



## Independent Sexual Violence Advisor Training Programme

The Survivors Trust and CRISIS POINT have come together to develop a comprehensive Training Programme for **Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) and ISVA Service Managers**. We would like to acknowledge the valuable advice and feedback provided by Rape Crisis England and Wales ISVA leads in the development process.

We now aim to pilot both training programmes with the ISVA Service Manager Programme taking place in January 2010 and the ISVA Training Programme starting in February 2010. *Places are limited to a maximum of ten students on each pilot course, offered at a substantially subsidised rate for member agencies of The Survivors Trust.*

The ISVA and ISVA Service Manager Training Programmes have been specifically designed to provide key learning and course material to ensure students are equipped to meet the requirements, demands and challenges of delivering effective ISVA practice and provision for working with victims and survivors of all forms of sexual violence and childhood sexual abuse.

Students will benefit from a range of learning opportunities, including use of case studies, role play, group discussions, observation, reflective logs, written and practical assessment.

Successful students will gain an accredited qualification at Level 3 with the Open College Network, equivalent to GCSE A level.

### ISVA Service Manager Programme

The ISVA Service Manager Programme pilot will be delivered over a three day training event. The Pilot Programme will run either from Wednesday to Friday, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010 OR Friday to Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010 - dependant on availability.

The Programme is designed to equip Service Managers with the background knowledge and skills needed to support a practising ISVA in their role. The ISVA Service Manager Training covers the following elements:

1. Understanding rape, sexual violence and childhood sexual abuse with reference to human rights and gender based violence;
2. Understanding the role of specialist rape, sexual violence and childhood sexual abuse services;
3. Understanding the Operational and Legal Framework for Managing an Independent Sexual Violence Advisor Service.

The ISVA Service Manager Training builds understanding of the operational systems and support framework necessary for managing an ISVA service together with knowledge of the legal framework the ISVA and related services work within.

### Independent Sexual Violence Advisor Programme

The ISVA Training Programme will run over 18 days, divided into six, 3 day training events throughout the year, start date February 2010. Students will gain an accredited qualification at Level 3 (equivalent to 'A' Level standard) with the Open College Network and will represent 175 hours of learning.

The aims of the ISVA Programme are:

1. To provide high quality training specific to the role of ISVA working with rape, sexual assault, sexual abuse and childhood sexual abuse;
2. To equip the ISVA with the information and skills needed to work in this field, to provide a clear understanding of the role of an ISVA including a clear understanding of partnership working and inter-agency work on sexual violence and childhood sexual abuse;
3. To promote and work on the principle that this Programme is recognised nationally for practice working with sexual violence and abuse issues;
4. To make sure all victims of sexual crime gain appropriate care and provision to help towards the recovery process.

The ISVA Programme covers the following elements:

1. Understanding rape, sexual violence and childhood sexual abuse with reference to human rights and gender based violence;
2. Understanding the role of specialist rape, sexual violence and childhood sexual abuse services;
3. The roles and responsibilities of Independent Sexual Violence Advisers;
4. Advanced mediation and negotiation theory and skills;
5. Understanding Child Protection Theory
6. Legal and procedural issues relating to sexual crimes;
7. Risk and needs assessments;
8. Multi-agency and partnership working, assisting clients to gain access to other services.

The ISVA Programme Units will focus on providing the ISVA with clear knowledge and understanding of the ISVA role and will develop all the skills needed to deliver the ISVA role.

## Course Fees

### ISVA Service Manager Programme

TST member agency	£395.00
Non-member or statutory agency	£495.00

### ISVA Training Programme

TST member agency	£1,250.00
Non-member or statutory agency	£2,500.00

Course fees include registration fees, accreditation and course materials. Refreshments and lunch are also included in the course fees.

## Venue

Unit 2 Eastlands Court Business Centre, St Peter's Road, Rugby, CV21 3QP

## Accommodation

The Survivors Trust is unable to fund accommodation and travelling expenses for students.

Local hotels include:

### **The Grosvenor Hotel**

81/87 Clifton Road  
Rugby, CV21 3QQ  
Telephone: 01788 535686

The Grosvenor Hotel is situated closely to The Survivors Trust and we are currently negotiating a delegate rate.

### **Premier Inn (Rugby North Newbold)**

Brownsover Roundabout  
Rugby  
Warwickshire  
CV21 1HL  
Telephone: 0870 112954

### **Premier Inn (M6 Jct 1)**

Central Park Drive,  
Central Park  
Rugby  
CV23 0WE  
Telephone: 08701 977223

## Registration

To register please complete the attached Registration Form and forward to [lynne.seymour@thesurvivorstrust.org](mailto:lynne.seymour@thesurvivorstrust.org)

For more information or to discuss any aspect of the ISVA Training Programme, please contact Fay Maxted on [fay.maxted@thesurvivorstrust.org](mailto:fay.maxted@thesurvivorstrust.org) or telephone 01788 550554.

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