



**Cambridgeshire and Peterborough IDVA Service:**

**Good Referral and Bad Domestic Abuse Referrals**

**A Good Referral**

- Details of all concerned persons (survivor, perpetrator and any children), including name, date of birth addresses, phone.
- Safe contact details
- Survivor's language spoken and if interpreter is needed.
- Informed consent obtained.
- Abuse should be current or within 3 months of date of referring.
- Description of abuse suffered, detailed clearly and simply, reflecting the current government definition of domestic abuse.
- All mandatory fields of the online referral are completed.
- DASH risk assessment for high risk referrals

**A Bad Referral**

- No means of contacting the survivor safely.
- Lack of contextual information.
- Domestic abuse is historic (more than 3 months)
- Does not contain the relationship connection between survivor and perpetrator.
- No perpetrator's details.
- No details of survivor's needs and or disabilities.
- Contains jargon and acronyms.
- Illegible, poor spelling and grammar.
- Handwritten DASH

