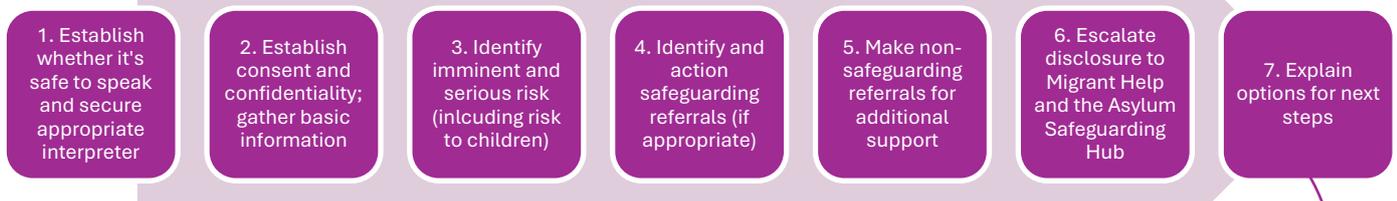


# Home Office Minimum Standards for Responding to Disclosures of Domestic Abuse: Process Map for Survivors *Eligible* for Asylum Support

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:**



- Make referral to local domestic abuse service that can provide outreach support
- *Practice tip:* if eligible for s95, survivor can apply for subs only support even if they do not wish to be accommodated by the Home Office

**Option 1: Survivor can remain in current accommodation**  
Survivor has the choice to remain in existing accommodation

- Support survivor to contact Migrant Help to access emergency accommodation or go via RIAV ([routingvalidation@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:routingvalidation@homeoffice.gov.uk)) and CC [asylumsafeguarding@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:asylumsafeguarding@homeoffice.gov.uk); **make it clear that it is a domestic abuse case and they require immediate assistance**
- Accommodate housing needs as much as possible (single-gender, location, proximity to specialist services, self-contained, etc.)
- Accommodation provider to organise transportation at a suitable hour, explain the details of the journey, with enough notice to pack
- Accommodation provider to notify Asylum Safeguarding Hub of relocation w/in 1 day and provide relevant details to oversee onward safeguarding process
- Ensure new accommodation location is confidential
- Once in safe accommodation, complete ASF1 via Migrant Help

**Option 2: Survivor can leave current accommodation and move into Home Office accommodation**  
Survivor should be supported to access emergency accommodation (if needed) and transition into asylum accommodation

- Make referral to domestic abuse agency to support with refuge search (Migrant Help Outreach Team can also support if survivor requests)
- May need to access emergency accommodation during refuge search
- Once refuge space is secured, get refuge funding in place
- Asylum Safeguarding Hub can authorise refuge funding for those eligible for support (even if they do not have an ASF1 submitted or approved)
- Accommodation provider to organise transportation at a suitable hour, with sufficient notice to pack; also notify Asylum Safeguarding Hub of relocation w/in 1 day
- Refuge locations are confidential; PO box address must be accepted by the 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

Differences in provisions from domestic abuse guidance based on s95 v s4 eligibility	
<p><b>s95 eligibility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once it's established survivor is an asylum seeker, destitution evidence is <u>not</u> required at initial stage</li> <li>- Can access emergency s98 accommodation (go through Migrant Help or <a href="mailto:routingvalidation@homeoffice.gov.uk">routingvalidation@homeoffice.gov.uk</a>)</li> </ul>	<p><b>s4 eligibility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Still need to meet additional regulation 3(2) criteria</li> <li>- May need to establish eligibility for support and submit ASF1 application to benefit from DA guidance provisions</li> <li>- Access to emergency accommodation is an <u>exception</u> for DA survivors</li> </ul>

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