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The **technical update**; please ask questions

60 minutes

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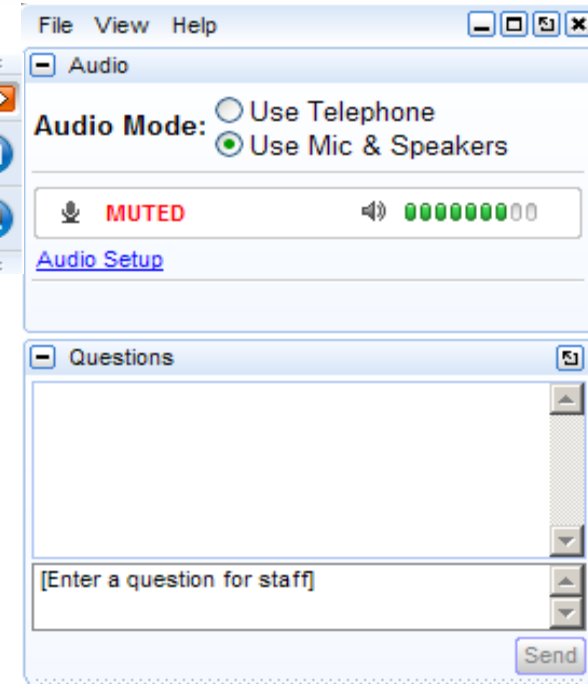
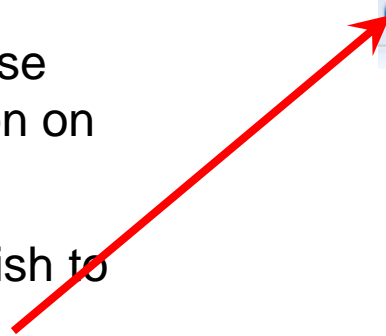
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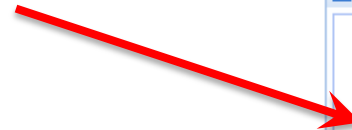
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What is domestic abuse

The Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018

The Act provides a description as to what constitutes abusive behaviour. It includes behaviour which is violent threatening or intimidating and behaviour that is designed to have one or more of the following effects on the victim

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1. Making them dependent on or subordinate to the perpetrator
2. Isolating them from their friends, relatives or other sources of support
3. Controlling, regulating or monitoring their day to day activities
4. Depriving them of, or restricting their freedom of action
5. Frightening, humiliating, degrading or punishing them



Why is domestic abuse a housing issue?

Why domestic abuse is a housing issue



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- 1. Homelessness is gendered.** An understanding of women's, and their children's, experiences and the causes of their risk of homelessness is essential if we are to develop effective responses in Scotland to tackle and prevent women's homelessness.
- 2. A "dispute within the household: violent or abusive" was given as the main reason for homelessness by 4,395 applicants; 78% of applications in this category were made by women, and more than half had children on their application. More women make a homeless application under this category, than for any other reason.**
- 3. A recent EHRC report highlighted that, "evidence presented so far does not capture 'hidden' homelessness."** The report comments that women's homelessness is of particular concern and that women aged 34 and under, households with children, and lone parents (the vast majority of whom are women) are at particular risk.



In 2016, a research report carried out by women with lived experience of domestic abuse and homelessness in Fife found that women were let down by a housing system and forced women to become homeless to escape domestic abuse.

View of service provider

- More than half of service providers (58%) agreed or strongly agreed that some women claim domestic or sexual abuse when they have not experienced it.
- Only 14% of service providers agreed that women who experience domestic abuse are able to make appropriate decisions about how to handle their situation
- Almost half (47%) of service providers were not confident about giving information about how to exclude an abusive partner, or what action could be taken against a perpetrator.



Views of women

- The response women received from the council required that they and often their children move out of their home. It questioned the validity of their experience, did not challenge their partner's entitlement to remain in the home, or offer any safe alternatives to moving out (e.g. tenancy transfer or additional home security measures).
- Only a small number of women were able to remain in their home. They also experienced a lack of control over their situation and fear of further abuse. Support from a range of agencies was highlighted as essential in allowing them to remain in their home.



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until women & children are safe



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Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance

Make a Stand:

1. Put in place and embed a policy to support residents who are affected by domestic abuse.
2. Make information about national and local domestic abuse support services available
3. Appoint a champion at a senior level in your organisation to support people experiencing domestic abuse
4. Put in place a HR policy, or amend an existing policy, to support members of staff who may be experiencing domestic abuse

What else



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1. Guidance from CIH Scotland
2. Change to law to allow victims to stay in their own home
3. Address financial destitution



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Questions?