

Domestic Abuse Policy consultation

2. Questionnaire

1. Which of the following best describes you?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Council tenant		65.85%	27
2	Housing association tenant		4.88%	2
3	Private tenant		0.00%	0
4	Owner occupier		7.32%	3
5	Landlord		4.88%	2
6	Statutory organisation		9.76%	4
7	Other		7.32%	3
			answered	41
			skipped	0

2. Do you think that the Domestic Abuse Policy is easy to understand and covers the key housing obligations of the Council as landlord to our tenants, and to the public?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		82.93%	34
2	No		12.20%	5
3	Partly		4.88%	2
			answered	41
			skipped	0

If you answered partly, please tell us what should be included: (2)

1	30/07/2021 13:52 PM ID: 171869784	I don't think they act fast enough and the victims can see a fear in losing there home if not investigated properly. This fear often results in them keeping quiet.
2	04/08/2021 12:19 PM ID: 172087700	Haven't even seen the domestic abuse policy

3. Do you agree with the strategic aims in the Housing Domestic Abuse Policy?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		85.37%	35

2	No		12.20%	5
3	Partly		2.44%	1
			answered	41
			skipped	0

4. Do you agree with the proposal that tenants fleeing domestic abuse and seeking alternative accommodation should be able to keep their current tenancy status rather than being given a lesser form of tenure?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		97.56%	40
2	No		2.44%	1
3	Partly		0.00%	0
			answered	41
			skipped	0

5. Do you agree with Housing Services' approach for dealing with people experiencing domestic abuse?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		82.93%	34
2	No		7.32%	3
3	Partly		9.76%	4
			answered	41
			skipped	0

If you answered no or partly, please tell us why: (2)

1	25/08/2021 18:03 PM ID: 173394193	I was very grateful for the chance to be given a home away from the domestic abuse . I did not feel that I was completely reassured that I was SAFE. I know a lot of responsibility was up to me to ensure that where I was housed was made secret as possible, especially when I received a letter from SDDC addressed to me and my EX at my new address ! I had to ring SDDC for reassurance. Dealing with benefit system , dealing with having to furnish property with having just the clothes you have dealing with utilities dealing with banks dealing with changing address etc etc and doing that with little or no money ! Perhaps ensuring how letters are addressed and worded will take a small pressure off some shoulders .
2	16/09/2021 10:55 AM ID: 174699865	I would like to see more commitment to keeping people having experienced domestic abuse in their own homes where actions can be taken to make this safe. I would also like to see acknowledgement that support should take into account people's individual circumstances, including needs arising from gender, sexuality, ethnicity, culture etc. as sometimes services tend towards being wide rather than offering specialist support.

6. Do you agree with Housing Services' approach for dealing with people causing domestic abuse?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		75.61%	31
2	No		9.76%	4

3	Partly		14.63%	6
			answered	41
			skipped	0

If you answered no or partly, please tell us why: (5)

1	09/08/2021 12:58 PM ID: 172330951	What action has SDDC taken against perpetrators of domestic abuse who breach their tenancy agreement? It seems the most common answer is to move the victims rather than use powers to take action against perps.
2	25/08/2021 18:03 PM ID: 173394193	Don't know! Unsure how domestic abuse towards the abuser is dealt with if the abuser owns their own home!
3	14/09/2021 17:28 PM ID: 174550777	When a perpetrator is effectively made homeless for example as a result of a DVPO sometimes a victim will allow this to be breached because they don't want to see their partner homeless.
4	15/09/2021 18:08 PM ID: 174661587	Don't know how you deal with them
5	16/09/2021 10:55 AM ID: 174699865	Sometimes the way services deal with perpetrators can make things worse for the survivors and victims of domestic abuse, for example making a perpetrator homeless or refusing to offer housing can cause the perp to turn up at the victim's door and act as another "guilt" on the person surviving domestic abuse. Decisions around perpetrator's housing needs need to take a 360 view of the situation and to involve specialist input from domestic abuse experts.

7. If you have any further comments to make on the Housing Domestic Abuse Policy, please include them here:

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	12
1	30/07/2021 10:22 AM ID: 171853024	This is a test by Laurie Coombs		
2	30/07/2021 14:48 PM ID: 171874319	I think it is brilliant that abusers will not be able to live in local authority housing. Ever. These monsters should get nothing; we should ship them all to an island in the outer hebridies with nothing but the shirts on their backs and let them die of exposure or starvation. Even that is too good for them.		
3	30/07/2021 15:57 PM ID: 171879454	Just allow them to some decorating		
4	30/07/2021 16:20 PM ID: 171881205	I was in a refuge in South Derbyshire .and I was given a very nice home when I left and I stayed here .the council were fantastic and I had a lot of support from the council when I moved in they were fantastic.		
5	30/07/2021 19:07 PM ID: 171890241	I've suffered domestic abuse as a tenant of yourselves and found the process to remove my ex husband went on too long. He had to remain in the property with us until he was rehoused and I'd paid of the arrears on our tenancy but I found everyone at the council extremely helpful and informative.		
6	30/07/2021 19:29 PM ID: 171891024	As i am someone who was in an awful domestic violence marriage for 15 years I believe that as soon as it comes to the attention of the authorities that both the person been abused and the children should be given the choice to be moved straight away		

7	04/08/2021 12:19 PM ID: 172087700	Can you actually supply a copy of the domestic abuse policy before asking the tenants to do a survey on it!	
8	09/08/2021 12:58 PM ID: 172330951	What reporting checks are put in place to monitor how many perpetrators are dealt with via tenancy agreement etc.	
9	25/08/2021 18:03 PM ID: 173394193	Please please if you don't see signs of physical abuse, the person who abuses using mental / physiological abuse will also TRY TO MAKE THEMSELVES OUT TO.BE A VICTIM ! I understand it may be very difficult to split the difference but if some presents with the need to get out with just what they can carry and leaves someone who is in own home and all furnishing doesn't do that lightly!	
10	13/09/2021 12:50 PM ID: 174390775	The work undertaken by SDDC Housing in relation to DV is of a high standard this is evident in their joined approach with other agencies	
11	14/09/2021 17:28 PM ID: 174550777	I think it is really good but would just mention that the DA Bill was enacted in April 2021 it was still a bill in 2020 and whilst you reference the duty of DCC to convene a local partnership board, it might be worth stressing that part 4 of the act confers the duty on DCC to provide support in safe accommodation and that South Derbyshire as a tier 2 authority have a duty to cooperate with the tier 1 authority in the delivery of their duty. You cover all the multi agency work but I think it is worth identifying that the act formalises the way we work together -but I think it comprehensive around the housing response and meaningful to the public Wasn't sure whether to do the survey or email you but if you want to get hold of me alison.boyce@derbyshire.gov.uk Domestic Abuse Manager for DCC Thanks	
12	16/09/2021 10:55 AM ID: 174699865	From the intro to the policy - can this be amended to read that "most abuse is perpetrated against women by men" - I know it's a pedantic point but a lot of language around domestic abuse is "passive". The point is made later that men also experience violence from women. Anyone can experience domestic abuse. Home Office research indicates that whilst most abuse is against women it also occurs in Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender relationships, in heterosexual relationships where men are abused by women and by grown up children against their parents.	
		answered	12
		skipped	29