



Domestic Violence.

We will always be ready to help victims of domestic violence. We will always try to ensure that the victim is protected, as far, as is reasonably possible, from further attacks.

Our staff are not professionally trained advisors or counsellors, but they will, if requested by the victim:

- Provide appropriate and sympathetic advice and help on housing matters.
- Help the victim to get independent legal advice (the courts can grant an injunction to prevent a victim of violence from further threats or attacks).
- Help the victim to contact independent specialist advice organisations such as Women's Aid, who provide advice, help and access to refuges for women and their children who have suffered mental, physical or sexual abuse.
- Help the victim to contact the providers of temporary accommodation.
- Help the victim to get permanent alternative accommodation, which could, in certain circumstances, involve direct re-housing by us.

We are determined to ensure that the perpetrators of violence do not benefit from it. It is a condition of our tenancy agreement that no tenant, 'should use or threaten violence against any other person living on the premises so that they are forced to leave by reason of such violence or fear of such violence'.

Useful contact point – your Housing Officer