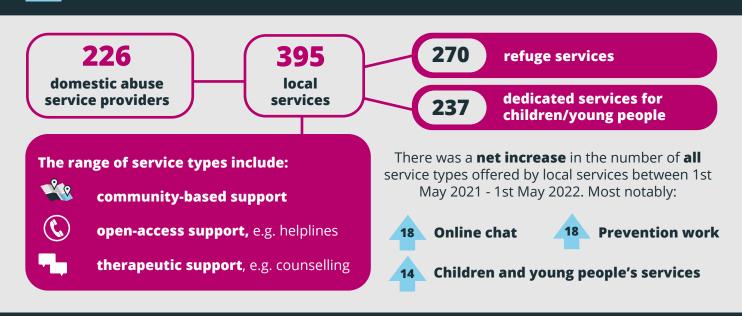
Key findings from Routes to Support

1 Domestic abuse services continue to offer a wide range of service types.



The number of refuge spaces has increased but there is still shortfall.



The number of refuge spaces still **falls short** of the number recommended by the Council of Europe by **1,311 (23.2%).**



*This **net change** does not give a full picture of change in the sector as it does not account for services opening or closing during the year.

More needs to be done to make sure refuge spaces are sustainable and accessible to all.

Of vacancies posted on Routes to Support from April 2021 to March 2022:



Only **9.1%** could consider women who had **no recourse to public funds**.





Less than half could house a woman with **two children**.





Less than 1% were suitable for a woman requiring a **wheelchair accessible space**.





Less than **one in five** could accommodate a woman with **three children**.

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Domestic abuse services continued to support large numbers of women.

