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*APSE National Housing, Construction and Building Maintenance
Network presents*

Supporting survivors of domestic abuse: practical approaches for housing services

*Join housing professionals and sector leaders for a practical
online session focused on effective, survivor-centred approaches
to supporting people affected by domestic abuse and intimate
partner abuse*

Thursday 16 July 2026 | 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Explore how local authorities and sector organisations can strengthen support for survivors of domestic abuse through practical, service-led innovation. Hear from **Sonja Kapalay** and **Rhiannon Edwards** as they share proven approaches, insights, and examples that can be applied within housing services.

*Free for APSE member councils — join us for expert insight, practical
tools, and real-world examples to help strengthen support within your
service*

[>> Reserve your free place today <<](#)

Featured speakers and session topics

Welcome and opening remarks

Councillor Judy Hamilton

Chair, APSE Housing, Construction and Building Maintenance Network

The Whole Housing Approach — a pioneering framework

- The aims and objectives of the framework
- How the approach is structured around three core pillars
- Why this model matters and the positive outcomes it can help deliver

Sonja Kapalay, Senior Whole Housing Approach Lead, Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse

Breaking through for breaking free

- Developing a framework that responds to need through a practical, compassionate approach
- The first local authority in the UK to receive Platinum Accreditation for the framework
- What this looks like in practice and the difference it can make

Rhiannon Edwards, Domestic Abuse Development Advisor, Cheshire East Council

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Kind regards,

Vickie Hacking

Principal Advisor, APSE

On behalf of Councillor Judy Hamilton

Chair of the APSE Housing, Construction and Building Maintenance Network