Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme

Also known as Clare's Law

What is Clare's Law?

It's the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) that **allows any member of the public to ask the police if their partner or former partner may pose a risk to them**. Once an application is made, police and partner agencies will carry out a range of checks. They will consider disclosing this information if the checks reveal a record of abusive offences or suggest a risk of violence or abuse. If an application is made by a friend or family member they will not receive any disclosure themselves – the disclosure will be to the person deemed to be at risk.

How can disclosure be made under the scheme?

Right to Ask: A member of the public may make an application regarding a current or ex-partner. A disclosure can also be requested by a third party – a family member, friend, colleague or neighbour to protect someone they think could be at risk.

Right to Know: If the police or partner agency finds information that an individual could be at risk of domestic abuse they may disclose this information to protect a potential victim.

How to make a DVDS request

Scan the QR code to find out more and make a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) application.

Call 999 in an emergency or 101 for crime not ongoing

Visit our website **humberside.police.uk**

Ask Bobbi, our AI virtual assistant on our website, your non-emergency question.