

Question for Full Council Monday 20th January, 2020

Question 7

Cllr Duffy to Cllr King

What recourse do women with children have if their abusive and dangerous partner refuses to leave the family home and the women feel themselves and the children to be in danger?

Response

It is essential that anyone in this situation seeks advice as soon as possible to ensure that they are able to remain safe and are aware of their legal rights and the housing options available to them.

For help and advice, they should call the 24/7 Helpline run by the Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service (NDAS) on 0300 012 0154.

For help in finding somewhere safe to stay, they should contact the Council's Housing Advice & Options Team on 01604 837385 during normal office hours or its Out of Hours Service on 01604 629804.

If they are in immediate risk of harm, they should phone 999.

We are working with partners to implement Northamptonshire's Countywide Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy, which was adopted by the Council at the end of last year.

Northampton Borough Council, continues to fund the Sunflower Centre and Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service, £40,000 per annum to provide services to victims of domestic abuse. This funding contributes towards service provision and refuge.

Cllr A King

Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Engagement