## Telford and Wrekin domestic abuse strategy 2023-2025



"Domestic abuse is an unacceptable and serious issue for many of our residents which wrecks lives and devastates families.

"No one should live in fear of domestic abuse, it is not inevitable, and we can make it stop by working together with police, the NHS and local communities.

"We estimate that around 25,500 adults in Telford & Wrekin have experienced domestic abuse at some point in their lives since turning 16, and two-thirds of them are women.

"While women are significantly and disproportionately affected by domestic abuse, we recognise that anyone, male or female, in any relationship, can be a victim.

"People who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBTQ+) are significantly affected by domestic abuse as well.

"Providing a domestic abuse service that is open to all and covers all types of domestic abuse is at the centre of our new strategy.

"It's also why I am proud to say that we are the first council to sign the Child to Parent Abuse Covenant.

"Making this pledge acknowledges that this kind of abuse happens and is a step towards making it easier for parents to seek help - as often parents in this situation can feel isolated and blamed."

