

DAHA – The Year Ahead.

DAHA are very excited for the year ahead. Since we launched **4** years ago we have been working to place domestic abuse firmly on the housing agenda. The introduction of the **Make a Stand Pledge** as part of Alison Inman's CIH presidential theme of domestic abuse, continued by this year's president (Jim Strang) has cemented domestic abuse as a housing issue where we can make a real difference to the lives of our customers.

With 2 women a week dying at the hands of a partner or former partner there is a real need to build on the momentum of Make a Stand and for the Regulator of Social Housing to introduce a **requirement to recognise and respond to domestic abuse** as part of the Consumer Standards. The year ahead will see us continuing to make this case.

Whilst the social housing sector has a crucial role to play, it is only one part of the change that is needed. We are working with key players across the housing and domestic abuse sectors to promote a **'whole housing'** approach to domestic abuse whereby:

- There is a full suite of housing options for survivors of domestic abuse which can provide for the long-term security of the survivor, as well as managing short term crisis situations.
- There is supply of genuinely affordable accommodation.
- There is sufficient secure move on accommodation.
- Agencies are encouraged and incentivised to work in partnership to identify and support survivors.

Following funding from MHCLG we are delighted to be piloting the approach in Cambridge, London and one area in the North. 2019 is going to be an exciting year, you can follow our progress on twitter @DAHAlliance and <https://www.dahalliance.org.uk/>