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Domestic Abuse Referral Reminder and Referral Route:

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Coming Soon...

We are in the process of rolling out "Are you asking the Question?" stickers to all Poole GP's, so that it can be a reminder on the side of your computer screen during a patient consultation.

ICT are currently working on an e-form referral form for IRIS which will hopefully make the process even easier on our website!

IRIS Achievers

Every month, the IRIS project receives referrals, requests for training and invitations to practice meetings.

Without you, the project would not work, and we would not know about many victims of abuse in our communities.

THANK YOU this month to **Poole Road Surgery** who has made **TWO** referrals this month!

Thank you also goes to **Carlisle House Surgery** and **Birchwood Practice** who are now IRIS and domestic abuse trained practices, and have invited us back for receptionist training!

We look forward to meeting **Harvey Practice** & **Hadleigh Practice** in June!

What does an IRIS advocate do?

An IRIS advocate has the training, knowledge and contacts within the world of specialist support for victims. Some of the practical actions IRIS can do are:

Provide information and support to patients experiencing domestic abuse, sexual violence, honour based abuse & FGM.

Refer patient on to specialist agencies & support such as refuge, counselling, pattern changing courses & outreach support.

Complete risk assessment & MARAC referral.

Provide safety planning & target hardening advice to the patient.

Assists with legal aid and legal advice in order to obtain injunctions

Safeguarding; adult and child.

Provide detailed case updates back to the GP

Your domestic abuse consultant at the end of the phone

...Sometimes it's just about the cup of tea and some emotional support



Are you asking the question?

Patients experiencing domestic abuse request a direct question to allow them disclose.