

VICTIM WANTS TO LEAVE
See planning to leave in section 2

WOMEN

MEN

REFUGE

- Call refuge for victim – have telephone number for victim – refuge will want to speak to her.
- If no spaces in refuges listed – call national helpline number.
- Refuge will arrange admission. If however victim does not have money or way to get to Refuge professional will have to assist in this.
- Does she have children – if yes then S&HC children and families section have ability to give travel warrant.
- No children – adult assessment team have ability to give travel warrant.
- If the move is potentially unsafe or dangerous – contact DVU at local Police Station and discuss
- If female wants to return home before leaving to collect any belongings and offender is likely to be present contact Police main telephone number ask for control room and explain.

LOCAL AUTHORITY

- Contact Housing at district where victim wants to go to – see resource section – they will want to see victims at some time to make homeless application. Does have out of hours service (see S 10)
- Refer to some form of support – ie outreach or victims support.
- Compile to do list before victim leaves write it down
 - money –benefits
 - legal advice – arrange solicitors appt or give - legal helpline number
 - Children – does she need to inform school
- inform Police DVU that he/she is fleeing.

FRIENDS

- Discuss safety issues - have details of where she is staying
- Inform Police DVU if safety concerns
- Discuss – legal advice ie injunctions (see S 6)
- Support for men can be VSS

OCCUPATION ORDER

- Give solicitors details and assist in making an appt.
- Refer to VSS or outreach.
- May be advisable to leave area while order being applied for – see Refuge info.
- Inform DVU when returning to the area to further discuss safety.
- See full Solcitors list in S10

Useful telephone numbers: National helpline – **0808 2000 247** OWA **(1865) 791416** Cherwell Refuge – Banbury S&HC **01295 252421** (ask for either chilrens ass team or adult assess team) – S&HC Northants DVU Banbury **01295 754625/6** Main Police Switchboard Thames Valley (Banbury etc) **0845 8505 505** Cherwell DC Housing Dept – **01295 252535** (homeless section) – Northants DC Housing - Banbury Victim Support **01295** Northants Victims Support - Benefits Agency Banbury