## Key findings from Routes to Support

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

## On 1st May 2023, throughout England, there were:

236
domestic abuse service providers

The range of service types include:

271 refuge services

dedicated services for children/young people



community-based support, e.g. IDVA



open-access support, e.g. helplines

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**therapeutic support**, e.g. counselling or support groups

There was a **net increase** in the number of service types offered by local services between 1st May 2022 and 1st May 2023.

16 13

12

IDVA service

Online chat

Helpline

e Service losses:

2

Floating support

2 ISVA service

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



This still **falls short** of the number recommended by the Council of Europe by **1,257 (22.2%).** 



Some **regions** saw a **net increase** in the number of spaces and some a **net decrease**.



\*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.

We estimate:



women accessed all refuge services



women accessed all community-based services

## Of vacancies posted on Routes to Support from April 2022 to March 2023:



Only **11.7%** could consider women who had **no recourse** to public funds.





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





**Just 1.0%** were suitable for a woman requiring a **wheelchair accessible space**.





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

