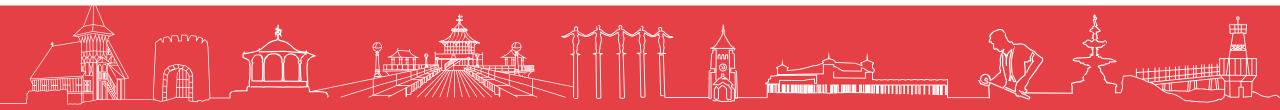


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# Domestic Abuse & Violence against women and girls

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North Somerset Domestic Abuse Update

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The purpose of this update is to:

• Give an overview of the significant expansion and development of services and support for DA survivors and children in North Somerset over the past year.



## Key achievements

#### The new North Somerset Domestic Abuse Strategy 2020-23

This strategy sets out the key priorities for the North Somerset Community Safety Partnership in tackling domestic abuse and outlines the areas for action over the next three years.

#### **Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Part 4 Safe Accommodation Duties**

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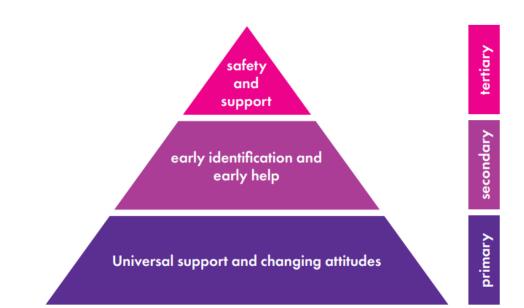
#### Safer Streets Funding Rounds 3 and 4

We have successfully delivered SSF3 and recently secured SSF4 funding to continue and expand our work to tackle VAWG in North Somerset.

## North Somerset Domestic Abuse Strategic Framework

Our vision – To work together to reduce the incidence of domestic abuse, ensure the safety and empowerment by those affected by it (both adults and children) and to seek to challenge the behaviour of those perpetrating it.

The North Somerset domestic abuse strategy takes a public health approach. Our **aims** are to:



#### 3. Provide

Tertiary interventions provide direct support to victims with the aim of reducing the risk of domestic abuse and its impact.

#### 2. Protect

Secondary interventions aim to identify domestic abuse and provide help as soon as possible so that it does not recur or escalate.

#### 1. Prevent

Primary interventions – actions aimed at the whole community, regardless of their experience of domestic abuse.





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### **North Somerset Council**

1 x Start to Finish Domestic Abuse Worker

DAHA Lead/Project Officer

DA Engagement & Project Officer

Sanctuary Scheme

**Reclaim** Young People Counselling

## Nextlink Specialist DA Support Service

1 x Housing IDVA

1 x Male Support IDVA

Flexible Funding Pot

Children & Young People Play Worker

## Young Victim's Service Advocate





Any Questions?

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# **NEXT STEPS:**

- Refresh Sexual Violence & Abuse Strategy
- DA Services Launch Event Feb
- Review initial DA Act spend
- Link to Serious Violence Duties
- Perpetrator interventions

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