

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS PLAN 2023-2026

Hounslow Safer Communities:

**Working with communities to keep Hounslow a low crime borough
and a safe place to live, work, study and visit.**

YEAR 2 DELIVERY PLAN

PRIORITY 1: Victims, survivors and children receive the right help

WE WILL CHECK WE'RE ON TRACK BY:	WHAT WE WILL DO (YEAR 2 ACTIVITIES):
Improving how we support those affected by violence against women and girls.	The Council will launch its follow-up programme, RISE, designed for mothers who have completed a therapeutic program after experiencing domestic abuse. This initiative aims to reduce isolation and empower women to lead independent lives.
Improving access to specialist support for children affected by domestic abuse.	The Council will launch the successful 12-week domestic abuse Let's Talk group work programme to the South Asian Community, fostering open dialogue and support.
Improving the identification and positive outcomes for women and girls who are at risk of sexual exploitation.	<p>The Sexual Violence Prevention worker will continue working at the two outreach sessions within the borough.</p> <p>The Sexual Violence Prevention worker will deliver training to safeguarding Detectives in the West Area Basic Command Unit to upskill them for positive outcomes.</p>

PRIORITY 2: Work together to stop Violence Against Women and Girls

WE WILL CHECK WE'RE ON TRACK BY:	WHAT WE WILL DO (YEAR 2 ACTIVITIES):
Increasing the number of men and boys who engage and support the Violence Against Women and Girls Plan.	The Council will host an event celebrating our male White Ribbon Champions and their dedication to ending violence against women and promoting gender equality. This event will also mark the beginning of our recruitment drive to welcome new male White Ribbon Champions who are ready to make a difference.
Increasing the number of venues that are trained to recognise, handle and report abuse and harassment.	The Council will deliver specialised training around recognising signs and responding to domestic abuse disclosures to dentists and opticians to enhance their ability to support their patients.
	The Council will offer specialist training to local leisure centres staff to compliment the Ask Angela scheme.

PRIORITY 2: Work together to stop Violence Against Women and Girls

Improving children's and young people's understanding of what healthy relationships, consent and respect looks like.	Through our Learning to Respect programme, we will continue to create opportunities for children and young people to provide feedback on the successful domestic abuse prevention programme delivered in schools.
Strengthen the way Hounslow Council and the Police work together to tackle violence against women and girls.	The Council and the Police will engage students in meaningful discussions around violence against women and girls' safety including topics such as tech exploitation.

PRIORITY 3: Taking action against perpetrators

WE WILL CHECK WE'RE ON TRACK BY:	WHAT WE WILL DO (YEAR 2 ACTIVITIES):
Improving the effectiveness of protection measures available to women and girls.	Safer Homes, the Council's security provision for victims of domestic abuse continues to provide protection measures. It ensures the person experiencing domestic abuse can securely remain in their home in most circumstances with extra security provisions to make them feel safe.
Increasing the number of domestic abuse perpetrators who change their harmful behaviours.	The Council will work in collaboration with the Police to implement the DRIVE Partnership which works with high harm, high risk and serial perpetrators of domestic abuse to prevent their abusive behaviour and protect victims.
Increasing the number of women and girls who feel safe in public spaces.	The Council will work in partnership with the Police to identify a public space and collaborate with women and girls to enhance and transform the area, creating a welcoming environment that reflects their needs and ideas.