

FOCUS on Domestic Abuse

& 16 Days of Action

25/11/18 – 10/12/18

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

VAWG is a broad term, adopted by the Government to cover domestic abuse, sexual violence, honour-based violence, forced marriage, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Modern Day Slavery & Prostitution. The Government Strategy to end Violence against Women and Girls (2016/20) acknowledges male victims and can be found at www.gov.uk

Definitions for all types of violence against women and girls are available at www.glostakeastand.com

International Facts & Figures

35% of women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or sexual violence by a non-partner at some point in their lives.

Of all women who were the victims of homicide globally in 2012, **almost half** were killed by intimate partners or family members, compared to less than six per cent of men killed in the same year.

Women and girls account for **71%** of all human trafficking victims globally, 3 out of 4 are trafficked for sexual exploitation.

National Facts & Figures

1 in 4 women and **1 in 6** men will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime.

Domestic abuse leads to, on average, **two women being murdered each week** and 30 men per year in England and Wales.

Domestic abuse related offences have the most **repeat victims** than any other type of crime.

It is estimated that domestic abuse costs the public **£23 Billion per year**; including costs to the criminal justice system, health, social care and housing.

1 in 5 women and **1 in 12** men have experienced stalking in their lifetime in the UK.

Research suggests that at least **one honour killing** takes place in the UK every month (this is likely to be underestimated).

15% of cases responded to by the Forced Marriage Unit are for young people under 16 years.



Gloucestershire The Local Context

In Gloucestershire we have a local joint Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Commissioning Strategy and Outcomes Framework (2014/18) which sets out a collective commitment by partners currently investing in domestic abuse to a joint vision, principles and strategic objectives and outcomes; these are:

- Focus on Early Help
- Develop professional confidence and competence in addressing domestic abuse
- Co-ordinate an approach across partners aligning commissioning and delivery

The DASV Commissioning Group oversees the strategic direction.

A DASV Information Network meets twice a year to update all partners in the county on DASV related matters.



Details of specialist support services and information, including guidance for professionals can be found at: www.glostakeastand.com

16 Days of Action

Each year Gloucestershire participates in the International 16 days of action against gender-based violence; starting on the 25th November (International day for the elimination of violence against women) and ending on 10th December (Human rights day).

This year Gloucestershire has supported the work of Public Health England by joining a South West campaign aimed at businesses to support them to take action against domestic abuse and violence.

58% of abused women miss at least three days of work a month.

33% of all domestic violence homicides happened on workplace grounds.

£2 Billion is the annual cost of domestic violence and abuse to businesses.

75% of people enduring violence are targeted at work, through social media, site visits, phone calls etc.

Less than **30%** of workplaces know how to respond.

(Information from Public Health England)

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Businesses are often nervous about getting involved in 'personal issues', but there is a legal responsibility for employers to take reasonable action to protect the health and safety and wellbeing of their employees and there is a clear moral and ethical reason to provide access to support and help for individuals enduring violence.

It is important to also recognise that some employees may be perpetrators and these individuals need support to access services to help them in addressing their behaviour.

Through this campaign we have been encouraging businesses to download the [PHE toolkit](#) which provides simple steps for businesses and organisations to take in supporting staff around domestic abuse. Resources are also available at: [Glostakeastand](#)

During the 16 Days of Action (25/11/18 – 10/12/18) a range of activities/ events were held across Gloucestershire led by service providers and statutory organisations, these included; an art display at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, a training event for teachers, a reclaim the night march and a #PebbleRebel campaign. A full list of the activities is available at: www.glostakeastand.com

Crime Survey Data

Based on the Crime Survey for England and Wales (2017) estimates for Gloucestershire are:

13,179 female and **7,482** male victims of domestic abuse aged 16-59.

If applying the same estimated figures to those aged 60+ there would be an additional **6,703** female victims and **3,256** male victims.

5,305 female and **1,360** male victims of sexual assaults in the last 12 months.

34,232 females and **6,802** males in Gloucestershire will have experienced sexual assault (including attempts) at some stage since the age of 16.

51,643 women aged 16+ and **19,524** males aged 16+ will have experienced stalking at some point in their lifetime in Gloucestershire (Suzy Lamplugh Trust)

Honour-based Violence, Forced Marriage and FGM are under reported nationally; data for Gloucestershire is similarly under-reported and we are unable to provide local estimates at this time.



Look out for the next 'Focus' on
Domestic Abuse and Health
If you require information on the sources of
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