

Domestic Abuse Act 2021 – The Duty

Tier 1 local authorities are required to convene a multi-agency Local Partnership Board to:

- Assess need & demand for accommodation-based support
- Develop & publish strategies for provision of support

Derby and Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Support in Accommodation Strategy 2021 – 2024 www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/DAaccomodationstrategy

- Make commissioning / de-commissioning decisions
- Meet the support needs of victims & their children
- Monitor & evaluate local delivery
- Report to Central Government

National Oversight

Funding



Duty to support victims of DA

Commission support for victims of DA, including their children, who [need to] reside in relevant accommodation – defined as:

- Refuge, dispersed, specialist, self contained/semi self contained, supported, move-on, second stage, safe space
- Own homes in the case of a sanctuary scheme - but not security measures
- Information about current services

www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/DAservicedirectory

In the UK, during 2020 to 2021 refuge services supported...*



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DA support within relevant accommodation is defined as:

- Advocacy support**
- Domestic abuse-prevention advice**
- Advice services**
- Counselling and therapy for both adults and children**
- Children’s support**
- Specialist support for victims designed specifically for victims with [but not limited to]**
 - protected characteristics
 - unique and/or complex needs
- Housing-related support**
- Secure lifetime tenancies to DA victims**