#### From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 Wimbledon Magistrates Court will not be issuing Non Molestation Orders or Occupation Orders.

There are three courthouses that you can go to and apply for a non-Molestation order. All information about the courthouses are in this leaflet, but if you need further information you can contact Victim Support on 020 8685 1637.

# Who is the Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA)?

Victim Support has Independent Domestic Violence Adviser that can support you. If you decide to go to the Police, or apply for an order the IDVA can support you when reporting. The IDVA can give you information about court procedures, applying for legal orders and finding other agencies that can help you rebuild your future.

A lot of people find it hard to accept that they are a victim of Domestic Violence/ Abuse and it can take a long time for someone to admit it to himself or herself, but it is a vital first step in getting help.

#### What is the Witness Service?

The Witness Service provides a comprehensive service to victims of crime; this includes Domestic Violence, as it is a criminal offence and not a private matter. There are legal orders that can be applied for to protect you as a victim of Domestic Violence/Abuse. If you talk to Victim Support they will be able to advise you of these legal orders.

# Croydon Court The Law Courts Altyre Road, Croydon Surrey CR9 5AB 0300 123 5577

**Cost:** Croydon court charge £70 for an application

**Transport:** A tram from, Mitcham, Morden and Wimbledon will take you direct to Croydon. From Mitcham a 264 bus takes you to Fairfield Halls.

You should get off the tram or bus at Fairfield Halls and cross over the main road towards Croydon Police Station on the left and the court is near the Police Station.

You can also plan your journey on <u>www.tfl.gov.uk</u>

### Kingston County Court

St James Road, Kingston-upon-Thames Surrey KT1 2AD Witness Service 020 8240 2500



**Cost:** Kingston Court charge £70 for an application but if you are on benefits then the application is free. You must be able to prove you are on benefits.

**Transport**: There are direct trains from Raynes Park, New Malden and Wimbledon Train Stations.

You can also go by underground and get a direct drain from Clapham Junction.

At Kingston station walk down Eden Street that leads into Wheatfield Way, walk past Kingston museum and continue along the road until you are in Penfhyn road and the court is on the right hand side.

You can also plan your journey on <u>www.tfl.gov.uk</u>

## **Richmond Court**

The Court House Parkshot, Richmond Surrey TW9 2RF Family Proceedings Court 020 8271 2371 Witness Service 0208 948 7172



**Cost:** Richmond Court does not charge for applying for an order.

**Transport:** There are direct trains from Raynes Park, New Malden and Wimbledon Train Stations.

You can also go by underground and get a direct drain from Clapham Junction.

Once at Richmond train station, turn right outside the train station and walk down the road until you get to a set of traffic lights. At the lights cross over and walk down the side of the Orange theatre. At the bottom of the road turn left and the court is on the right.

You can also plan your journey on www.tfl.gov.uk

#### Further information

Local contacts:

Victim Support Merton: (Domestic Violence support) 020 8685 1637

Merton Police Domestic Violence Unit: 020 8649 3065

TV Edwards Solicitors: (they can also help you get a non molestation order) 0207 790 7000 and emergency no 07786 15 11 66

#### One Stop Shop: (for support and advice)

Every Monday morning from 9.30 – 12.30 Morden Baptist Church, Crown Lane, Morden SM4 5BL

# National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247

(24-hour helpline, run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge)

## Men's Advice Line

0808 801 0327 (Helpline for men who experience violence from their partners or ex-partners - Mon, Tues and Wed 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm)

#### **Broken Rainbow**

08452 60 44 60 (Support to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender victims and survivors of domestic abuse- Helpline open Mon & Thurs 2-8 and Wed 10-1)

## How to apply for a Non Molestation Order



