

**TEIGN HOUSING OFFERS HOMES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE**  
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A joint project between **Teignbridge District Council** and **Teign Housing** has opened following extensive work creating two self-contained, secure flats.

The Safe House will enable victims of domestic abuse to live securely and independently, but with full support available to help them recover from the effects of domestic abuse.

Direct support will be provided by a dedicated support worker from national housing charity **Carr-Gomm**, which will offer weekly practical and emotional one-to-one support based on the needs of individuals.

Teignbridge Council will help provide housing advice and registration on the Devon Home Choice scheme for residents to help them prepare for when they move on from the scheme.

Tenancies at The Safe House will be offered from 6 to 12 month terms, depending on individual circumstances.

The development of the secure accommodation has been carried out in consultation with the Police and other agencies to ensure it is a safe, secure and appropriate environment for victims of domestic abuse.

It has been completed as part of ongoing work on housing issues by the Teignbridge Strategic Partnership (TSP), a group of leading public, private and community organisations which work together to achieve common aims and objectives.

The project has been made possible with a grant of £40,000 from Teignbridge Council and funding of £100,000, as well as the provision of the properties for conversion, by Teign Housing.

**Mike Hanrahan, chief executive of Teign Housing**, said: "Our aim is to provide high quality but affordable homes that local people actually want to live in.

"When the lack of suitable homes in the area for families fleeing domestic abuse was highlighted, we knew we had to do something to address the situation.

"Working closely with the police and Teignbridge District Council to understand the needs of local people we can be confident that we have created two safe, secure and welcoming homes.

"It's a difficult decision for anyone to take a stand and get out of an abusive relationship, and we hope that by providing these homes we will make that move easier. Escaping from abuse doesn't mean downgrading your family's living space."

**Relevant Links:**

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