

In response to the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015, and the subsequent national strategy, partners in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan have developed their regional Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Strategy 2018-2023 —'It's In Our Hands'. This sheet provides an overview of the Strategy:

Issues covered: domestic abuse, rape and sexual violence, sexual exploitation (including through the sex industry), modern day slavery, forced marriage, female genital mutilation, child sexual exploitation, stalking and sexual harassment. Whilst anyone (women, men, children and young people) can experience and be affected, it is women and girls who are disproportionately affected.

VISION: People who live, work and visit Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan have the opportunity to live positive, independent lives without being affected by violence and abuse.

AIMS:



PREPARE

Improve strategic planning and commissioning of VAWDASV services through a more coordinated partnership approach across the region



PURSUE

Address perpetrators of VAWDASV by improving intelligence sharing across services and the use of legal powers to disrupt and convict



PREVENT

Proactively address negative attitudes and behaviours that have the potential to result in VAWDASV, recognising this as 'everyone's business'



PROTECT

Improve the multi-agency response and support to all victims of VAWDASV and their children, regardless of risk level or needs



SUPPORT

Ensure that innovative, flexible and evidence-based services are available to meet the needs of victims experiencing forms of VAWDASV

ACTIVITIES:

- Improve data collection to inform needs assessments
- Implement and review governance arrangements
- Improve regional working
- Develop joint regional strategies and policies that tackle discrete issues
- Actively assist with embedding a whole-systems approach

- Improve the monitoring of convictions
- Improve support to victims attending court
- Develop community perpetrator programmes
- Develop intervention to address perpetrators
- Deliver publicity campaigns to highlight safety
- Encourage and assist more victims to report to Police

- Raise awareness in schools, colleges and universities
- Train all statutory staff to 'Ask and Act'
- Improve early intervention services
- Develop service responses to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Learn the lessons from Domestic Homicides and other formal Reviews
- Promote and support the White Ribbon Campaign

- Promote Disclosure schemes to members of the public
- Improve the use of Notices and Orders
- Improve collaborative working between all partners
- Ensure crisis/emergency accommodation is available for those who need it most
- Support victims through criminal and civil justice processes
- Improve home safety and security measures

- Commission a specialist male victim service
- Extend male role model services to children and young people of all forms of VAWDASV
- Research and develop family interventions
- Improve services for all victims
- Engage with survivors from all forms of VAWDASV
- Better acknowledge and respond to victims with Protected Characteristics

