

## Freedom of Information Request 2024/25

We are requesting information regarding your services for survivors of domestic violence and abuse. The request aims to **gain a full picture of all the domestic abuse services funded by your local authority** and what form this funding takes.

We have formatted this request as a table to make it clear what information we are asking for and have provided a list of definitions to support with completing the request.

This Freedom of Information request should be completed directly by the local authority and not referred to another organisation to complete.

### Definitions:

- **Refuge/safe accommodation:** Accommodation and support provided for survivors experiencing domestic abuse. Accommodation can be in any or all of shared, self-contained, or dispersed housing.
- **Non-refuge/community-based services:** Services for survivors of domestic abuse provided separately from accommodation services. This may include floating support, outreach, IDVA/DAPA projects, formal domestic abuse counselling, group work programmes/support groups, helpline services, drop-in services, prevention and awareness work etc.
- **In-house services:** Services delivered directly by staff employed by the local authority and not contracted to another organisation.
- **Commissioned funding:** Funding secured through a competitive tender process.
- **Grant funding:** A sum of money provided under a Grant Funding Agreement, where applicants must meet the conditions of a fund.

### Q1. Refuge/safe accommodation services

Please fill out this table with information about **all** the **refuge and/or safe accommodation** services for survivors of domestic abuse that your local authority funds in your area in 2024/25, including any refuge/safe accommodation services that are delivered in-house.

Refuge/safe accommodation services							
a. Which organisation/s do you currently fund to run refuge and/or safe accommodation in your area?	b. When did the current contract for this commissioned service <b>start</b> ? (Month/Year)	c. When does the current contract for this commissioned service <b>end</b> ? (Month/Year)	d. How is the funding for this service delivered? Please mark as many options as relevant with an 'X'.				e. If known, how many bed spaces for <b>adults</b> does your local authority fund this organisation to provide?
			Commissioned funding	Grant funding	Service delivered in-house	Other (please specify) / Comments	
West Mercia Women's Aid – Refuge	April 2024	April 2025				Refuge is not directly funded	10 units in Refuge and 9 units of dispersed accommodation
Stonewater Ltd – Safe Accommodation and Floating Support Contract	April 2024	April 2025	X				4 units of dispersed accommodation

f. If there is any other information you would like to provide to clarify your answers to Q1 please tell us here:

Please note that the refuge is not funded directly by a contract or grant from Herefordshire Council, we do however commission the support element which is much broader than just the refuge.

## Q2. Non-refuge/community-based services:

Please fill out this table with information about **any non-refuge/community-based services** for survivors of domestic abuse your local authority funds in your area in 2024/25, including any services delivered in-house. Please include details of any non-refuge/community-based services you fund which are provided by organisations already listed in Q1.

Non-refuge/community-based services	
a. What non-refuge/community-based services do you currently fund for survivors of domestic abuse in your area?	b. Which organisation/s currently hold/s this contract?
DA Floating Support (as part of the Safe Accommodation contract outlined above)	Stonewater Ltd
DA Support for Men and Boys	Cranstoun
Lived Experience Advisory Network – This is a DA specific lived experience group who act as consultees on services and strategic documents and plans etc.	West Mercia Women's Aid
DA Support Services (as part of the Refuge and Support contract outlined above). This includes a wide range of services including helpline, group work, support for children and young people etc.	West Mercia Women's Aid
IDVA Services – IDVA services are commissioned by the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner	West Mercia Women's Aid
Sanctuary Scheme	This is run in partnership between West Mercia Police and Herefordshire Council