Schattenlicht Advice Centre

Schattenlicht is an autonomous advice centre for women and girls. As an independent non-profit organisation, we work independently of religious denominations, political parties, public institutions and associations.

Advice is free, voluntary and confidential.

We provide advice to women and girls

- In conflict and crisis situations
- Who have experienced physical and/or psychological violence
- Who experience or have experienced sexualised violence
- Who are facing a court case as witnesses
- In separation and divorce situations
- Supporting women and girls professionally or privately

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Anonymous forensics (ASS) following sexual violence



What is anonymous forensics?

- Securing evidence following sexual violence without directly reporting it to the police
- Medical examination and anonymised securing of evidence
- Storage of the evidence at the Institute of Forensic Medicine in Essen or Düsseldorf
- Forensic kits are available in the emergency department and gynaecology department of Herne's hospitals

St. Anna Hospital





Why anonymous forensics?

- Lawful preservation of forensic evidence of sexual violence for a criminal charge at a later date
- Psychological and physical stabilisation of the person concerned
- Prevention of negative health and psychosocial consequences of violence



Round table against domestic violence

Interdisciplinary collaboration between various stakeholders in Herne since 2000

Goals:

- Improving the situation of women affected by violence
- Getting the topic out of the taboo zone
- Reducing the number of cases of domestic violence

Measures:

- Public awareness-raising activities
- Information and training activities

