

Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance

Safe at Home: a whole housing approach for responding to domestic violence

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#### **Domestic abuse and housing**

- Biggest barrier for survivors is safe and long term housing
- 76% of domestic homicides take place inside the home (Femicide Census, 2018)
- Approx. 270 specialist domestic abuse refuges in England
- Types of housing tenure in England:
  - 63% owner occupied
  - 20% private rented
  - 17% social housing (local government & housing associations)



#### Attitudes

Tenant recorded what he thought was noise nuisance and was actually the murder of his next door

neighbour Natasha Bradbury.

Timothy Down says he thought it felt 'better to stay away'

https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/neighbour-record-sounds-woman-being-beaten-death-instead-calling-police-timothy-down-natasha-a7222406.html



## Domestic Abuse Housing Allianc (DAHA)











- **D**omestic **A**buse **H**ousing **A**lliance (**DAHA**) is a partnership between three agencies; Standing Together Against Domestic Violence (STADV), Peabody and Gentoo.
- DAHA's mission is to improve the housing sector's response to domestic abuse through the introduction and adoption of an established set of standards and an accreditation process for social housing providers.
- Standards include 8 priority areas; policy & procedure, case management, risk management, inclusivity, perpetrator management, partnership working, staff training and publicity and awareness.
- Free online toolkit with templates and guidance for implementing the 8 standards and a self assessment site for organisations to submit evidence towards accreditation

#### **Policy & Practice**

- National Housing and Domestic Abuse Policy and Practice Group
- DA Bill UK Government committed to introducing new law on domestic abuse

Submitted response including 'Whole Housing Approach'



#### **National VAWG & Housing Group**































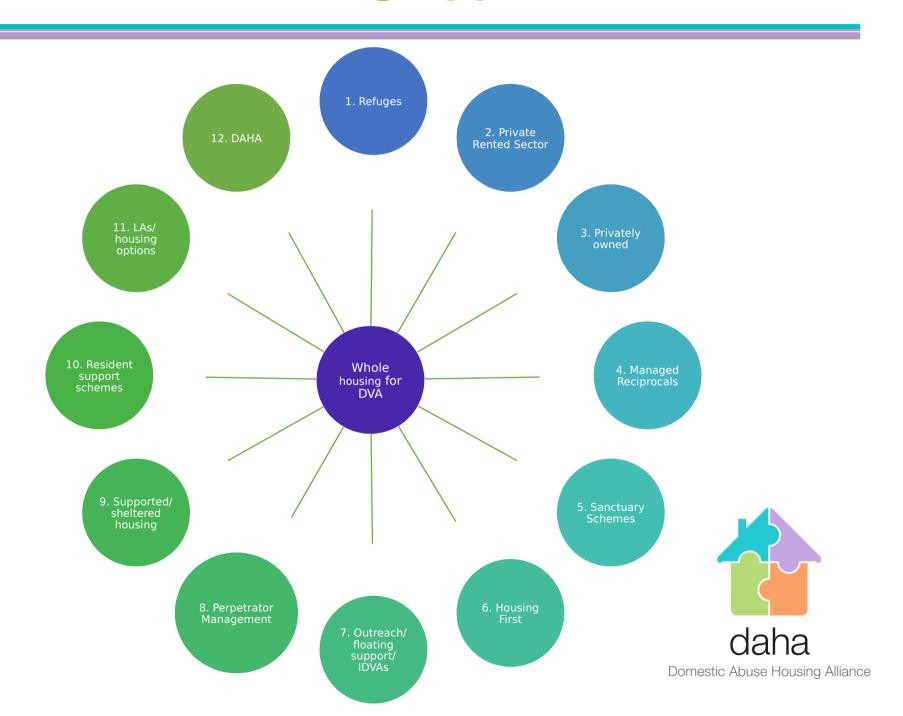








### **Whole Housing Approach**



#### **Benefits of Whole Housing Approach**

- Early identification
   Early intervention
- Reduce length of time in abusive relationships
- Support for Housing Provider Staff
- Financial benefits for housing providers
- Prevent homelessness
- Reduce costs to public purse



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