



Keeping Adults Safe  
in Shropshire  
Network



# Joint Adult Safeguarding Event 2019: Domestic Abuse and Older People

Wednesday 20 November 2019  
Barnabas Centre, Shrewsbury

# The work of Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service (SDAS)

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# History



- ▶ 1999 – Refuge Building acquired (SSHA) and opened  
SP Funding and Local Authority Children’s Services funding
- ▶ 2012 – 2017 Supporting South Shropshire Domestic Abuse Victims; various contracts
- ▶ 2017 – County Wide contract success – re branded to Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service  
(Public Health/Community Safety Partnership funding/funding to support SEEDS; (survivors empowering and educating domestic abuse services))
- ▶ 2017 – Shropshire Housing Group merge with Herefordshire Housing – Connexus is born!
- ▶ 2018 – DCLG funding secured jointly with Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin
- ▶ 2018 - Comic Relief funding with West Mercia Women’s Aid supporting women in the criminal justice system
- ▶ 2019 – BBC Children In Need continuation Funding Secured
- ▶ 2019 – Leading Lights Accreditation (Safe Lives)

# Accommodation

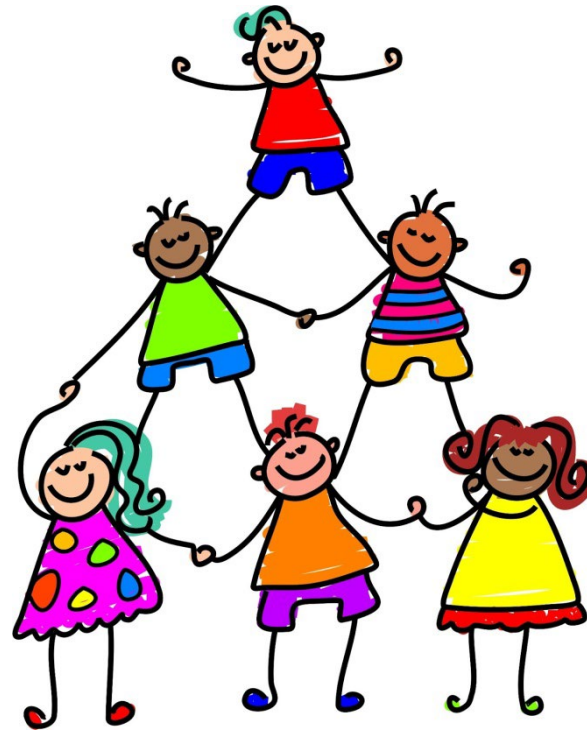
- ▶ 10 bed Refuge
- ▶ 2 bed flat
- ▶ 4 bed house
- ▶ 3 bed house (donated)



# Children



- ▶ BBC CIN Contract
- ▶ Who do we support?
- ▶ What support is offered?
- ▶ Lead Partner



# Outreach

- ▶ What is Outreach?
- ▶ Who can access it?
- ▶ What support is offered?
- ▶ Length of support?
- ▶ Group Work



# Older people and Domestic Abuse



1. Lack of Recognition / Fear of not being believed
2. Unaware of Support / Lack of access to “modern technology”
3. Disabilities / Mobility / Dementia
4. Long term coping mechanisms
5. ”Made your bed.....” “behind closed doors mentality
6. Professional Training and Understanding

# SEEDS

- ▶ Who are they?
- ▶ How do they fit with SDAS?





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# A survivor's story

