

# Can I speak to Chris?

**The police and support agencies are still here to safeguard and support you**  
**The staff in this building will know you need help if you ask to speak to Chris**



Guidance for staff displaying “Can I speak to Chris” posters

If a person comes into your store or premises and asks to “speak to Chris” this is a code phrase to alert you that they require help to escape a dangerous domestic situation.

The person presenting to you may be of any age and gender. These are the steps you can take to support them:-

- Where possible take them to an area where they can speak more privately.
- If you are concerned they are in immediate danger ring 999.
- If they are with another person that poses an immediate threat to them or you ring 999.
- Share with them the telephone numbers for support services available.
- Offer to make the call with them – particularly if they don't have a phone with them at the time.
- Where possible allow them to leave separately to the person causing the threat, through a separate exit or at a different time.

For further copies of the poster and the support numbers please contact Cleveland Police.....

