**Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Reciprocal Scheme Update**

**November 2023**

**Current performance:**

* We have 9 organisations joined and 3 local authorities without stock who have signed to say they support the scheme. You can see the organisations who have signed here [A protocol for social landlords to address domestic abuse - Kent Housing Group](https://www.kenthousinggroup.org.uk/protocols/a-protocol-for-social-landlords-to-address-domestic-abuse/)
* 3 successful reciprocals have been completed and 3 open requests awaiting a response from the signatory organisations to see if they can assist.

**Further updates:**

* In October I was interviewed by BBC Radio Kent about the scheme. The focus was on what the scheme is, the benefits to survivors of domestic abuse and the long-term aim of the scheme.
* I was asked to attend a project group of social landlords and local authorities in Brighton & Hove who wish to establish a similar scheme. I was able to provide support on how to start and key lessons learnt from our scheme. I have been asked to attend a similar meeting in Reading & Berkshire.
* Further webinar was held in October to again introduce the scheme and discuss the barriers to joining.

**Moving Forward:**

* At our next project meeting the focus will be on how we further reach out to the organisations that have not joined