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Representing West Cork



Holly Cairns TD calls for immediate action on supporting victims of domestic violence during the Covid-19 emergency.

Holly Cairns TD has backed calls by West Cork Women Against Violence and Safe Ireland, for additional support to be made available to women and children in need of immediate relocation because of domestic violence. She has written to the Minister for Justice and Equality and the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection seeking them to reconsider the government decision turning down the proposal for an emergency rent supplement to help victims access secure safe housing during Covid-19 national emergency.

Holly explains:

“As a Councillor and now as a TD, the issue of domestic violence has been of constant concern. Unfortunately, it is present in homes across West Cork and the restrictions of the Covid-19 emergency have only increased the chances of women, children, and men suffering violence from a family member. It is imperative that the government provide the proper support to help those in need at this time.”

“Organisations such as West Cork Women Against Violence do phenomenal work in supporting and advocating on behalf of victims and survivors. They are the experts. Government and civil servants need to listen to them. Along with Safe Ireland, they have asked for an emergency rent supplement to provide women and children immediate short-term accommodation as a result of domestic violence. It is a focused critical solution. The Government has rightly acknowledged the issue of domestic violence and must listen to the proposals from the organisations that respond to victims and survivors everyday.”

Victims and survivors of domestic abuse can seek assistance from West Cork Women Against Violence: <https://www.westcorkwomensproject.ie/> or 1800 203 136

Full details are available on the Safe Ireland proposal are available here:

https://www.safeireland.ie/policy-publications/#dfliip-df_7832/1/

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