

WMPCC Pathfinder Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) 2024-2025

Clarification Questions & Answers

Question: Based on the estimated 1456 cases flagged as involving DA, can you provide further demographic estimates of this figure – i.e. number of cases where the allegations are raised by, and DA support will be offered to: women; men; transgender men and women and people who identify as non-binary.

Answer: We've contacted both the Family Court and Cafcass for clarity, the 1456 figure relates to all proceedings/ cases heard in the court whereby domestic abuse is alleged and that includes cases whereby no children are involved in the matter.

- This could include but is not limited to non-molestation orders, divorce proceedings, financial arrangements and those cases presented by Cafcass etc. Therefore, the 1456 figure is not a true representation of the cases that would require support from a DA Support Service – it would only be referrals from Cafcass to a DA Support Service that would meet the criteria for support in the Pathfinder Pilot.
- Cafcass confirmed that there are approximately 20 *Section 7* reports received per week and of that 20, an estimated, 80-85% will be DA related which equates to 840 cases that would be eligible for support per year if all victims agree to having support from the Pathfinder IDVA. Unfortunately, no information is recorded in relation to demographics/ protected characteristics so we are unable to provide a satisfactory response.
- Below is a top 10 summary of languages whereby interpreters were requested (*in order of need*) in Birmingham's Family court between January 23 – January 24 although these were booked for all family cases and not just those where domestic abuse is alleged.

Language	Amount booked
Urdu	674
Punjabi	232
Bengali Sylheti	139
Mirpuri	122
Arabic	112
Polish	76
Bengali	70
Pashto	48
Tigrinya	33
Romanian	32