

Motion to encourage GP partners to receive Iris Training

The IRIS programme, delivered in Swale By SATEDA is a social enterprise established to promote and improve the health care response to gender based violence.

It is a specialist domestic violence and abuse (DVA) training, support and referral programme for general practices that has been positively evaluated in a randomised controlled trial. It is a partnership between health and the specialist DVA sector. IRIS provides in-house DVA training for general practice teams and a named advocate to whom patients can be referred for support. Since 2010, IRIS has received 10,369 referrals and fully trained an estimated 695 general practices in 36 localities nationwide. Locally, the training has been successfully rolled out in Maidstone and Canterbury and Coastal where referrals are now regularly put in but uptake for the training from GP surgeries in Swale has been low.

This council resolves to write to GP partners in Swale encouraging them to sign up to receive the free IRIS training and to work with the specialist domestic violence worker that covers Swale so that victims and survivors are able to access direct referrals to an advocate educator through their GP.

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