



Dorset Charity to increase its Telephone Support Line through COVID-19

The Dorset charity, Sexual Trauma and Recovery Services (STARS Dorset), is increasing the availability of its Telephone Support Line throughout the COVID-19 period.

STARS Dorset's Telephone Support Line is for anyone who has been affected by sexual violence such as rape, child abuse and sexual assault at anytime in their life. As well as the charity's existing clients, people who have not accessed their services before can call for support and those who are supporting survivors of sexual violence in a personal or professional capacity can also use the service. In addition, the charity will be increasing the availability of their online Live Chat service, which is available through their website, www.starsdorset.org.

The Charity's Telephone Support Line number is **01202 308855** and the service will be available at the following times: Mondays 10am -12pm and 3pm - 5pm, Tuesdays 10am - 12pm and 3pm - 5pm, Wednesdays 10am -12pm, 3pm - 5pm and 7.30pm - 9.30pm, Thursdays 10am -12pm, 3pm - 5pm and 7.30pm - 9.30pm and Fridays 10am -12pm, 3pm - 5pm and 7.30pm - 9.30pm

The charity's other services: their Counselling Service and Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) Service will continue to provide support but no face to face support will be available until further notice.

For general enquiries the charity's main number 01202 308840 will be operational during usual opening hours 9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday as will their general enquiries email address info@starsdorset.org. For those wanting to refer into the service referral forms and all relevant information can be found on their website www.starsdorset.org.

STARS Dorset is a pan-Dorset charity that offers one to one support, free of charge, for anyone of any age or gender who lives, works or studies in Dorset and has experienced any form of sexual violence at any time in their life.