

The Havens

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[Website www.thehavens.org.uk](http://www.thehavens.org.uk)**Metropolitan Police, Sapphire Team**

Hackney/Tower Hamlets

Holborn Police Station

1-10 Lambs Conduit Street

WC1N 3NR

020 8733 5999

Newham

1 Cam Road

Stratford

London

E15 2SY

020 8217 9874

Victim Support

0845 3030900

[Website www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk)

Open Doors

Independent Sexual Violence Advisor

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What is an ISVA?

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What does the Open Doors ISVA do ?

Supports individuals working in the sex industry who have experienced rape or sexual assault and live or work in City & Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Newham.

This service is free and confidential.

Your details will only be shared when you give your permission.

How can an ISVA support you?

The ISVA can support you whether the rape or sexual assault is recent or historical.

You will have the opportunity to talk about your situation in a safe space with someone who is not here to judge you.

The ISVA will be sensitive to your needs and move at your pace. The ISVA is not about telling you what to do but is about helping you make informed choices.

The ISVA worker within Open Doors is **Jacqui Vennard**. If you have been a victim of a rape or sexual assault. You can contact her on **07852 918 404** or jacqueline.vennard@homerton.nhs.uk

The ISVA can support you in a number of ways:

The ISVA can support you to access the Haven Sexual Assault Referral Centre:

- Here at the Haven trained medical staff will gather forensic evidence and store DNA samples, this crucial evidence can be used in court at a later date if a victim decides to pursue this course of action.
- The ISVA can help you decide if you wish to report to the police and can give you information on the specialist Sapphire Unit within the Metropolitan Police who investigate rape and sexual assault.
- If you choose to make a report to the police the ISVA will support you in all stages of the legal process.
- The ISVA can assist with the communication between you, the police and prosecution services as well as other support services.
- If your case goes to court the ISVA can accompany you and attend court when you go to give evidence.

What if you don't want to report ?

The ISVA will also work with you if you do not wish to report to the police.

The ISVA can refer, accompany and assist access to appropriate services identified during an assessment of needs, these can include:

- Health
- Benefits
- Substance Misuse Services
- Housing
- Domestic Violence
- Legal Services
- Victim Support Services
- Immigration services
- Other Voluntary and Statutory Services

Ugly Mugs

Open Doors can report the incident to the National Ugly Mugs scheme.

Website www.uknswp.org/um

This scheme enables sex workers to report incidents and receive warnings about dangerous individuals.

Where can we support you?

The ISVA can meet you in a community settings, at other services or in their office.

