Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls: Reducing Risk through Prevention, Provision and Partnership

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

Tuesday 7th February 2012
10:15am – 4:30pm

Central London

Public Policy Exchange, in association with the Centre for Parliamentary Studies, holds regular interactive seminars which provide an invaluable interface for policy discussion, debate and networking. These special events offer local practitioners, civil servants and other stakeholders not only an insight into current policy thinking, but also the opportunity to feed into future development across all areas of public policy.
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Overview

According to Home Office figures, in 2010 there were over 1 million female victims of domestic abuse, 101 women were murdered by their ex-partner, 300,000 women were sexually assaulted and 60,000 were raped. Disturbingly, more than one third of all rapes recorded by the police are committed against children under 16 years of age. It is estimated that the minimum cost of providing public services, including health, social and legal services, to female victims of violence is £36.7bn annually. Notably, these figures do not include the substantial number of victims who never report such crimes.

Pledging to end violence against women and girls, the Government has placed prevention at the heart of its strategy, ‘Call to End Violence Against Women and Girls’ (March 2011), endeavouring to strengthen early intervention and challenge existing attitudes and behaviours that give rise to gender-specific violence. The strategy also stresses the need to improve support for victims and their families, working in partnership to obtain the best outcome when violence has occurred. Underlining its commitment to reducing the risk to women and girls, the government aims to increase the number of perpetrators brought to justice by 2015.

Whilst prioritising the eradication of violence against women and girls nationally, the Government is clear that greater emphasis must be placed on addressing the issue at a local level, where services can be tailored to local needs. Seeking to nurture the conditions required for the statutory sector, third sector and local communities to work together efficiently, the Government has pledged to give the tools and information necessary to maximise existing services, alongside £28m of funding to provide stability to the women's voluntary and community sector.

One year on from the launch of the Government’s strategy to end VAWG, this timely symposium provides an invaluable opportunity for local authorities and practitioners from across the police, social and health services to assess progress made over the last year and explore the next steps in tackling violence against women and girls.

"Our vision is for a society in which no woman or girl has to live in fear of violence. To achieve this vision, society needs to: prevent such violence from happening by challenging the attitudes and behaviours which foster it and intervening early where possible to prevent it; provide adequate levels of support where violence does occur; work in partnership to obtain the best outcome for victims and their families; and take action to reduce the risk to women and girls who are victims of these crimes and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice.”

- Call to End Violence against Women and Girls, March 2011

Why Attend?

✓ Examine the progress made in preventing VAWG through education, raising awareness and community engagement
✓ Explore how to further bolster the women's community sector through transparency, joint commissioning and partnership working
✓ Discuss how to reduce the risk to women through earlier intervention and improving the safety of stalking victims
✓ Consider how to improve justice outcomes for victims and strengthen the management and rehabilitation of offenders

Who Should Attend?

- Academics and Researchers
- Faith Organisations
- Third Sector Practitioners
- Equality and Diversity Practitioners
- Central Government Departments and Agencies
- Local Authority Officers and Councillors
- Legal Professionals
- Judges and Magistrates
- Criminal Justice Practitioners
- Children and Youth Services
- Health Service Professionals
- Police Authorities and Fire Services
- Victim Support Representatives
- Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships
- Local Criminal Justice Boards
- Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- Local Safeguarding Children Boards
- Community Safety Teams
- Community Cohesion and Development Organisations
- Local Education Welfare Authorities
- Drug and Alcohol Action Teams
- Youth Offending Teams
- Community Support Officers
- Children and Youth Services
- Domestic Violence Co-ordinators
- MARACs
- Rape and Sexual Assault Support Centres and Specialists
- Social Workers and Social Services Officers
- Housing Officers
- Police Service
- Police Authorities and Fire Services
- Health Service Professionals
- Probation Officers
- Families Services Officers
- Children's Trusts and Children's Centres
- Victim Support Representatives
- Local Safeguarding Children Boards
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Programme

09:30 Registration and Morning Refreshments
10:15 Chair’s Welcome and Introduction
10:30 Panel Session One:
A New Direction in Tackling Violence against Women and Girls – One Year On
- Preventing VAWG – Educating Young People About Healthy Relationships, Sexual Consent, Gender Equality and Non-Violence in Schools
- Raising Awareness and Identification of Domestic and Sexual Violence Amongst the Public and Front-Line Practitioners
- Strengthening Front-Line Responses to Sexual Violence – Improving Victims’ Access to Support Services, Forensic Developments and Data
- Addressing Forced Marriage, HBV and FGM through Sensitive Community Engagement and Outreach Programmes
- Strengthening the Women’s VCS – Providing Transparency, Encouraging Joint Commissioning and Partnership, Securing Local Funding
11:15 Morning Refreshments
11:30 Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One
12:30 Networking Lunch
13:30 Panel Session Two:
Reducing Risk, Getting Justice – Working in Partnership to Secure the Best Outcomes for Victims and their Families
- Supporting Female Offenders Who Have Been Victims of Violence through Mental Health Support and Community Based Alternatives to Custody
- Earlier Intervention – Working in Partnership to Identify and Safeguard Women at High Risk of Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Improving the Safety of Stalking and Cyber-Stalking Victims
- Increasing the Quality and Efficiency of VAWG Prosecutions - Supporting Women through the CJS
- Strengthening the Management and Rehabilitation of Sex Offenders
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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