

DAHA update

This seems a good time to share with you the great news that Cambridgeshire's bid to the MHCLG was successful and so we now have until **March 2020** to continue to support housing providers in the county to assist their staff and residents who are experiencing domestic abuse and to achieve accreditation. This means that I can extend the following invitations to you:

1. Join our Eastern Region Domestic Abuse Housing Operational Group (currently 19 organisations) I have attached a flyer.
2. Make use of our expertise and free online toolkit to pursue accreditation (we are happy to attend to give a presentation to senior management)
3. Host a workshop at your organisation on one of DAHA's 8 priority areas or attend a suite of [free workshops](#).

The eight priority areas are:

- Policies & Procedures
- Case Management
- Risk Management
- Equality & Diversity
- Perpetrator Management
- Partnership Working
- Staff Training
- Publicity and Awareness

Further information about the accreditation is available here <https://www.dahalliance.org.uk/accreditation>.

The Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance's (DAHA) mission is to improve the housing sector's response to domestic abuse through the introduction and adoption of an established set of accredited standards. DAHA was launched in September of 2014 and embeds the best practice learned and implemented by its three founding partners Peabody, Standing Together Against Domestic Violence and Gentoo and is the first accreditation of its kind for housing providers in order to improve their response to domestic abuse. It is part of the Government's "Ending Violence against Women and Girls Strategy: 2016 to 2020" and has been publicly backed by MHCLG.

In order to attain accreditation housing providers can use our [free online toolkit](#) to assess their own current practice. I encourage you to take a look even if you are not considering accreditation at this time. You only need to enter your email and create a password to be able to access the free templates and guidance provided for you without any commitment to any further action.

So far 9 housing providers and 1 Local Authority have achieved DAHA accreditation. We have 31 going through the process nationally including 2 from Cambridge who are almost through the process and I'm sure would be willing to share with you their experiences of this.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like further information. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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