



The 9th Annual Domestic Violence Symposium: Safeguarding Victims, Reducing Risk and Changing Norms

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

Thursday 15th June 2017

10:15am – 4:30pm

Central London

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Overview

In the year up to March 2016 there were an estimated 1.8 million adults aged between 16 and 59 who identified themselves as victims of domestic abuse, according to the Crime Survey for England and Wales 2016. Women were more likely to report having experienced domestic abuse than men. 78% of domestic abuse incidents recorded by the police consisted of violence against the person offences and they accounted for 1 in 10 of all crimes. Among women murdered by their partner or former partner, 97% were killed by a man, while only 1/3 of male victims of domestic homicide were murdered by women.

In March 2016 the Government published its 2016-20 strategy for ending Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), which focuses on prevention, provision of services, partnership working and pursuing the perpetrators. By 2020 the strategy envisions having achieved a significant reduction in the number of VAWG victims through education and change of norms; earlier intervention and prevention and a better provision of specialist support including accommodation.

Worryingly, according to research published by the national charity SafeLives, victims suffer domestic violence for an average of nearly three years before they receive appropriate support, while more than 85% of victims of domestic abuse are in contact with five professionals before getting help. While targeted support is failing to deliver efficiently, specialist refuges have been struggling with underfunding. Since 2010, 17% of specialist refuges in England have closed. A survey of Women's Aid affiliated refuges shows that 67% of those operating in England would be forced to close, unless exempted from a change in the housing benefit reform.

With the Prime Minister recently reaffirming her commitment to tackling domestic violence, by announcing the launch of a consultation that would result in a domestic violence and abuse act, this symposium comes at a very timely moment. It will provide all relevant stakeholders with a great opportunity to review latest policy developments, contribute towards the continued development of a coordinated approach aimed at preventing domestic abuse, improving the response of the criminal justice system, and challenging the attitudes which reinforce its perpetration.

“ There are thousands of people who are suffering at the hands of abusers, often isolated and unaware of the options and support available to them to end it. Given the central importance of victim evidence to support prosecutions in this area, raising public awareness – as well as consolidating the law – will prove crucial”

Prime Minister Theresa May

February 2017

Accommodation

Through our partnership with HotelMap, we are able to offer our delegates heavily discounted hotel rates at a wide range of London hotels. To view hotel availability and rates and to book online, visit www.HotelMap.com/M5NUZ/



Why Attend?

- ✓ Evaluate the implementation of the VAWG strategy 2016-20 one year on and identify gaps and challenges
- ✓ Examine how to address gaps in service provision through effective commissioning, improved communication and partnership working
- ✓ Gain insights into the recent amendments in family courts and consider their potential impact
- ✓ Explore methods to improve identification by healthcare professionals
- ✓ Consider effective means to reduce repeat victimisation and discuss how to deliver successful Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programmes (DVPP)
- ✓ Examine how to tackle abuse in teenage relationships and consider the role of education
- ✓ Discuss ways to connect with harder to reach groups and protect victims of domestic abuse with learning disabilities
- ✓ Share best practice on implementing a whole family approach to supporting victims of domestic abuse

Who Should Attend?

- Domestic Violence Co-ordinators
- Housing Associations and Officers
- Police Service
- Police Authorities
- Probation Officers
- Families Services Officers
- Children's Trusts and Children's Centres
- Health Service Professionals
- Victim Support Representatives
- Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships
- Community Safety Teams
- Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- Drug and Alcohol Action Teams
- Youth Offending Teams
- Community Support Officers
- Children and Youth Services
- Social Workers and Social Services Officers
- Local Education Welfare Authorities
- Men's Health/Welfare Organisations
- Teachers and Head Teachers
- Criminal Justice Practitioners
- Judges and Magistrates
- Legal Professionals
- Local Authority Officers and Councillors
- Central Government Departments and agencies
- Equality and Diversity Practitioners
- Third Sector Practitioners
- Faith Organisations
- Academics and Researchers

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Programme

09:30	Registration and Morning Refreshments
10:15	Chair's Welcome and Introduction
10:30	Morning Panel: Strengthening the Collective Response: Safeguarding Victims, Reducing Risk and Securing Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluating the implementation of the VAWG Strategy 2016-2020: assessing progress and identifying the main challenges one year on• Reviewing the recent amendments in family courts and discussing their potential implications• Improving multi-agency working: entrenching communication between agencies, the NHS and the police to identify high risk victims and intervene earlier• Strengthening the criminal justice response : reviewing sentencing guidelines for domestic violence cases• Enforcing the law against coercive domestic abuse: increasing awareness of the law and consider ways to gain evidence• Developing a long term strategy for effective commissioning: supporting community based services and encouraging new approaches to addressing gaps in service provision
11:15	Morning Refreshments
11:30	Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One
12:30	Networking Lunch
13:30	Afternoon Panel: Embedding a Preventative Culture: Educating, Challenging Norms and Increasing Identification among Harder-to-Reach Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normalising the discussion: ensuring protection, provision and justice for male victims of domestic violence• Delivering a whole family approach to safeguarding: creating links with children services to protect children living in abusive environments• Reducing repeat victimisation and changing behaviours: delivering successful Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme (DVPP)• Increasing recognition of early signs: training healthcare and mental healthcare staff to recognise signs of domestic violence to reduce identification time• Challenging abuse in teenage relationships: educating and promoting the understanding of gender equality and consent• Connecting with harder-to-reach and vulnerable groups: increasing identification of abuse and support victims with learning disabilities
14:15	Afternoon Refreshments
14:30	Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel Two
15:30	Chair's Summary and Closing Comments
15:40	Networking Reception
16:30	Close

Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice

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Event Details

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Forthcoming Events

Tackling Rogue Landlords and Improving the Private Housing Sector
18th April 2017

Detecting and Preventing Metal Theft: Promoting Collaboration and Engagement to Ensure an Effective Response to Metal Theft
19th April 2017



Prevention, Protection and Prosecution: Implementing a Zero Tolerance Response to Female Genital Mutilation
20th April 2017

Transforming Early Years Provision, Increasing School Readiness: Ensuring all Children can Reach their Potential
25th April 2017

Biodiversity 2020 and Beyond: Measuring Progress, Overcoming Challenges and Considering Next Steps at the National and Local Levels
26th April 2017

Ensuring a High Standard of Employee Care: Upholding Health and Safety and Promoting a Positive Working Environment
27th April 2017

The Role of Local Authorities in Safeguarding Wildlife on Local Highways: Protecting Wildlife and Improving Road Safety
3rd May 2017

The Future of Renewable Energy in the UK: Identifying Priorities, Exploring Opportunities and Promoting the Use of Renewables
4th May 2017

Improving Attendance and Encouraging Good Behaviour in Schools: Creating a Child Centred and Co-ordinated Approach
9th May 2017

Overcoming the Challenges in Youth Services: Implementing A Holistic Approach to Tackling Funding Cuts and Increasing Availability of Services for Young People
10th May 2017

The Future of Gambling in the UK: Promoting Social Responsibility and Partnership Working to Address Issues and Challenges
11th May 2017

Reaching Sustainability in Housing Supply: Increasing the Availability of Homes Nationwide
16th May 2017

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