

## EQIA Submission – ID Number

### Section A

**EQIA Title**

Domestic Abuse Act Framework 2023-25

**Responsible Officer**

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### Type of Activity

**Service Change**

No

**Service Redesign**

No

**Project/Programme**

Project/Programme

**Commissioning/Procurement**

No

**Strategy/Policy**

No

**Details of other Service Activity**

No

### Accountability and Responsibility

**Directorate**

Adult Social Care and Health

**Responsible Service**

Adult Social Care and Health

**Responsible Head of Service**

Akua Agyepong - AH OPPD

**Responsible Director**

Akua Agyepong - AH OPPD

### Aims and Objectives

The Domestic Abuse (DA) Act 2021 introduced new statutory duties to Local Authorities in relation to support for survivors of domestic abuse (adults and children) residing in 'safe accommodation' which includes refuges, Sanctuary Schemes, move-on and dispersed accommodation. In December 2022, DLUHC announced the Local Authority Domestic Abuse Duty: 2023 to 2024 and 2024 to 2025 funding allocations.

It is proposed that a 'Domestic Abuse Framework' will be used to determine further spend of DA Act funding and support decision making. Under this Framework all expenditure of DA Act funding must be in line with budget forecasting and adhere to the DLUHC Guidance and Memorandum of Understanding terms. Additionally, proposals for spend must meet one of the following criteria.

A. Will support the council in conducting its statutory functions under the DA Act which include assessing need, preparation, publication, monitoring and delivery of strategies, commissioning activity and mandatory reporting back to central Government.

B. Will improve, develop, or maintain specialist support to survivors (adults and children) of domestic abuse who must be residing in 'safe accommodation', as defined by the DA Act, (this includes Refuge accommodation, Specialist Safe accommodation, Dispersed accommodation, Sanctuary Schemes and Second stage accommodation)

Examples of projects that would meet the criteria include.

- Analytical project / resource to support the council to assess need.
- Engagement project to develop and maintain engagement with survivors of domestic abuse.
- Development of a new services to increase the reach of the existing support offer to survivors residing in a property that is part of a Sanctuary Scheme.

## Section B – Evidence

**Do you have data related to the protected groups of the people impacted by this activity?**

Yes

**It is possible to get the data in a timely and cost effective way?**

Yes

**Is there national evidence/data that you can use?**

Yes

**Have you consulted with stakeholders?**

Yes

**Who have you involved, consulted and engaged with?**

Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee  
 Children, Young People and education Cabinet Committee  
 Local Partnership Board  
 New Burdens Funding Steering Group

**Has there been a previous Equality Analysis (EQIA) in the last 3 years?**

No

**Do you have evidence that can help you understand the potential impact of your activity?**

Yes

## Section C – Impact

**Who may be impacted by the activity?**

**Service Users/clients**

Service users/clients

**Staff**

No

**Residents/Communities/Citizens**

Residents/communities/citizens

**Are there any positive impacts for all or any of the protected groups as a result of the activity that you are doing?**

Yes

**Details of Positive Impacts**

As a Tier 1 Local Authority, KCC are required to appoint a multi-agency Local Partnership Board (LPB) to support them in performing certain specified functions. These are to:

- Assess the need for accommodation-based support for all victims and their children, including those who require cross border support.
- Prepare and publish strategies for the provision of support to cover the locality and diverse groups of victims.
- Give effect to strategies by making commissioning/de-commissioning decisions to meet the support needs of victims and their children.
- Monitor and evaluate local delivery of the strategy.
- Report back to Central Government.

New DA Act funding is provided to enable local authorities ‘to fulfil the functions of the new statutory duty relating to the provision of support to victims of domestic abuse and their children residing within safe accommodation.’

New services commissioned will meet the Framework criteria and include

- Development of a new services to increase the reach of the existing support offer to survivors residing in safe accommodation. This includes underserved groups such as male survivors, ethnic minorities and those with disabilities.

**Negative impacts and Mitigating Actions**

**19. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Age**

**Are there negative impacts for age?**

No. Note: If Question 19a is "No", Questions 19b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

**Details of negative impacts for Age**

Not Completed

**Mitigating Actions for Age**

Not Completed

**Responsible Officer for Mitigating Actions – Age**

Not Completed

**20. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Disability**

**Are there negative impacts for Disability?**

No. Note: If Question 20a is "No", Questions 20b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

**Details of Negative Impacts for Disability**

Not Completed

**Mitigating actions for Disability**

Not Completed

**Responsible Officer for Disability**

Not Completed

**21. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Sex**

**Are there negative impacts for Sex**

No. Note: If Question 21a is "No", Questions 21b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

**Details of negative impacts for Sex**

Not Completed

**Mitigating actions for Sex**

Not Completed

**Responsible Officer for Sex**

Not Completed

**22. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender**

**Are there negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender**

No. Note: If Question 22a is "No", Questions 22b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

**Negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender**

Not Completed

**Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender**

Not Completed

**Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender**

Not Completed

**23. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Race**

**Are there negative impacts for Race**

No. Note: If Question 23a is "No", Questions 23b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

**Negative impacts for Race**

Not Completed

<b>Mitigating actions for Race</b>
Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Race</b>
Not Completed
<b>24. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Religion and belief</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Religion and belief</b>
No. Note: If Question 24a is "No", Questions 24b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Negative impacts for Religion and belief</b>
Not Completed
<b>Mitigating actions for Religion and belief</b>
Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Religion and Belief</b>
Not Completed
<b>25. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Sexual Orientation</b>
No. Note: If Question 25a is "No", Questions 25b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Negative impacts for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Completed
<b>Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Completed
<b>26. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
No. Note: If Question 26a is "No", Questions 26b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Not Completed
<b>Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Not Completed
<b>27. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
No. Note: If Question 27a is "No", Questions 27b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Completed
<b>Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Completed
<b>28. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities</b>
No. Note: If Question 28a is "No", Questions 28b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities</b>
Not Completed

<b>Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities</b>
Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for Carer's responsibilities</b>
Not Completed