

**PE1756/J**

Petitioner submission of 2 October 2020

It is good to see that the Government has acknowledged that there is a problem. The question that should be considered is what would the time scale be under the new legislation for removing domestic abusers, whether a tenant or non-tenant? Will the police be given powers to remove such individuals at the time of the reporting of the abuse or through a legal system that will take weeks or months to process? Will the authorities have powers to accept reports from third parties e.g. relatives/neighbours and take action on those complaints?

The major problem at the moment is the legal process that the victims need to go through to obtain removal of domestic abusers. In such cases the victims including children are exposed to continued and often increased abuse due to the delays.