



**Axis**

Supporting Survivors

Axis West Mercia Independent  
Domestic/Sexual Violence  
(IDSVA) Service



## History of Axis

Since our founding in 1993 as a Counselling Service for survivors of sexual abuse, we have continually expanded our support services to meet the needs of our community.

In 2010, we introduced the Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) Service, followed by the launch of the Pathfinder Service in 2023.

Most recently, in 2026, we are expanding the ISVA Service and integrating the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) Service, providing comprehensive coverage across the entire West Mercia region.



From 1st April 2026 Axis will provide all ISVA and IDVA Services across the whole of West Mercia (Shropshire, Telford, Worcestershire and Herefordshire), providing specialist support to survivors of sexual and/or high risk domestic abuse



## Benefits of our joint IDSVVA Service

Sexual abuse and domestic abuse often occur alongside one another, and survivors deserve seamless access to the right support at the right time. By housing both ISVA and IDVA Services within a single organisation, clients benefit from coordinated, specialist care while maintaining the unique expertise of each service. They have a single assessment that transfers across services, ensuring continuity of support without the need to repeatedly recount their experiences. Additionally, clients can access the full range of services, including group work and consultations, in a streamlined and supportive environment

## Referral routes

**You can refer into all of our services via our website:**

**IDSVA Service** - <https://axiscounselling.tfaforms.net/4>

**Counselling and Pathfinder**

<https://www.axiscounselling.org.uk/referrals-forms/>

If you are referring from MARAC, please send referrals to  
[Axis.IDVA@axis.cjism.net](mailto:Axis.IDVA@axis.cjism.net)

Referrals for the Hospital IDVA should go to  
[Hospital.IDVA@axis.cjism.net](mailto:Hospital.IDVA@axis.cjism.net)

**Please note these referral routes are not live until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026. Any referrals put through before this date will not be processed.**



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