

## **TENDRING SANCTUARY SCHEME**

### **What is the Sanctuary Scheme?**

Sanctuary Schemes are a multi-agency initiative that aims to enable households at risk of domestic abuse to remain in their own homes, and reduce repeat victimisation through the provision of enhanced secure measures and support.

### **Who is eligible?**

The Sanctuary Scheme in Tendring is available across all tenures with the following criteria:

- The victim/survivor lives in the Tendring District
- They have been assessed as being at high risk
- The victim/survivor wishes to remain in their home
- The perpetrator doesn't live in the property

### **How is someone referred to the scheme?**

Any professional working with the survivor/victim can make a referral by following the Southend, Essex and Thurrock (SET) process.

A referral form is completed and emailed to the Sanctuary Scheme Co-ordinator at [jtreagus@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:jtreagus@tendringdc.gov.uk). The co-ordinator will liaise with the survivor/victim and the referrer.

The Crime Prevention Team from Essex Police will contact the survivor/victim to carry out a survey of their home. Due to COVID-19 the Crime Prevention Officers are not currently doing face to face visits so this assessment will be carried out over the telephone.

### **What type of security measures does the scheme provide?**

The Crime Prevention Officer will advise the Sanctuary Scheme Co-ordinator what security measures could enhance the properties security. Every Sanctuary Scheme is tailored to the needs of the individual, but this may include extra locks and bolts, door viewers, improved security lighting and fireproofing letterboxes.

If the landlord/owner of the property is unable to carry out any improvements, the Sanctuary Scheme Co-ordinator will arrange for work to be carried out, subject to funding being available. The landlord/owner will need to give authorisation for the work to be completed before any work can be carried out.

The Essex County Fire & Rescue Service may also carry out a home fire safety visit on the property to establish if any fire safety equipment is required.

### **What is the victim wants to move?**

It is entirely the victim's decision if they wish to move from the property after any work is completed. The Sanctuary Scheme is designed to help the victim to feel safe and secure in their home for the long term. If the victim believes their safety is still at risk, they should discuss these concerns with the Police, their support worker and the Housing Solutions Team.