

Media round-up: 11th January 2024

Statements from Women's Aid

- [Why the definition of refuge matters](#)
- [Women's Aid responds to new ONS research on the lived experiences of survivors in temporary safe accommodation in England](#)

Our work in the news

- **Lucy Hadley quoted on ONS research in the [Independent](#), [Daily Mail](#), [MSN](#), [AOL](#) and [Yahoo! News](#)** - Lucy Hadley, head of policy at Women's Aid, said: "This powerful research demonstrates why, under their duties in the Domestic Abuse Act, local authorities must sustainably fund specialist women's refuges and refuges led 'by and for' black and minoritised women, which have a proven track record in meeting survivors' needs. "In other forms of temporary or 'safe' accommodation, women interviewed for this research were unable to access even basic rights such as food, water, clothing, bedding or space to sleep. "It is unacceptable that women escaping domestic abuse are placed in accommodation which fails to keep them and their children safe. "We are calling for sustainable investment in high-quality specialist refuge services that can support women and their children in recovering and moving on to a life free from abuse."

Social Media Update

Twitter:

- [Mel B on the Today Show](#) (90 likes, 30 retweets, 5,753 impressions)
- [ONS research response](#) (88 likes, 39 retweets, 5,826 impressions)

Instagram:

- [Mel B on the Today Show](#) (31,555 views, 1,209 likes, 20,319 accounts reached)

Facebook:

- [Mel B on the Today Show](#) (39 likes, 5 comments, 858 people reached)