

# Domestic Abuse Bill

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**Clause 1**

BARONESS MEYER  
LORD MACKAY OF CLASHFERN

Page 2, line 12, at end insert “, such as a parent’s behaviour deliberately designed to damage the relationship between a child of the parent and the other parent.”

**Clause 8**

BARONESS LISTER OF BURTERSETT

Page 5, line 29, at end insert –

- “(7) Within one year of the passing of this Act, the Commissioner must publish a report under this section, which –
- (a) investigates the impact of Universal Credit single household payments on victims of domestic abuse; and
  - (b) investigates and presents alternative options for the payment of Universal Credit single household payments that protect victims of domestic abuse.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would place a legal duty on the Domestic Abuse Commissioner to investigate the payment of Universal Credit separately to members of a couple and to lay a report to Parliament.*

**After Clause 72**

BARONESS MEACHER  
BARONESS WILCOX OF NEWPORT  
BARONESS HAMWEE  
THE LORD BISHOP OF LONDON

Insert the following new Clause—

**“Victims of domestic abuse: data-sharing for immigration purposes**

- (1) The Secretary of State must make arrangements to ensure that personal data of a victim of a domestic abuse in the United Kingdom that is processed for the purpose of that person requesting or receiving support or assistance related to domestic abuse is not used for any immigration control purpose.
- (2) The Secretary of State must make arrangements to ensure that the personal data of a witness to domestic abuse in the United Kingdom that is processed for the purpose of that person giving information or evidence to assist the investigation or prosecution of that abuse, or to assist the victim of that abuse in any legal proceedings, is not used for any immigration control purpose.
- (3) Paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Data Protection Act 2018 shall not apply to the personal data to which subsection (1) or (2) applies.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, the Secretary of State must issue guidance to—
  - (a) persons from whom support or assistance may be requested or received by a victim of domestic abuse in the United Kingdom;
  - (b) persons exercising any function of the Secretary of State in relation to immigration, asylum or nationality; and
  - (c) persons exercising any function conferred by or by virtue of the Immigration Acts on an immigration officer.
- (5) For the purposes of this section—
 

“immigration control purpose” means any purpose of the functions to which subsection (4)(b) and (c) refers;

“support or assistance” includes the provision of accommodation, banking services, education, employment, financial or social assistance, healthcare and policing services; and any function of a court or prosecuting authority;

“victim” includes any dependent of a person, at whom the domestic abuse is directed, where that dependent is affected by that abuse.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new Clause would require the Secretary of State to make arrangements to ensure that the personal data of migrant survivors of domestic abuse that is given or used for the purpose of their seeking or receiving support and assistance is not used for immigration control purposes.*

## BARONESS LISTER OF BURTERSETT

Insert the following new Clause –

**“Duty to assess impact of social security reforms on victims of domestic abuse**

- (1) When developing social security reform policies, the relevant government department must assess the impact of such policies on individuals who are, or are likely to become, victims of domestic abuse within the meaning of section 1 of this Act, and promote their wellbeing through those policies.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) “wellbeing”, relates to any of the following –
  - (a) physical and mental health and emotional wellbeing;
  - (b) protection from abuse and neglect;
  - (c) control over day-to-day life (including over care and support, or support, provided to the individual and the way in which it is provided);
  - (d) participation in work, education, training or recreation;
  - (e) social and economic wellbeing; and
  - (f) suitability of living accommodation.
- (3) In exercising the duty under subsection (1), the appropriate authority must have regard to the following matters in particular –
  - (a) the importance of individuals who are, or are likely to become, victims of domestic abuse being able to escape abusive relationships;
  - (b) the importance of individuals who are, or are likely to become, victims of domestic abuse being able to become economically independent of the perpetrator(s) of abuse; and
  - (c) the importance of individuals who are or are likely to become victims of domestic abuse being able to rebuild their lives.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new Clause would place a duty on the relevant government department to assess the impact of any social security reforms on the victims or potential victims of domestic abuse.*

**Clause 73**

LORD RAMSBOTHAM  
BARONESS FINLAY OF LLANDAFF  
BARONESS WHITAKER

Page 58, line 32, at end insert –

- “( ) Any guidance under this section must include information on –
- (a) the links between –
    - (i) domestic abuse, and
    - (ii) speech, language and communication needs;
  - (b) the impact of witnessing domestic abuse on children’s speech, language and communication;

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- (c) the services available to support people with speech, language and communication needs who are experiencing domestic abuse and their children, including how support provided by local authorities can be made inclusive and accessible to people with speech, language and communication needs.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require that the guidance the Secretary of State issues under the Bill, including to local authorities, includes information on the links between domestic abuse and speech, language and communication needs, the impact of witnessing domestic abuse on children’s speech, language and communication, and the services available to support people with those needs, and their children.*

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