[Greens send cross-party letter calling for government to support victims of domestic abuse](#)

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- Government urged to provide emergency funding to give all victims of domestic abuse a safe place to live
- Cross-party group including SNP, Lib Dems and Plaid Cymru signed letter
- Amelia Womack: "The lockdown conditions are putting victims of domestic abuse at even more risk than usual"

A cross-party group of politicians have signed a letter to the First Secretary of State asking for emergency funding to give all victims of domestic abuse a safe place to live. [1]

The Green's deputy leader Amelia Womack sent the letter to Dominic Raab today [Thursday 16 April] in a bid to ensure that the vital services which provide a lifeline to so many women do not become overwhelmed during the coronavirus crisis.

The letter has also been signed by representatives of the SNP, the Liberal Democrats, Plaid Cymru, the Green Party in Northern Ireland and the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland.

It points out that at least eight women are feared to have become victims of domestic killings since the lockdown was announced and there has been a 25% rise in calls to the National Domestic Abuse Helpline since 31 March. [2]

Womack said:

"The coronavirus crisis is extremely worrying for everybody, but the lockdown conditions are putting victims of domestic abuse at even more risk than usual.

"We know that there has been a spike in domestic abuse since the lockdown began and vital services are being overwhelmed by the surge in cases.

"The government has acknowledged there's an issue but it now needs to immediately provide emergency funding to local authorities so they can offer safe housing for victims of domestic abuse, as women's charities and organisations have already called for."

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Notes

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A copy of the letter and its signatories can be viewed here

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https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/mar/31/call-for-uk-domestic-violence-refuges-to-get-coronavirus-funding

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