

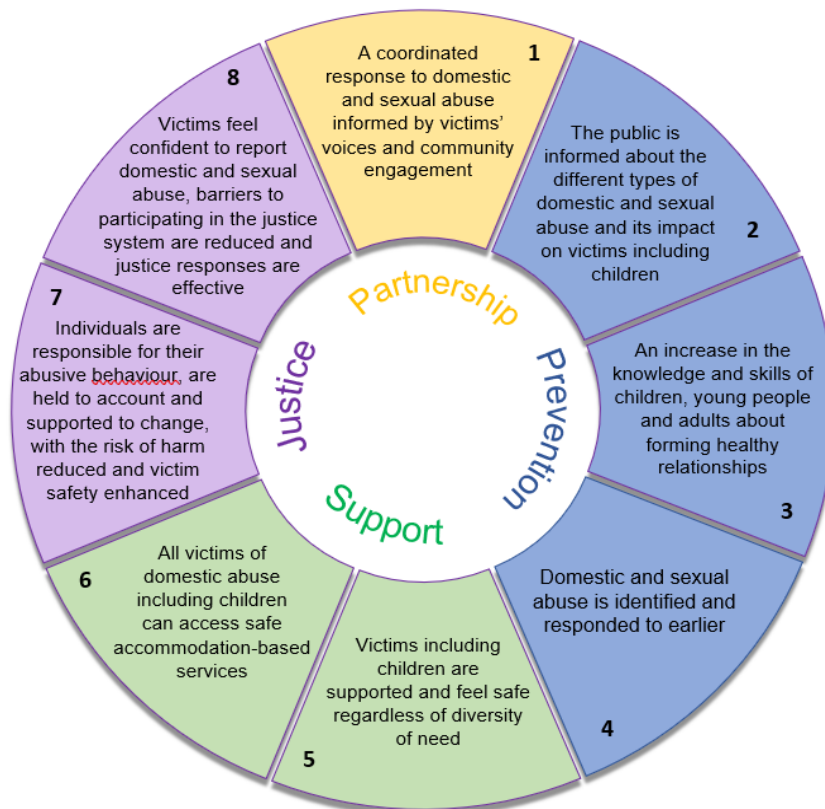
The vision of the draft strategy is that **domestic and sexual abuse is unacceptable within our homes and across all of society so that everyone can live without fear.**

Our overall strategic aim is to work together as partners, agencies and communities to make real, sustainable progress in tackling domestic and sexual abuse by addressing the root causes; ensuring those affected get the right support; and holding individuals who are abusive to account.

To achieve this aim, the strategy is designed around **four pillars**:

- **Partnership:** driving change together through joint commitment, leadership and partnership working.
- **Prevention:** preventing domestic and sexual abuse from happening by challenging the attitudes and behaviours that foster it and intervening early where possible to prevent it.
- **Support:** ensuring that all victims of domestic and sexual abuse including children can access services supporting them to recover and rebuild their lives.
- **Justice:** holding individuals who are abusive to account and ensuring justice responses are effective.

The following eight outcomes have been identified across the four pillars:



Key priority areas of work to deliver these outcomes are set out within the draft strategy and will be expanded on in further detail in a series of action plans that will be developed annually. The first action plan will be published alongside the final strategy.

Strategy development process

We have sought to consult and engage as broadly as possible. This began in January 2022 when the Departments launched a ten week Call for Views with extensive input and direction from a wide range of stakeholders. A [Summary Report](#) of the feedback and responses received was published on 7 July 2022. This laid the foundations for the strategy development process as summarised below:

