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Wilko store provides drop-off point for essential items

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Plymouth Domestic Abuse Services (PDAS) is benefiting from a new drop-off point for essential items, in their local Wilko store.

Shoppers at the Wilko store on Mayflower Street, Plymouth, can purchase items and place them in donation baskets by the tills, which will be given to individuals and families living in PDAS' refuge. People living at the refuge have often had to flee domestic abuse or violence at short notice, and so have little or no possessions of their own.

PDAS provides practical, non-judgemental support, advice and protection for all victims of domestic abuse. As well as their refuge, support includes courses for building confidence and self-esteem, and advice on housing options.

Items on the wishlist for PDAS' refuge include toiletries such as deodorant, shampoo, conditioner and shower gel, as well as items for babies and toddlers such as nappies and wet wipes. Simple household goods such as cleaning products, cutlery, crockery, saucepans, bedding and towels are also greatly appreciated.

Local Service Manager for PDAS, Katy Fisher, said: "We're so grateful to our local Wilko store for being a drop-off point for us, it means a lot to all our staff and clients. The Covid-19 pandemic has led to an increase in instances of domestic abuse, so the need for our services is greater than ever. This support from Wilko and the general public will help us to get much-needed items to make life a little easier for people who need it most."