

Warwickshire's Safe Accommodation Strategy 2025-28 – Delivery Plan

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Safe Accommodation Strategy – Strategic Actions						
H	A.	<p>Safe Accommodation Strategy Governance and Sign-Off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved by Corporate Board – 16.10.2024 Approved by WCC Cabinet – 14.11.2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Accommodation Strategy agreed by WCC Cabinet and published Publish Easy Read version of Safe Accommodation 	<p>Domestic Abuse Commissioner – Inequalities and Public Health Commissioning</p>	<p>Sept-24</p> <p>Nov-24</p> <p>Nov-24</p> <p>Feb-25</p>	<p>Nov-24</p> <p>Feb-25</p> <p>In progress</p>
H	B.	<p>Safe Accommodation Strategy Delivery Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed Agreed by VAWG Board – Nov 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First draft developed Sept 2024 To be agreed at VAWG Board – Nov 2024 To be monitored and reviewed quarterly 	<p>Domestic Abuse Commissioner – Inequalities and Public Health Commissioning</p>	<p>Sept-24</p> <p>Nov-24</p>	<p>Nov-24</p> <p>In progress</p>
M	C.	<p>Safe Accommodation Strategy Performance Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group¹ to agree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree updated performance measures 	<p>Domestic Abuse Commissioner – Inequalities and Public Health Commissioning</p> <p>Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group</p>	<p>Oct-24</p> <p>Dec-24</p>	
M / L	D.	<p>Safe Accommodation Strategy Progress Update</p> <p><i>While the Safe Accommodation Strategy covers a three-year period, it will be reviewed annually to ensure it is responsive to the needs of victim-survivors who access services in Warwickshire.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresh Safe Accommodation Needs Assessment annually. Provide updates to VAWG Board Review Strategy and Delivery Plan Provide updates to VAWG Board quarterly 		<p>Annually</p> <p>Quarterly</p>	<p>11/27</p> <p>Not started</p>

¹ Formally known as the Safe Accommodation Working Group (SAWG)

Strategy Objectives

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Objective 1 – Early intervention and prevention: victim-survivors (adults and children) are supported at an early stage and provided with options to remain safe at home to prevent homelessness. Includes holding perpetrators to account for their behaviour.						
	<p><u>Warwickshire agencies will continue to work together with education.</u></p> <p>1 This includes supporting the creation of education sessions for students and raising awareness of the support available across the county.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through collaborative working, provide training and awareness sessions for staff and students in education settings 	Domestic Abuse Commissioner VAWG Comms Group Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group Education Partners	Nov-24	Continuous	
	<p><u>Warwickshire Police will continue to utilise the specialist Domestic Abuse Rape and serious sexual offences Team (DART).</u></p> <p>2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve outcome rates for DA-related prosecutions for high-risk cases, to be reviewed annually 	Warwickshire Police		Reviewed annually.	
	<p>3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPNs) issued, to be reviewed annually 	Warwickshire Police		Reviewed annually.	
	<p><u>Warwickshire will consider what further early intervention and prevention is required in the county.</u></p> <p>4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore opportunities alongside education to better identify and support children and families impacted by DA 	DA Commissioner Education Partners DA Commissioned Services	Feb-25	Dec-25	
	<p>5 This includes working in partnership with education providers, social care, and Children and Families Teams.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alongside social care, provide support for families impacted by DA, including early intervention 	DA Commissioner WCC Children and Families Team DA Commissioned services	Feb-25	Dec-25	
	<p>6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alongside Children and Families Teams, explore co-designing effective interventions for families in need of 	DA Commissioner	Feb-25	Dec-25	

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		support	WCC Children and Families Team DA Commissioned services			
7	<u>Warwickshire agencies will work together to protect the safety of survivors so that staying at home is a safe and realistic option for more people.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase awareness of safe accommodation options available to victim-survivors, including the Sanctuary Scheme. Review number of Sanctuary Scheme applications quarterly 	Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group VAWG Comms	Jan-25	Continuous	
8	This includes continuing to utilise the power and duties of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage victim-survivors to report all incidents of DA through targeted communications campaign. Comms engagement evaluation to be conducted annually 	Warwickshire Police Comms	Apr-25	Continuous	
9	<u>Warwickshire will explore options around whether DA can be considered a breach of tenancy conditions.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review social landlords' tenancy agreements 	Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group District & Borough Leads	Jan-26	Jul-26	
1	This includes working closely with district and boroughs and taking a multi-agency approach to hold perpetrators to account for their behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify how other local authorities work with social landlords regarding breaches of tenancy due to DA and review learning 	DA Commissioner	Jan-26	Jul-26	
Objective 2 – Accessible services: victim-survivors and professionals know how to access safe accommodation options, both within and outside of Warwickshire.						
1	<u>Warwickshire will promote the range of safe accommodation options available.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and implement dedicated comms campaigns promoting the safe accommodation offer 	Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group VAWG Comms	Nov-24	Dec-25	
1	This will include promoting the new dispersed accommodation, the Sanctuary Scheme, and support services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure related comms are tailored to both victim-survivors and professionals 	Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group	Nov-24	Dec-25	

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			VAWG Comms			
1	<u>Warwickshire County Council will explore accreditation.</u> This would include the accreditation of all district and boroughs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the process and benefits of the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance accreditation scheme 	DA Commissioner	Apr-25	Jul-25	
1	<u>Warwickshire will continue to engage victim-survivors through a series of forums and other activities.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore potential barriers to accessing safe accommodation provision through the development of victim-survivor forums 	DA Commissioner	Jan-25	August-25	
1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the current commissioned training programme to ensure adequate training regarding safe accommodation provision 	DA Commissioner	Nov-24	June-2025	
1	<u>Warwickshire will continue to provide training and awareness raising sessions for professionals.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure professionals are confident with the referral process via utilising feedback forms from training, and tracking referrals into services by agencies/partners. Review quarterly as part of contract review. 	DA Commissioner DA Commissioned services Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group	Jan-25	Oct-26 (contract end date)	
1	<u>Warwickshire will ensure that referral pathways remain effective and thorough.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review existing referral pathways using responses from the Call for Evidence work and victim-survivor engagement forums, addressing any required improvements and tracking referrals, review quarterly as part of contract review. 	DA Commissioner DA Commissioned services	Jan-25	Oct-26	
Objective 3 – Appropriate safe accommodation: accommodation options and appropriate support are in place for all victim-survivors who need it.						
1	<u>Warwickshire will ensure that the safe accommodation provision is promoted widely.</u> This includes working closely with partners through a variety of means.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the county's safe accommodation provision to all those in need, ensuring those with protected characteristics or from minoritised communities are reached. Monitor referral data through quarterly contract review, and comms engagement through an annual evaluation. 	Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group VAWG Comms	Nov-24	Continuous	

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	1 <u>Warwickshire will work to ensure all victim-survivors are able to access refuge provision and support services.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify potential additional partners able to provide specialist support to minoritised and under-represented communities. 	Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group	Apr-25	Jul-25	
	2 <u>Warwickshire will identify all suitable safe accommodation options.</u> This includes working closely with district and boroughs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a mapping exercise of all safe accommodation options to identify possible gaps in existing provision; review whether safe accommodation provision is equitable across the county 	DA Commissioner District and Borough Leads	Jan-25	Jul-25	
	2 <u>Warwickshire will continue to expand safe accommodation refuge provision.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate current delivery model, to determine longer term commissioning options 	DA Commissioner DA Commissioned services	Aug-24	Oct-24	
	2 <u>Warwickshire will explore co-commissioning opportunities.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where appropriate, consider jointly commissioning services with district and boroughs, and neighbouring local authorities, with a focus on safe accommodation provision and support 	DA Commissioner Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group	Apr-25	Continuous	
Objective 4 – Multi-agency delivery: victim-survivors' needs will be met by effective, collaborative multi-agency support.						
	2 <u>Warwickshire will explore further co-location opportunities.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with partners and the WDVA Service to identify further opportunities for co-location Explore connections to the Creating Opportunities work and priority LSOAs, and the Social Fabric Fund investments (specifically Cohort 4 which targets women who have experienced DA and inequalities) 	Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group DA Commissioner	Jan-25	Apr-25	
	2 <u>Warwickshire will support the implementation of the Pathfinder Service.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work alongside Children and Families Teams to ensure DA practitioners are available in specific localities as part of Family Help 	DA Commissioner WCC Children and Families Team	Jan-25	Dec-25	
	2 <u>Warwickshire will continue to learn from both national and regional best practice.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly review national and regional safe accommodation initiatives, such as Domestic Abuse National Expert Steering Group case studies, and 	DA Commissioner	Nov-24	Continuous	

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		consider suitable, similar options for implementation in Warwickshire	Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group			
2	<u>Warwickshire partners will continually review all data to understand the scale of DA and safe accommodation requirements within the county.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete annual Needs Assessments 	Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group	Mar-25	Aug-24 Annually thereafter	
2	<u>Warwickshire will work to ensure victim-survivors with complex needs are supported.</u> This includes working closely with partners in mental health and substance misuse services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify avenues of support for victim-survivors who may face additional barriers to accessing safe accommodation 	DA Commissioner Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group	Jun-25	Dec-25	
2	<u>Warwickshire will work in partnership with Fire and Rescue to support victim-survivors in safe accommodation.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer Safe and Well Checks to victim-survivors in their own home 	Warwickshire Fire & Rescue	Jan-25	Continuous	
2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pro-actively provide, as far as practicably possible, advice and guidance to ensure refuge premises are safe and meet statutory requirements; this may include Safe and Well Checks 	Warwickshire Fire & Rescue	Jan-25	Continuous	
Objective 5 – Support to return home or move-on: victim-survivors are supported to return home safely or move into alternative permanent accommodation.						
3	<u>Warwickshire will explore further specialist training for Housing Officers across district and boroughs.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore specialist training for those in safe accommodation and housing provision to develop their knowledge on supporting victim-survivors with housing requirements 	DA Commissioner District and Borough Leads	Apr-25	Mar-26	
3	<u>Warwickshire will support victim-survivors to access national schemes.</u> This includes working closely with the WDVA Service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and promote relevant national funds and schemes to support victim-survivors with move-on, such as Women’s Aid’s Flee and Future Funds 	DA Commissioner Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group	Apr-25	Mar-26	

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	3 <u>Warwickshire will explore move-on challenges faced by victim-survivors</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alongside partners, explore common barriers faced by victim-survivors to move on from refuge provision, including rent arrears and those who have assets 	Safe Accommodation and VAWG Strategic Delivery Group	Jan-25	Jun-25	
	3 <u>Warwickshire Police will continue to utilise Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPNs)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilise and promote the use of DVPNs to remove perpetrators from addresses to allow victim-survivors to return home, obtain civil orders, and work with support agencies. To be reviewed annually 	Warwickshire Police	Jan-25	Mar-26	