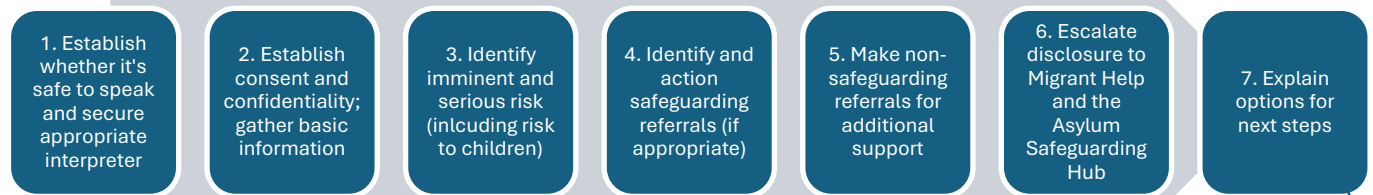


Home Office Minimum Standards for Responding to Disclosures of Domestic Abuse: Process Map for Survivors *Already* on Asylum Support

The following is a summary of key principles and actions that all caseworkers, Home Office accommodation providers (including sub-contractors) and Migrant Help must take if domestic abuse is disclosed to them. **The party responding to the disclosure should:**



- Confirm if survivor wants perpetrator to be removed
- If so, accommodation provider to do an emergency relocation of the perpetrator while survivor is safely away (perpetrator to be moved safe distance from survivor, not in the same or neighbouring borough/town); prior authorisation from Home Office not needed
- Inform survivor of steps taken to remove perpetrator
- Get consent and refer to local DA service and support organisations
- Accommodation provider to notify Asylum Safeguarding Hub of perpetrator's relocation w/in 1 day

Option 1: Survivor can remain in existing accommodation

Survivor has the choice to stay in their existing accommodation and have the perpetrator moved instead (prior Home Office authorisation not required)

- Relocation must be immediate with a safety plan in place
- Accommodate housing needs as much as possible (single-gender, location, proximity to specialist services, self-contained, etc.)
- Accommodation provider to organise and action transportation at a suitable hour, explain the details of the journey/destination, with enough notice to pack
- Accommodation provider to notify Asylum Safeguarding Hub of relocation w/in 1 day for onward safeguarding process and referral to DA service
- Ensure new accommodation location is confidential

Option 2: Survivor can leave current accommodation

Accommodation provider should immediately offer safe alternative accommodation (prior Home Office authorisation not required)

- Make referral to domestic abuse agency to support with refuge search (alternatively, Migrant Help's Outreach Team can also support if survivor requests)
- Once refuge space is secured, secure refuge funding and organise transportation at a suitable hour, explain the details of the journey, with enough notice to pack belongings
- Accommodation provider to notify Asylum Safeguarding Hub of relocation w/in 1 day for onward safeguarding process
- Refuge locations are confidential; PO box address must be accepted by the Home Office
- In refuge, survivor can receive subsistence support from Home Office

Option 3: Survivor can access refuge via asylum support

Refuge option and nature of support should be explained (single gender, for DA survivors, etc.); NB: may need to access emergency support in the interim during refuge search

Additional actions to take once survivor is in safe alternative accommodation

- If splitting support from abusive partner, contact Migrant Help at outreach@migranthelpuk.org to submit new ASF1 to get own ASPEN card (accommodation provider can provide Emergency Cash Payments until new ASPEN card arrives)
- Support survivor to access independent immigration advice
- Confirm change in circumstances have been reported via Migrant Help, particularly of new address
- Confirm referral has been made to Asylum Safeguarding Hub regarding DA disclosure

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