

3. Provide a brief written summary of Changing Pathways work (around domestic abuse and sexual harassment); the issues your organisation faces and how Harlow Council could help. This is required by Wednesday 5 July at the latest please.

We support clients to report to police, and refer to SERICC if necessary.

Changing Pathways is the lead provider for Domestic Abuse Services in West Essex. We have a base in Harlow (as well as in Basildon and Thurrock). In Harlow, we provide outreach support for victims (male or female) of domestic abuse, we work with standard, medium and high risk clients are supported by Domestic Abuse Practitioners and Independent Domestic Violence Advocates. We also provide the only Essex based specialised service for our Black and Minoritised Community. This service covers Essex (excluding Thurrock and Southend). Our main aim is to facilitate victims (and their children) to safety, by providing support, advice, linking with partners, providing safe accommodation or pathways to keep victims safe in their own homes. We deliver an award winning programme in Harlow and Epping, which is a collaborative programme with Essex Ministry and Changing Pathways.

We provide Refuge space across our two Refuges in Thurrock and Basildon and are able to internally refer to these services for Harlow residents who are fleeing domestic abuse.

The issue our organisation faces is recognition that we are the lead providers in the area, since there are other domestic abuse services in Harlow. We would welcome support from Harlow Council to work with us raise awareness of who we are what we can provide to Harlow (and surrounding areas) residents.