



Whole Housing
Domestic Abuse

**An Introduction to the Whole Housing
Approach**

Whole Housing Approach

“The most dangerous place for a woman in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is in her own home”

Victim and Offender Needs Assessment, 2015



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Whole Housing Approach

Mission To improve housing options for families affected by domestic abuse through a 'whole housing approach' rather than just one size fits all approach.

Vision To develop and model Whole Housing approaches and to evaluate their impact in terms of:

- Reducing homelessness
- Early intervention
- Increasing tenancy sustainment
- Providing move on options for families affected by domestic abuse.

Background and development of Whole Housing

- **May 2018** – DAHA develop outline of the Whole Housing Approach and presents it to the DA National Housing and DA Policy and Practice group as part of DA Bill consultation. The group endorses Whole Housing and response is sent which is then used as written evidence by Home Affairs Select Committee
- **Nov 2018** – Whole Housing included as response to Social Housing Green Paper
- **Nov 2018** – MHCLG funding secured to pilot Whole Housing in 3 areas - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Stockton and West London Tri-Borough
- **Jan 2019** – Whole Housing approach recognised in DA Bill

Whole Housing Approach

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



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Mobile Advocacy (Outreach)

Trauma informed person centred advocacy working with victims where they are and supporting them with their needs and the outcomes they are seeking.

7 members of staff across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Easy to Access

Any level of risk

Trauma Informed Practice

Flexible



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Managed Reciprocals

Aim is to enable victims/survivors and their children to move to a safe area

- Reasonably quickly
- Same Size Property
- Maintaining their Social Tenancy

First scheme outside of London

First scheme in the world to include perpetrators

South Cambs, Cambridge City, Fenland, East Cambs and Clarion have already signed up to the Memorandum of Understanding.

Peterborough and Hunts are close to signing.

Will be seeking sign up from all providers across the area
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Flexible Funding (Resident Support Scheme)

‘Flexible funding assistance refers to unrestricted funds used to support survivors to become stably housed’

Aim is to prevent homelessness to survivors by providing assistance that is:

- Immediate
- Individualized
- flexible

Principles are:

- Low barrier
- Fast
- No cap on amount
- Support for variety of needs that help people access safe and secure housing



Examples:

- Issued to people with No Recourse Public Funds
- Removal van

Perpetrator Management

- Enforcement (starting with a victim led approach)
- Positive engagement (Respect accredited)
- Cambs Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Panel
- Domestic Violence Protection Order – ensuring housing are informed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6sQggjWWNzc&fbclid=IwAR35OxhEY92wsy7VsP1FZqaQWoyvahf-zibym3wSht3Y19uxYYbB66HzOaI>



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Sanctuary Schemes

- Additional Security
- Easy to access
- Quick
- Increased feelings of safety
- Bobbyscheme

Make a Stand Pledge – CIH

- Over 300 Housing Providers
- 4 Key Commitments
- Hope to have all providers in the area having signed up

Thank you

Thank you for listening!

Any Questions?

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