



Domestic Abuse Policy for Housing Service

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Aims of new Policy

- Comply with new legislation - Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023
- Adopt best practice following Domestic Abuse Act 2021
- Ensure all residents/tenants experiencing domestic abuse receive an effective, consistent, and supportive housing response
- Enable people affected by domestic abuse to access specialist support and reduce further harm

Scope of new Policy

- It will provide guidance for all staff in the Housing Service
- Applies to residents within the North Yorkshire area, North Yorkshire Council tenants and leaseholders, and North Yorkshire Council members
- Staff members affected by domestic abuse are not covered by this policy

How Developed

- Consulted with national specialists
- Researched best practice
- Consulted with staff, local partner agencies and agencies supporting people with lived experience and incorporated feedback

Equalities Considerations

- A full Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken and no evidence has been found that any person or group with protected characteristics will be adversely affected

Financial Considerations

- There is no immediate financial impact as funding is already in place to implement the new policy
- A domestic abuse training plan is already begin delivered in the Housing Service

Climate Change Considerations

- An initial climate change impact assessment has been undertaken in consultation with a Climate Change Business Partner and impact was deemed to be minimal so further work was not required in relation to the implementation of this policy.

Links

- The proposed policy links to the new Multi-Agency Domestic Abuse Strategy which is due to be published
- This policy will support delivery of our Serious Violence Duty
- This policy links to local safeguarding procedures