

# SAVE OUR SERVICES:

support live-saving women's domestic abuse services if elected as a **Local Councillor**

Women's Aid is calling all prospective Local Councillor candidates to prioritise tackling domestic abuse and violence against women and girls, and be led by survivors and the specialist women's sector in this work.

**Can survivors of domestic abuse count on you?**

## **Tweet your support:**

*I pledge to support @womensaid #SaveOurServices campaign as part of my election promise and support live-saving specialist domestic abuse services #SaveOurServices*



Specialist women's domestic abuse services save lives, and during the pandemic have been needed more than ever.

Yet their future is under threat.

**Commit to our four-point pledge if elected as a Local Councillor:**

- **Prioritise tackling domestic abuse and violence against women and girls, and be led by survivors and specialist women's services in this work.**
- **Value and prioritise women's services, and services led by and for Black and minoritised women, in future domestic abuse funding and commissioning process.** Reject 'gender-neutral' and 'one-size fits all' approaches within your local authority's funding and commissioning arrangements, as these harm women and the women-only services they need.
- **Support the need for grant funding wherever possible in domestic abuse commissioning processes.** Competitive tendering fails to recognise the enormous value of women's services, who are experts in supporting survivors and tackling domestic abuse locally.
- **Once elected, visit your local specialist women's domestic abuse services, including local services led 'by and for' Black and minoritised women, to see their life-saving work.** Commit to working in partnership with them to ensure no survivor is turned away from the support they need.

Survivors of domestic abuse need **you**.