

# Domestic Abuse Strategy

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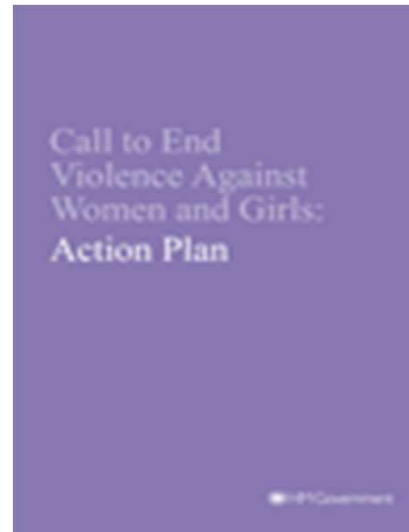
# Domestic abuse - definition

*Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexual orientation*

Home office (2015)

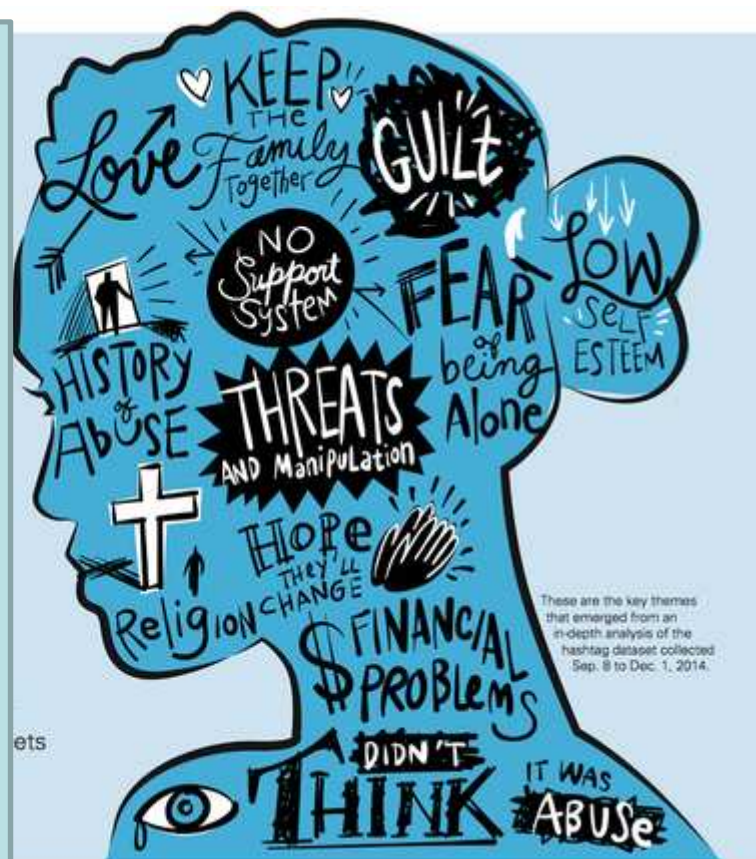
## Guiding principles

- **Prevention** of abuse
- **Provision** of services
- **Partnership** working
- Pursuing **perpetrators**



# National statistics

- 1 in 12 women every year
- 1 in 22 men every year
- 130,000 children
- 7 women a month are killed
- 40% experience mental ill health
- Seek help 5 times
- £20,000 per high-risk victim





# Objectives



**Partnership:**  
A strong multi-agency approach



**Provision:**  
Improve support for victims of domestic abuse



**Provision:**  
Develop a skilled workforce to respond to domestic abuse



**Prevention:**  
Encourage disclosure and early help



**Prevention:**  
Ensure confidentiality and information sharing



**Perpetrators:**  
Work with perpetrators to reduce re-offending

# Examples of progress

## Multi agency working

- Domestic Abuse Partnership
- Consensus statement
- Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
- Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Audited against NICE

## Disclosure and Early Help

- Improved early help systems
- Improved quality of early help assessments
- Pilot of CRUSH youth programme



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# Improving support

- Refuge provision
- Independent Domestic Violence Advisors
- IRIS
- Lighthouse
- Violence Against Women and Girls transformation fund





## Next steps

- » Developing VAWG transformation fund projects:
  - a. Community prevention work
  - b. Single point of access
  - c. CRUSH youth programme
  - d. IDVA plus for complex needs
  - e. IDVA and IRIS support worker
- » Review of IRIS and RUH IDVA services
- » Develop action plan

**Any questions?**