



NEWARK AND SHERWOOD HOMES

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**MAKE
A
STAND**

Our homes, our people,
our problem.

This is to certify that

Newark and Sherwood Homes

has signed the Chartered Institute of Housing's Make a Stand pledge and
has committed to take action to support people experiencing domestic abuse.

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women's aid
until women & children are safe



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NEWARK AND SHERWOOD HOMES SIGNS PLEDGE TO 'MAKE A STAND' AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

NEWARK and Sherwood Homes has signed up to the 'Make a Stand' pledge on tackling domestic abuse.

The pledge was launched by the Chartered Institute of Housing, in partnership with the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance and Women's Aid. Nearly 200 organisations have already signed up, representing two million homes covered by the pledge.

“Millions of people experience domestic abuse every year and we want to do what we can to raise awareness of the issue and protect our residents and staff,” commented Rebecca Rance, chief executive at Newark and Sherwood Homes. “A home should be a safe and secure place for all, yet the statistics are shocking. Two women are killed by their partner or ex-partner every week across the United Kingdom and many cases of domestic abuse go unreported. We will be taking steps to raise awareness of domestic abuse and of the support available for victims.”

The pledge encourages housing organisations to make four focused commitments to provide support for people experiencing domestic abuse. The four commitments are:

1. Put in place and embed a policy to support residents who are affected by domestic abuse.
2. Make information about national and local domestic abuse support services available on your website and in other appropriate places so that they are easily accessible for residents and staff.
3. Put in place an HR policy, or amend an existing policy, to support members of staff who may be experiencing domestic abuse.
4. Appoint a champion at a senior level in your organisation to own the activity you are doing to support people experiencing domestic abuse.

Rance added: “We applaud Alison Inman at the Chartered Institute of Housing for bringing the housing sector together to tackle domestic abuse.”

For more information about Newark and Sherwood Homes, visit www.nshomes.co.uk.

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About Newark and Sherwood Homes

Newark and Sherwood Homes Ltd is a local landlord, property developer and provider of housing management services to Newark and Sherwood District Council and others. The company is independently accredited and provides high quality homes and related services in and around Newark and Sherwood District. For more information, visit www.nshomes.co.uk