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## LOCAL AUTHORITIES, ENGLAND

### Domestic Abuse (Local Authority Strategies) Regulations 2021

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*Coming into force* - - - - - \*\*\*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the power conferred by section 57(9) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021(a), makes the following Regulations.

In accordance with section 57(11) of that Act, the Secretary of State has consulted the Domestic Abuse Commissioner, relevant local authorities and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

#### **Citation, commencement, application and extent, and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Domestic Abuse (Local Authority Strategies) Regulations 2021.

(2) These Regulations come into force on [30th August 2021].

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales but only apply in relation to a relevant local authority in England.

(4) In these Regulations, “the Act” means the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

#### **Relevant local authority obligations: preparation of a strategy under section 57 of the Act**

2. A relevant local authority that prepares a strategy under section 57 of the Act (“a section 57 strategy”) must do so in accordance with the provision made in the following regulations.

#### **Date of publication for the first section 57 strategy**

3. A relevant local authority must publish its first section 57 strategy on or before 31st October 2021.

#### **Obligation to review a section 57 strategy**

4.—(1) A relevant local authority must review its section 57 strategy within the period of three years beginning with the date of its first publication, and within each subsequent three-year period thereafter.

(2) Where a relevant local authority conducts the review referred to in paragraph (1), it must review any effect of the strategy on the provision of other local authority support in its area.

**Obligations to have regard to certain matters when preparing a section 57 strategy**

5.—(1) A relevant local authority must, when preparing a section 57 strategy, have regard to their local authority functions in respect of matters including—

- (a) violence against women and girls;
- (b) modern slavery;
- (c) community safety;
- (d) victims of crime;
- (e) housing and homelessness reduction;
- (f) safeguarding;
- (g) supporting families.

(2) A relevant local authority must also have regard to, when preparing the second or subsequent section 57 strategy, the extent to which needs identified in the previous strategy may have changed since the publication of that strategy.

Date

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make provision in respect of certain steps that a relevant local authority, within the meaning of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, must take when preparing a strategy under section 57 of that Act, in relation to the provision of accommodation-based support to victims of domestic abuse. The Regulations in particular specify the date by which the first strategy must be published, the frequency with which it must be reviewed, and set out matters to which a relevant local authority must have regard when preparing its strategy.

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