

# Urgent action needed to tackle crime against women and girls

Published on 25 August 2021

Report finds system-wide change is needed

Brief 2 mins read

Cross-sector reform to protect women and girls from violent offences is needed immediately, according to an interim report produced by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

[The report on tackling the crime epidemic against women and girls](#) acknowledges that the police have made vast improvements over the last decade in responding to these offences. However, system-wide change is needed, which cannot be achieved by the police alone.

HMICFRS stated there is an epidemic of offending against women and girls. In the 12 months up to March 2020, 1.6 million women in England and Wales experienced domestic abuse. A whole-system approach is needed to tackle this, involving policing, the Crown Prosecution Service, health, social care and education.

Several recommendations have been made by HMICFRS, including:

- the government, police, criminal justice system and public sector should immediately and unequivocally commit to prioritising the response to violence against women and girls, supported by sufficient funding and mandated responsibilities
- the police should make the relentless pursuit and disruption of perpetrators a national priority, and their capability and capacity to do this should be enhanced
- funding and structures should be put in place to ensure victims receive tailored and consistent support

## Download our latest edition of Brief

This article was published in the August 2021 edition of Brief, which brings you updates in police law, operational policing practice and criminal justice, produced by the College of Policing's legal services department.

- Share your ideas and feedback with the Brief team: [brief@college.pnn.police.uk](mailto:brief@college.pnn.police.uk)
- [College of Policing Brief: August 2021 \(pdf\) 524.99 KB](#)

## Tags

[Domestic violence](#)   [Response policing](#)

## Brief archive

Download our previous editions covering the latest updates in the policing and criminal justice field.

- [College of Policing Brief: May 2021 \(pdf\) 664.28 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: April 2021 \(pdf\) 650.22 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: March 2021 \(pdf\) 437.86 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: February 2021 \(pdf\) 539.5 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: January 2021 \(pdf\) 600.32 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: November/December 2020 \(pdf\) 617.67 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: August/October 2020 \(pdf\) 447.49 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: June/July 2020 \(pdf\) 604.13 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: May/June 2020 \(pdf\) 466.94 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: April/May 2020 \(pdf\) 537.01 KB](#)

- [College of Policing Brief: March/April 2020 \(pdf\) 466.16 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: February/March 2020 \(pdf\) 468.63 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: January/February 2020 \(pdf\) 380.5 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: November/December 2019 \(pdf\) 951.13 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: October/November 2019 \(pdf\) 490.73 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: September/October 2019 \(pdf\) 933.79 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: August/September 2019 \(pdf\) 731.86 KB](#)
- [College of Policing Brief: July/August 2019 \(pdf\) 771.51 KB](#)