CONFRONTING THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY: A NEW APPROACH TO TACKLING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Online Live Conference

Thursday 5th December 2024



Key Speakers







Graham Ritchie



Det. Ch. Supt. Angela Craggs





Randip Thompson

Overview

According to a significant new report by the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC), 3,000 crimes of violence against women and girls (VAWG) are recorded each day and one in every twelve women in England and Wales will now experience an incident of male violence, a shocking increase of 37% between 2018 and 2023. The true figures are likely to be much higher, as many incidents remain unreported. As a result, the NPCC has declared this epidemic a national emergency, acknowledging that this growing crisis places immense pressure on the criminal justice system, local services, and third-sector organisations, all of which are struggling to provide victims with the justice they deserve.

Signalling a new determination to confront this issue, the Government has pledged to halving violence against women and girls over the next decade by moving towards a 'whole-system approach'. This requires collaboration between government departments, local authorities, the police and wider society, working together to prevent, address, and combat VAWG. To underpin this drive, key initiatives are already underway, including the **Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPOs)** Pilot, **Raneem's Law**, the forthcoming **Victims, Courts and Public Protection Bill**, and the continuation of **Operation Soteria**.

This must-attend virtual conference provides a timely opportunity to examine the government's new strategy for tackling violence against women and girls over the next decade. The conference will explore the next steps required to drive the systemic change needed to improve early interventions, tackle rising misogyny and implement victim-centred schemes. The event will also examine the potential impact of the forthcoming Victims, Courts and Public Protection Bill and pilot of Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPOs) on protecting and supporting victims and bring perpetrators to justice.



Why Attend?

- > Live webinar featuring presentations and panel discussions with a wide range of policymakers and key officials
- > Explore how to embed a 'whole-system approach' to implement the new Government's strategy on VAWG
- Examine of impact of forthcoming pilots and legislation including *Raneem's Law*, the *Domestic Abuse Protection Orders* (DAPOs) Pilot, and the forthcoming *Victims Courts and Public Protection Bill*
- Learn enhanced identification methods and interventions to prevent violence before it occurs
- > Gain insights from experts on better targeting and disrupting perpetrators
- > Analysing lessons learned from Operation Soteria for delivering victim-focused policing and criminal justice responses
- Interactive Question Time sessions with opportunities to engage directly with all speakers
- > Share ideas with fellow participants from local authorities, the police, social care, housing, health, criminal justice, education, third sector and other key statutory agencies
- On Demand Exclusive access to speaker presentations and post-event resources for continued learning



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09:30 AM	Delegate Online Login				
10:00 AM	Introduction by Conference Organiser				
10:05 AM	Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks				
	Gudrun Burnet, Advisor, Justice Reform and Domestic Abuse, Firebird Foundation				
10:10 AM	 Panel Session One: Disrupting Abuse and Violence Through Proactive Prevention, Identification and Intervention Driving cultural change – Disrupting the rise in misogyny through education and engagement with men and boys Upskilling staff to recognise all forms of abuse and prevent non-contact sexual offences, including 'upskirting' and flashing, from escalating into violent crimes Effective sharing of data and intelligence between key agencies to ensure the early identification of victims, including those at-risk of abuse Delivering proactive interventions that effectively protect victims Caroline Dart, Senior Manager - Prevention, Early Intervention & Women and Girls, London's Violence Reduction Unit 				
	 Randip Thompson, Director of Development and Engagement, Women's Aid Rebecca Cant, Resource Development Coordinator, Brook 				
11:00 AM	Panel Session One: Questions and Discussion				
11:15 AM	Comfort Break				
11:20 AM	 Keynote Address: Confronting The National Emergency – Ending Violence against Women and Girls through a Whole-System Approach Understanding national picture – Responding to the evolving nature and scale of violence and abuse Analysing key government policies driving the mission to halve VAWG, including the potential impact of the forthcoming Victims Courts and Public Protection Bill, Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPOs) Pilot, and Raneem's Law Embedding a whole-system approach that fosters collaboration across government, local authorities, the police, health, and third-sector organisations Addressing the increasingly complex role of technology in enabling violence Ian Critchley QPM, Public Protection Implementation Lead, National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) 				
11:40 AM	Keynote Address: Questions and Discussion				
12:05 PM	Comfort Break				

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12:35 PM	Panel Session Two:				
	 Improving Responses and Support for Victims and Survivors Implementing Raneem's Law – Embedding domestic abuse specialists into 999 control rooms to ensure swift action in high-risk cases Delivering trauma-informed support for survivors, including those from marginalised or minoritised communities such as migrant, homeless, disabled, and LGBTQ+ Improving access to safe accommodation for all victims, incl. those with no recourse to public funds Leveraging the Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to create a consistent, whole-system approach in every area Sally Jackson, Partnership Manager, Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse Anne Clark, Strategic Lead Commissioner - Domestic Abuse and VAWG, Brighton and Hove City Council Jerome Martello, Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Programme and Commissioning Manager, London Borough of Lambeth 				
	 Jaweria Abdal, Head of No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) Services, Southall Black Sisters 				
1:40 PM	Panel Session Two: Questions and Discussion				
1:55 PM	Comfort Break				
2:00 PM	Panel Session Three: Targeting Perpetrators to Safeguard Victims Strengthening the pursuit of repeat offenders to protect women from violence Delivering robust implementation and management of protective orders – Exploring the new Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPOs) Pilot Harnessing data to identify, target and disrupt the most-dangerous offenders – Metropolitan Police's new v100 tool Examining the role of perpetrator programmes in providing effective interventions, which tackle abuse, hold perpetrators to account and bring about lasting change area Detective Chief Superintendent Angela Craggs, Public Protection and Violence Against Women and Girls, Metropolitan Police Ippo Panteloudakis, Head of Services, Respect Joanne King, Project Lead, MyCWA (Cheshire without Abuse)				
3:00 PM	Panel Session Three: Questions and Discussion				
3:25 PM	Panel Session Four: Delivering Justice for Survivors − Transforming the Policing and Criminal Justice Process Implementing Operation Soteria − Delivering a nationally-consistent, victim-centred, suspect-focussed and context-led investigations Enhancing justice through partnership working between specialist services, the police, local authorities, housing, health, criminal justice, third sector and other key statutory agencies Safeguarding victims by embedding Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) throughout criminal justice process Justice for victims − Reducing delays in the court system to improve prosecutions and convictions				
	Graham Ritchie, Deputy Director of Strategy and Policy, Crown Prosecution Service				
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3:55 PM 4:10 PM	Panel Session Four: Questions and Discussion Final Questions and Chair's Summary & Closing Comments				
4:10 PM	End of Online Conference				
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