

TACKLING DOMESTIC ABUSE AFTER THE PANDEMIC: BUILDING CAPACITY AND DELIVERING SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE

Online Live Webinar

Wednesday 17th November 2021



Key Speakers



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Overview

There are 2.4 million people who are victims of, or are vulnerable to, domestic abuse and violence in England and Wales, more than two thirds of which are women. For many years, services for victims and their children have been unable to meet the scale of this crime, leaving too many unable to access the support that they so desperately need. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has only heightened this situation, and it is reflected in the stark rise in domestic abuse cases, leading to a 61% surge in calls and contacts to the **National Domestic Abuse Helpline**, run by the charity **Refuge**.

To address some of the urgent challenges, the Government introduced funding of £76m to support victims of domestic abuse through the pandemic. Furthermore, to underpin its commitment to tackling domestic abuse, the Government prioritised the passage of the *Domestic Abuse Bill* into law in April. The **Domestic Abuse Act 2021** brought in sweeping new reforms, including expanding the definition of domestic abuse to include financial and coercive control, the introduction of Domestic Abuse Protection Notices and Orders, as well as a new statutory duty for local authorities to support and fund accommodation for victims and their children. Whilst this new legal framework is a major step forward, the events of the last year have highlighted that legislation alone is not enough to bring about the systemic change that is needed to prioritise and protect victims, improve multi-agency working and bring perpetrators to justice.

This Policy Foresight live webinar offers a timely opportunity for key partners from local authorities, police, health, housing, social care, education, criminal justice, third sector and other key statutory agencies to examine how to prevent and tackle domestic abuse after COVID-19. The webinar will explore the role of the *Domestic Abuse Act* in responding to and preventing domestic abuse and consider the impact of the proposed reforms in the **Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill**, as well as further measures in the new **Tackling Violence against Women and Girls Strategy**. The webinar provides an ideal platform for participants to hear from experts and policymakers, learn from innovative best practice and share ideas with fellow participants to deliver lasting change that protects victims of domestic abuse and their children.

Why Attend?

- Live webinar featuring presentations and panel discussions with a wide range of policymakers, experts and key officials
- Receive key policy updates on the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, new Tackling Violence against Women and Girls Strategy and the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Bill
- Interactive Question Time sessions with opportunities to engage with all speakers
- Explore how to build capacity to meet and manage the increase in domestic abuse cases during COVID-19
- Learn best practice from experts working to protect and support victims and bring perpetrators to justice
- Gather knowledge to enhance existing frameworks, procedures, processes and toolkits
- Share ideas with fellow participants from local authorities, police, health, housing, social care, education, criminal justice, third sector and other key statutory agencies
- On demand – Exclusive access to speaker presentations, event recording and post-event resources

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09:30 AM	Delegate Online Login
10:00 AM	Introduction by Webinar Organiser
10:05 AM	Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks
10:10 AM	Morning Keynote Session: Tackling Domestic Abuse after COVID-19 – A National Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Understanding the national picture - responding to the nature and scale of Domestic Abuse after COVID-19 ➤ Examining the impact of the <i>Domestic Abuse Act 2021</i>, including the new duty on local authorities to provide support for victims and their children and safe accommodation in refuges ➤ Exploring the reforms in the <i>Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Bill</i>, the new <i>Tackling Violence against Women & Girls Strategy</i> and forthcoming <i>Domestic Abuse Strategy</i> ➤ Ending the postcode lottery – Identifying and addressing the gaps in service provision
10:30 AM	Morning Keynote Session: Questions and Discussion
10:50 AM	Comfort Break
10:55 AM	Panel Session One: Safeguarding Victims through Proactive Early Intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Raising awareness and understanding of the different types of domestic abuse, including emotional abuse, coercive control and economic abuse ➤ Managing and responding to the increase in domestic abuse cases following COVID-19 ➤ Providing effective interventions and adequate service provision for marginalised or minoritised women and men, including migrant, homeless, disabled, LGBT and those in rural settings ➤ Addressing the increasingly complex role of technology in domestic abuse cases ➤ Domestic violence perpetrator programmes – Understanding their role and improving their effectiveness to create behaviour change and stop violence
11:40 AM	Panel Session One: Questions and Discussion
12:00 PM	Comfort Break
12:10 PM	Panel Session Two: Building Capacity and Improving Local Multi-Agency Working <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strengthening Local Partnership Boards and MARACs – Enhancing multi-agency working and data-sharing between local authorities, health, police, adult and children's services, education and the third sector ➤ Implementing the Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to meet the needs of victims in every area ➤ Improving access to accommodation and housing support for at-risk individuals and their children ➤ Working in partnership with the NHS and other key health service providers to implement a Whole Health approach to help identify and support victims
12:55 PM	Panel Session Two: Questions and Discussion
1:10 PM	Afternoon Keynote Session: Tackling Domestic Abuse through a Cross-System Approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Exploring the findings and recommendations in HMICFRS's Final Inspection Report '<i>Police Response to Violence against Women and Girls</i>'
1.30 PM	Afternoon Keynote Session: Questions and Discussion
1:50 PM	Comfort Break
1:55 PM	Panel Session Three: Bringing Perpetrators to Justice and Delivering Lasting Protections for Victims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensuring effective investigations and prosecutions to bring perpetrators to justice and end abuse ➤ Utilising Domestic Abuse Protection Notices and Domestic Abuse Protection Orders to safeguard victims from perpetrators ➤ Prioritising victims' safety and experience throughout the entire criminal justice process ➤ Examining the impact of the Victims' Code, proposed reforms in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Bill and the expected Victims' Law legislation on domestic abuse cases
2:40 PM	Panel Session Three: Questions and Discussion
2:55 PM	Final Questions and Chair's Summary & Closing Comments
3:00 PM	End of Online Seminar

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