



What other women think  
*"I could not have gone to court without the support. The Court Support Worker really knows her stuff."*

*"Brilliant service - the Court Support Worker was with me through the whole court case."*



## Fife Women's Aid Court Support and Advocacy Service

The  
Henry Smith  
Charity

founded in 1628

### Get in touch

Please ring 0808 802 5555 to talk to a support worker in confidence about your options and our services. The line is open weekdays between 9am and 5pm, and an out-of-hours service is available from 6pm until 8am Monday to Friday and 24 hours at weekends.

For more information about the services we offer and to read stories from survivors, please visit our website [www.fifewomensaid.org.uk](http://www.fifewomensaid.org.uk)

You can also find out more about what we do from our Facebook page or on Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.



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### **What is the court support and advocacy service?**

It's a way to give you practical and emotional support if you have to appear in court to take part in a trial.

### **How can the service help me?**

If you decide to use the service, then a Court Support Worker will:

- meet with or talk to you regularly in the lead up to the court case
- tell you what will happen - and when - while you're in court
- come with you to the trial
- explain the decisions taken by the court so you know exactly what's happening and why
- talk to court officials and the other organisations involved about the best way for you (or your children) to give evidence
- talk to other support services within Fife Women's Aid so they are all aware of exactly where you are with your case

### **Why do you provide the service?**

We know that if you've experienced domestic abuse, you will probably feel very anxious about appearing in court.

Some women talk about how scared they are of facing their perpetrator and reliving the abuse.

Others worry about people judging them or not believing them. Or about the case going his way.

The service is there to support you and help you deal with these worries.

### **How can I access the service?**

Phone 0808 802 5555 (it's free) and ask to speak to our Court Support service.