

Sanctuary Scheme

A scheme for victims of Domestic Abuse and repeat domestic burglary, providing security measures for the home.

CHORLEY AND SOUTH RIBBLE SANCTUARY SCHEME....Another option.

What is Sanctuary Scheme

Many people live in fear in their own homes. Survivors of domestic Violence and other violent crimes often have to leave their homes as a result of the abuse or burglary that has happened or the threat of repeat incidents.

Chorley and South Ribble Sanctuary scheme aims to offer another option to those who otherwise would have to move house and leave everything and everyone behind at a time when they need their support networks the most.

The Sanctuary Scheme aims to help survivors of domestic violence and those at risk of repeated domestic burglary to remain in their own homes and feel safe. This is done by providing additional security to their property. There are three levels of Sanctuary which can be installed depending on the level of risk faced. These can range from installing panic alarms and securing ground floor windows and doors to the installation of a 'Sanctuary room'.

Each Sanctuary will be based on individuals needs.

Who can apply to the Scheme?

To be eligible to apply to the Sanctuary Scheme, you must:

- be a survivor of domestic violence or be a victim of repeat domestic burglary
- live within the Chorley and South Ribble area
- Have rights to occupy your property. The scheme is open to people who own their own property and to people who rent their property. However, in some cases, we do need to ask the landlord's permission for work to go ahead.

Sanctuary is not an emergency measure and if the client is at risk during the process then temporary alternative accommodation should be sought whilst Sanctuary measures are put in place.

The primary aim of the Sanctuary scheme is to increase options available to victims of domestic violence and domestic burglary and is not suitable when the perpetrator lives within the property.

How do I refer someone onto the scheme?

All referrals should be made directly to the Sanctuary scheme co-coordinator. Referrals are accepted from any agencies and survivors can also refer themselves to the scheme.

[A referral form to be completed on-line](#) or over the phone with the Sanctuary co-ordinator (07824597234).

What happens next

If the applicant meets the criteria, they will then be contacted by a representative of the Sanctuary team who will make an appointment to meet with them. During the appointment the worker will ask for more detailed information about the applicant, and the history of the case. This information is used to make an assessment as to whether or not a Sanctuary intervention can offer a satisfactory level of protection.

At the appointment the client will need to sign a consent sheet allowing the scheme to contact other agencies in relation to their security.

If the assessment shows that the scheme is not suitable then the applicant and referring agency will be notified.

If the applicant is accepted onto the scheme, an appointment is then made for their property to be assessed by the Sanctuary plus team.

In addition to the security measures each Sanctuary household will be advised on fire safety measures and personal safety planning. Both practical and emotional support will also be available through domestic violence services, floating support workers and victim support, the most appropriate of which will be contacted by the scheme on the applicants' behalf.

Please note

The scheme will monitor the effectiveness of its interventions quarterly.

Lifeline equipment will be removed if it is assessed that it is no longer required, however other works done will be left once installed. Sanctuary will be only be fitted to a property once.

Sanctuary will only be installed at a property once the scheme has confirmation that the applicant has the right to occupy that address and has permission from the owner of that property.

All Sanctuary properties will be flagged with the emergency services as 'at risk'.

Please note if Sanctuary has been installed into a property the scheme cannot guarantee the safety of the household.

Sanctuary should always be the choice of the client; referrals will not be accepted if the client is unsure.