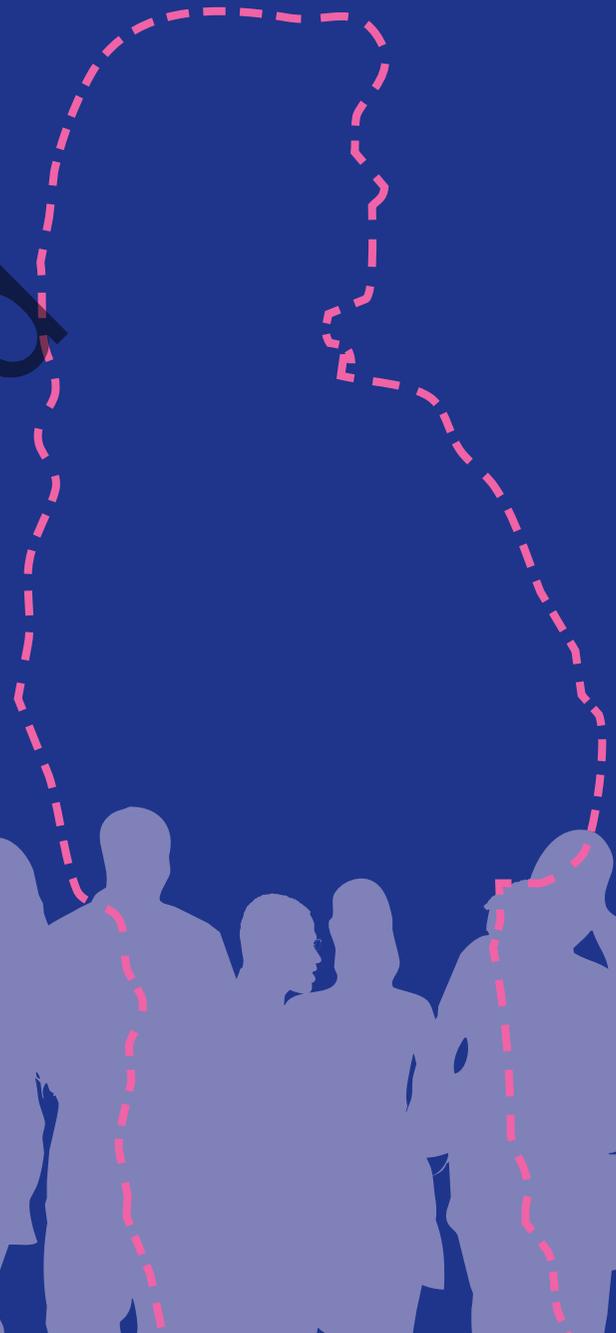


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Important facts

The Government's ambition is nothing less than ending all forms of violence against women and girls. The Government's strategy was updated in March 2012 and is at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/call-end-violence-women-girls/action-plan-new-chapter>.

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Following publication of its response to the consultation 'Getting it right for Victims and Witnesses' the Government is embarking on wide-ranging reforms to ensure victims have access to the support they need, when they need it. Under these reforms the majority of support services for victims of crime will be commissioned at a local level by elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs). This will ensure that available funding is better targeted to those victims who need it the most.

Key statistics

Domestic violence:

- **1 in 4 women will suffer domestic violence in their lifetimes.**
- **There are approximately two domestic homicides every week.**

Sexual violence:

- **Between 300,000 and 500,000 women were sexually assaulted in the last year.**
- **Between 46,000 and 100,000 women were raped in the last year.**
- **In 54% of cases of serious sexual assault on women the offender was a partner or ex-partner.**

Stalking:

- **After the age of 16 one in six (18%) women and one in eleven (9%) men are affected by stalking.**

Central funding for specialist services

The Government has ring-fenced nearly £40 million of stable funding until 2015 for specialist local domestic and sexual violence support services, rape crisis centres and helplines. We are providing funding towards:

- **144 Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs), and are also providing 75 funded IDVA training places each year until 2015. The organisation Coordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse (CAADA) estimates that there are currently about 500 dedicated IDVAs within the UK in total.**
- **Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs): the Home Office funds 87 dedicated ISVAs.**
- **Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference coordinators (MARACs): the Home Office contributes funding towards 54 MARAC coordinators and funds CAADA to provide support and advice to MARACs as well as running a programme of quality assurance. There are over 250 MARACs across England and Wales in total.**
- **National Helplines: the Home Office provides funding towards the following national helplines: National Domestic Violence Helpline; National Stalking Helpline; Men's Advice Line; Respect phoneline (for perpetrators); Broken Rainbow.**

Rape crisis centres (MoJ funding)

The voluntary sector provides a range of services to help victims, including running women's refuges, rape crisis centres and helplines, and providing specialist advice and support for women who have been the victims of all types of violence. They also help to prevent violence from happening in the first place, by running education campaigns to raise awareness, encourage prevention and challenge attitudes.