



SPECIALIST DOMESTIC ABUSE COURT (SDAC) – CORNWALL

What is the SDAC?

The Specialist Domestic Abuse Court (SDAC) brings people together to support victims, survivors and witnesses · and all the agencies involved. It ensures victim safety is prioritised, abusers are held to account, and agencies work together for better outcomes.

Why It Matters

Domestic abuse is not an ordinary crime- it requires a trauma-informed, coordinated response. SDACs improve conviction rates and reduce repeat offending. Victims supported by specialist domestic abuse services are more likely to stay engaged and achieve safer outcomes.

Did You Know?

1 in 5 police-recorded offences are domestic abuse-related

72% of cases supported by specialist domestic abuse services result in conviction

SDACs lead to better-informed bail decisions, fewer delays, and more rehabilitative sentencing

How You Can Help

Be aware of the SDAC process and its benefits

Refer victims early to IDVA services

Share information safely and consistently

Attend training and briefings on domestic abuse best practice

Key Features of the SDAC Model

Specialist Domestic Abuse Court Dates

Bodmin

Every Friday at 10:00am

Truro

Alternating weekly between Mondays and Tuesdays at 10am.

For the most up-to-date court dates, please visit our online calendar:

www.safercornwall.co.uk

- Specialist Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs) on-site
- Multi-agency protocols and coordinated case management
- SDAC Steering Group to oversee and ensure partnership working
- Focus on victim and witness safety throughout the process