsidas@theyoutrust.org.uk](mailto:paragonsidas@theyoutrust.org.uk)

## Remember

If you have **immediate** concerns about the client's safety, please call the Police on 999. If immediate risk to children or vulnerable adult, initiate your agency child protection or safeguarding adult procedures.

**Be timely** - You should complete all risk assessments, referral forms and send to the appropriate agency within 2 working days of identifying the risk

For more information about Somerset's domestic abuse services please visit [www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk](http://www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk) or call 0800 69 49 999