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nia has been delivering services for women, girls and children who have experienced sexual and domestic violence since 1975.

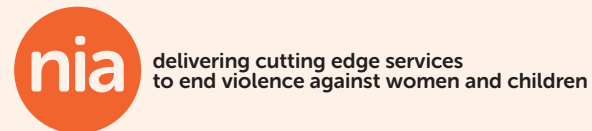
The organisation has three main aims

- **to provide services for women, girls and children who have experienced men's violence**
- **to contribute to ending male violence against women and girls**
- **to inform and influence policy and public awareness**

nia is run for women and children by women, providing services developed in consultation with women who have experienced men's violence, and from a proudly feminist perspective.

Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy

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nia's IDVA service has a Quality Mark from the Advice Quality Standard for General Casework (Women).



nia's IDVA service achieved Safelives Leading Lights accreditation and adheres to the IDVA Charter.

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nia's Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (IDVA) is a specialist service for **women* and their families** in Haringey, Newham and Hackney who have been assessed at being at the **highest risk of murder or serious injury through domestic violence.**

IDVAs are independent from all agencies to ensure the best possible support and information is offered to each woman, but because they work with women who have been identified as being at the highest risk of **murder or serious injury**, IDVAs are most effective within a multi-agency framework.

The IDVAs role in all multi-agency settings is to **keep the woman's perspective and safety at the centre of proceedings.**

What is high risk domestic violence?

High risk domestic violence is a pattern of abuse which presents a risk of serious harm or homicide. The SafeLives DASH** risk assessment is used to assist practitioners and professionals with establishing whether women may be identified as being at high risk.

It is estimated that around ten per cent of all women who experience domestic violence can be described as being at high risk of murder or serious injury.

Who is the service for?

The service targets all women* aged 16+ living in Haringey, Newham or Hackney who are at the highest risk of murder or serious injury through domestic violence. The service is free. All callers and clients are treated with respect, dignity and sensitivity. We value the diversity of the community and work to ensure all women have access to the services they need.

* nia is an organisation run by women to support women and children victims of sexual and domestic violence. In our Haringey and Newham IDVA services we are contracted to also support male victims. In those services male victims will receive the same high standards of support and advocacy. However, in recognition of women's significantly disproportionate victimisation, we refer to women in policies, procedures and publicity.

** Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Homicide

What does the service include?

- Risk assessment, risk management and safety planning
- Information and support about options
- Assistance in accessing legal advice and representation eg. to obtain injunctions or for immigration advice
- Attendance and support at court hearings and meetings with other agencies
- Emotional support
- Practical advocacy in regards to housing and benefits
- Support and safety planning for the future
- Representation of the woman's voice at a multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC)

The IDVA helps women and their families to live in safety by accessing the support they need to live free from violence and abuse. Advocates work with women on a one-to-one basis to develop a support and safety plan to meet their needs.

The advocates

All IDVAs have taken specialist accredited training from SafeLives or Women's Aid.

How do I refer or find out more?

Each borough we work in has a different referral process.

For help making a referral contact:

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