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Petitioner submission of 27 January 2020

The Chartered Institute of Housing recognises the problems I have raised in the Petition. They clearly recognise the current legislation allowing legal action to be taken to remove perpetrators is not working. I appreciate the work they are doing with Woman's Aid. That work will help parents and young children be safe from abusers. It must be remembered that not all abusers in a domestic situation are males. Although a lower ratio sometimes the abuser can be female.

However, I would remind the Committee of one area I discuss in the Petition is the situations where older children aged anywhere from late teens to pension age move back with elderly parents. Elderly and/or ill parents have little contact with social services or any other organisation to get help. Even where they have care at home or other contacts they are so bullied that they are afraid to complain through current channels. That is one other area I would ask the Committee to consider.