leading change for cohesive policies and strategies for tackling domestic abuse and housing globally

Cambridgeshire  National  London
Tenant recorded what he thought was noise nuisance and was actually the murder of his next door neighbour Natasha Bradbury.

*Timothy Down says he thought it felt 'better to stay away'*

Who we are and what we do?

• Development and dissemination of **accreditation process** for social housing providers in order to improve national response to domestic abuse - standards cover **8 priority areas**

• Funding from London Councils, Comic Relief, Home Office, MHCLG & Tampon Tax

• Online self assessment toolkit (HO), national DAHA workshops (CR/LC)

• DAHA Development Managers  *(Cambridgeshire, National, London)*

• Evaluation – York University (CR/LC)

• Housing First – Tri-Borough (MHCLG)

• Private rented sector post – (TT and MHCLG)

• Whole Housing (MHCLG)
DAHA Accreditation - 8 Priority Areas

1. Policy & Procedure
2. Case Management
3. Risk Management
4. Equality & Diversity
5. Perpetrator Management
6. Partnership working
7. Training
8. Publicity & Awareness

Free online toolkit with template docs and guidance on above available at https://www.dahalliance.org.uk/accreditation
Findings

- Domestic abuse ‘sits’ within ASB for 65.35% of Housing Associations (Kelly Henderson, Gentoo Research)
- 40% of people living with DVA have an ASB complaint made against them compared to 9% of all other tenants (CIH Cymru)
- Underlying issue of ASB not addressed and punitive approach taken
- Of the 121 women who came into and exited services in 2015, 22% had a secure tenancy on arrival while only 13% of service users had a secure tenancy after leaving emergency accommodation (Solace Women’s Aid)
- Reporting to Housing Associations is often low
- Four times more likely to have NoSP – 63% v 15% of all tenants (CIH Cymru)
Cost & Impact on Housing Sector

• **£1.6 billion** in Emergency housing alone

• Residents experiencing DA **7 TIMES** more likely to be in rent arrears

• **£1k +**

• **Void** properties where DA occurred **6 times** more expensive to prepare to re-let

• High levels of **turnover** in empty properties

• Feelings of **safety** lower on roads where there is DA

• High levels of **property damage** in homes where there is DA
Gentoo Repairs Analysis

344,280 Repairs = £39.2m
43,470 potentially DA = £8.4m

= 13% of all Jobs
= 21% of all repairs

Non-DA avg.

10 repairs
£860

DA avg.

13 repairs
£1200
DA Bill

• National Housing and Domestic Abuse Policy and Practice Group

• Submission of joint response including ‘Whole Housing Approach’ which supports HRA

• Written evidence to the Joint Committee
National Housing and Domestic Abuse Policy and Practice Group
Whole Housing Approach

Green – part of Whole Housing project
Blue – not included
Orange – separate project
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