

ANNEX 9 (Domestic Abuse):

Extract from Surrey's Domestic Abuse Annual Report 2020-2021, displaying data on referrals to refuges for refugees experiencing Domestic Abuse. The data indicates an increase in the number of referrals for refugees from 2018-2021.

Safe Accommodation

The table below shows the referrals received to the 3 refuge providers.

	Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	June 2020 -Mar 2021
RBWA	139	130	223	
RBWA Hill House				61
Your Sanctuary *	327	801	1051	
Salvation Army (SAHA)	48	54	67	
Total	514	985	1341	61

**Your Sanctuary referrals appear much higher. This is due to calls to the helpline being included in these numbers.*

- Since 2020, Surrey's Refuge capacity increased from 34 to 65 spaces. This is a 91% increase.
- The Council of Europe recommends one refuge unit per 10,000 head of population. With this research in mind, it is recommended that Surrey can offer 119 units, 183% its current offer.

- April 2020 – March 2021 saw 1,402 referrals across the refuges (this includes referrals to the new RBWA Hill House refuge).
- Refuges have seen a 173% increase in referrals from 18/19 (514 referrals) to 20/21 (1402 referrals)
- Most of the referrals to refuge were from women outside of the County. This would be expected due to victims of Domestic Abuse generally fleeing from the area they currently live to ensure that the risk to them and any children is significantly reduced.
- More than 70 referrals were not progressed across the 3 providers due to the complex needs of the victim and / or their children (It is difficult to track the number of women turned away due to the way in which referrals are made to refuges).
- SAHA accepting self-referrals from victims of domestic abuse from inside and outside of Surrey.

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