

South Wales West Regional Committee

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Title: Tackling Domestic Abuse: The All Wales National Strategy

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The primary objective of 'Tackling Domestic Abuse: The All Wales National Strategy' is to provide a much needed structural 'backbone' that directs domestic abuse intervention across Wales with its aim to develop and implement a joined up problem solving approach to tackling domestic abuse.

Women's Aid continues to provide safe accommodation and front line support to women and children who have experienced domestic abuse. It remains one of the few specialist domestic abuse agencies in Wales and is at the fore in supporting women and children who experience domestic abuse with its vast expertise and knowledge of the issues, gained by over 25 years working with those directly affected by it.

Through our work Women's Aid have a huge role to play in the delivery of 'The All Wales Strategy' and in ensuring that the principles and aims of the strategy are fulfilled.

Bullet points of issues to be expanded on in presentation

- Expansion/diversification of Service
- Women with no recourse to public funds
- Multi Agency Working
- Domestic Violence Crime & Victims Act 2004
- Specialist Domestic Violence Court
- Education / Raising awareness
- Children and Young People
- Supporting People Revenue Grant

Overall ‘Tackling Domestic Abuse: The All Wales Strategy’ has provided the platform needed on a national level to develop and implement a quality co-ordinated approach to tackling domestic abuse. Although great steps have been made, there is still a long way to go in order to make a real difference to the lives of the people in Wales.