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PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

DOMESTIC ABUSE BILL

[SEVENTH AND EIGHTH SITTINGS]

GLOSSARY

This document shows the fate of each clause, schedule, amendment and new clause.

The following terms are used:

Agreed to: agreed without a vote.

Agreed to on division: agreed following a vote.

Negatived: rejected without a vote.

Negatived on division: rejected following a vote.

Not called: debated in a group of amendments, but not put to a decision.

Not moved: not debated or put to a decision.

Question proposed: debate underway but not concluded.

Withdrawn after debate: moved and debated but then withdrawn, so not put to a decision.

Not selected: not chosen for debate by the Chair.

Jess Phillips

Withdrawn after debate 67

Clause 53, page 34, line 23, after “area,” insert—

“by all persons affected by domestic abuse regardless of status, duly taking into account the special situation of women and children, with reference to a national needs assessment,”

Jess Phillips

Not called 68

Clause 53, page 34, line 24, leave out paragraph (b) and insert—

“(b) prepare and publish a strategy for the provision of such support to meet the needs identified in its area by the assessment referred to in subsection 1(a) above, including sufficient specialist support for all persons affected by domestic abuse regardless of status,

(ba) in preparing and adopting any strategy, take account of any strategy to end violence against women and girls adopted by a Minister or Ministers, and”

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Jess Phillips

Not called 69

Clause 53, page 34, line 26, after “strategy”, insert “and publish such evaluation in accordance with subsection (5)(a) and such regulation issued under subsection (8)”

Jess Phillips

Not called 70

Clause 53, page 34, line 26, at end insert—

- “(1A) The assessment and strategy referred to in subsections (1)(a) and (b) must, at a minimum, address the following matters—
- (a) the prevalence of and trends in domestic abuse including that against women and girls, and the demographic of all persons in the area affected by domestic abuse;
 - (b) the needs for support, protection and safety of those who are affected by domestic abuse in the local population;
 - (c) the nature and extent of the need for and provision of specialist support in respect of those persons affected by domestic abuse with presenting characteristics including sex, gender, race, colour, language, religion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, state of health, disability, or such other relevant status;
 - (d) the specific needs of vulnerable persons including women and children regardless of status;
 - (e) the nature and extent of the need for and provision of specialist support to women who are affected by domestic abuse and their children;
 - (f) the need for and provision of refuge services in sufficient numbers to provide safe accommodation for victims, especially women and their children;
- (1B) The relevant local authority shall allocate appropriate financial and human resources for the implementation of the strategy, including the arrangement of such specialist support as is set out in the strategy.
- (1C) For the purposes of this section—
- “domestic abuse support” means specialist support, in relation to domestic abuse, provided to victims of domestic abuse or their children, who reside in relevant accommodation, by organisations whose organisational purpose is to support victims and/or children and young people impacted by domestic abuse.
 - “relevant accommodation” means accommodation which is safe for victims and their children of a description specified by the Secretary of State in regulations. This must include refuge services, which are provided in separate or single-sex services within the meaning given in Part 7 of Schedule 3 of the Equality Act and the address of which cannot be made publicly available or disclosed.
 - “status” includes a status for the purpose of Article 4(3) of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic abuse and combined forms of such status.
 - “national needs assessment” means the needs assessment prepared by the national oversight group referred to in section [*National Oversight Group*].”

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Jess Phillips

Not called 71

- Clause 53, page 34, line 39, after “area,” insert—
“(ba) any person, group or organisation providing support and services with those affected by domestic abuse in the local authority’s area, whether or not they are commissioned by the local authority,”

Jess Phillips

Not called 72

- Clause 53, page 34, line 42, after “appropriate” insert—
“to ensure equal representation and meet their equalities duties”

Jess Phillips

Not called 73

- Clause 53, page 35, line 1, after “strategy” insert—
“but only further to undertaking a consultation of the kind referred to in subsection (4) above and taking into account the needs identified in the assessment referred to in subsection (1)(a) and any population and support needs changes in the local authority’s area”

Jess Phillips

Not called 74

- Clause 53, page 35, line 1, at end insert—
“(ba) when undertaking a consultation to review or alter the strategy, must publish the timeframe for the consultation of the kind referred to in subsection (4) well in advance, and involve the person, group or organisation providing support and services in the consultation and review of the strategy, and”

Jess Phillips

Not called 75

- Clause 53, page 35, line 16, after “strategy” insert—
“additional to those identified in subsection (1A)”

Jess Phillips

Not called 76

- Clause 53, page 35, line 5, after “strategy” insert—
“(f) how complaints about a local authority strategy will be handled;”

Jess Phillips

Not called 77

- Clause 53, page 35, line 21, after “authorities” insert—
“(ba) persons, groups and organisations providing support and services with those affected by domestic abuse locally, regionally and nationally,
(bb) organisations representing the interests of services providing specialist support for women and children affected by domestic abuse,”

Clause agreed to.

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Jess Phillips

Not called 78

Clause 54, page 35, line 30, at end insert—

- “(1A) The purpose of the board is to establish an equitable partnership that reflects the needs of those affected by domestic abuse in the local area and to deliver quality services that meet the needs of victims in the area identified in the assessment and strategy referred to in subsection (1) (a) and (b) of section 53.”

Philip Davies
Bob Stewart*Not selected* 25

Clause 54, page 35, line 36, after the first “of”, insert “each of (a) male and (b) female”

Philip Davies
Bob Stewart*Not selected* 26

Clause 54, page 35, line 40, after “with” insert “each of (a) male and (b) female”

Jess Phillips

Not called 79

Clause 54, page 36, line 3, after “area” insert—

- “, and (h) at least one person representing the interests of organisations working with or providing specialist support for women and children affected by domestic abuse”

Jess Phillips

Not called 80

Clause 54, page 36, line 3, at end insert—

- “(2A) The domestic abuse local partnership board must establish a reference group of organisations delivering specialist support services to victims of domestic abuse and their children, and respond to recommendations made by the reference group in their decision making.”

Clauses 54 and 55 agreed to.

Jess Phillips

Withdrawn after debate 81

Clause 56, page 36, line 22, at end insert—

- “(2A) Before issuing guidance under this section the Secretary of State must lay a draft of the guidance before Parliament.
- (2B) Guidance under this section comes into force in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State.”

Jess Phillips

Not called 82

Clause 56, page 36, line 28, at end insert—

- “(ba) persons, groups and organisations providing support and services with those affected by domestic abuse locally, regionally and nationally, and

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in particular those working with or providing specialist support services to affected women and children,”

Jess Phillips

Not selected 83

Clause 56, page 36, line 35, at end insert—

“(7) Subsection (4) does not apply in relation to any revisions of guidance issued under this section if the Secretary of State considers the proposed revisions of the guidance are insubstantial.”

Clause agreed to.

Victoria Atkins
Alex Chalk

Agreed to 36

Clause 57, page 37, line 1, after “London” insert “in its capacity as a local authority”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Christine Jardine
Sir Edward Davey

Withdrawn after debate 54

Clause 58, page 37, line 32, at end insert—

“(3A) In cases where it is alleged that domestic abuse is involved, Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 (special measures directions in case of vulnerable and intimidated witnesses) applies to proceedings in the family court as it applies to criminal proceedings, but with any necessary modifications.”

Clause agreed to.

Victoria Atkins
Alex Chalk

Agreed to 37

Clause 59, page 39, line 32, at end insert—

“(aa) section 80 of the Sentencing Code;”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 60 to 62 agreed to.

Schedule 2 agreed to.

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Clause 63 agreed to.

Peter Kyle
Jess Phillips

Withdrawn after debate 52

Clause 64, page 47, line 15, at end insert—

- “(1A) Before issuing guidance under this section, the Secretary of State must undertake a comprehensive assessment of the contribution of the disclosure of police information to the prevention of domestic abuse, drawing on disclosures made by chief officers of police prior to this section coming into force.
- (1B) Disclosures of police information for the purposes of the prevention of domestic abuse may only be made—
- (a) where reasonable, necessary, and proportionate,
 - (b) with regard to the best interests of children likely to be affected by the disclosure, and
 - (c) after ensuring there is an operational plan to support the recipients of such disclosures.”

Peter Kyle
Jess Phillips

Not called 53

Clause 64, page 47, line 17, at end insert—

- “(2B) Each chief officer of police of a police force must annually review—
- (a) the compliance of their own force with any guidance issued under this section, and
 - (b) the overall contribution of the disclosures under that guidance to the prevention of domestic abuse in their force area.”

Clause agreed to.

Philip Davies
Bob Stewart

Not selected 3

Clause 65, page 48, line 37, leave out paragraph (d)

Philip Davies
Bob Stewart

Not selected 4

Clause 65, page 49, line 16, leave out paragraph (d)

Philip Davies
Bob Stewart
Damian Collins

Not selected 12

Clause 65, page 49, line 26, leave out paragraph (b)

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Philip Davies
Bob Stewart

Not selected 27

Clause 65, page 49, line 29, at end insert—

- “(4) If it transpires that the local authority has been given incorrect information or that it has taken into account false allegations of domestic abuse as the basis for granting a tenancy, it must revoke the secure tenancy within 7 days of receiving this information by giving the tenant 28 days notice to quit in addition to passing on such information to the police, where they are not already involved, as soon as is practicable thereafter.”

Clause agreed to.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 16 June at 9.25 a.m]