

A silhouette of a woman's head in profile, facing left, set against a vibrant sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The woman's hair is styled in a bun. The text "Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls" is overlaid in white, centered on the image.

Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls

NA VAWG ACTION PLAN

- ❖ We have spent time with women and girls across London to identify the places where we must improve safety, routinely directing police resources to these problems.
- ❖ We have worked with others to make festivals, events and night time venues safer for women, deploying officers to spot risks early.
- ❖ We are building bigger teams so that the officers who investigate domestic abuse and serious sexual offences are better equipped to do their jobs. When we have completed this work, over 500 more officers and staff will be working in public protection roles.
- ❖ We have charged 229 more cases of rape in the last 12 months compared to the previous year, as we increasingly target dangerous men. Our performance compared with other forces is significantly improved.
- ❖ We have developed new tools to identify people who pose a risk to women and girls and we have taken action by arresting and convicting them.
- ❖ Our response to stalking continues to improve; we have expanded the Stalking and Threat Assessment Centre, and significantly increased the number of Stalking Protection Orders: currently we have the highest volume of Stalking Protection Orders in place any police service in England and Wales, and the second highest per capita.
- ❖ Our detection rates for child abuse, including child sex abuse, are higher
- ❖ We have accepted our deep rooted problems in relation to culture and standards and we have shared progress on how we are removing those inside our organisation who pose a risk, but we know how much more work is needed before we are confident that our culture is right.
- ❖ We are investing in new ways to listen to victims' experiences and we will develop these to ensure we are recognising the voices of victim survivors of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), particularly minoritised victim survivors.



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NA VAWG ACTION PLAN

Final draft of VAWG action plan introduced Dec 2023.

Three Pillars:

- **Pillar 1 – Building Trust and Confidence**
- **Pillar 2 – Relentless Pursuit of Perpetrators**
- **Pillar 3 – Safer Spaces**



NA VAWG ACTION PLAN

Pillar 1 – Building Trust and Confidence

Commitment 1

We will work to eliminate police perpetrated domestic abuse and sexual offences and we will improve the effectiveness of our response to these crimes.

Commitment 2

We will improve how we listen to those impacted by Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG).

Commitment 3

We will demonstrably prioritise Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) by investing resources to improve capacity and capability

Commitment 4

We will tackle sexism and misogyny in the Met.

Commitment 5

We will look outside the Met for ways to improve our response to Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) and we will be innovative and precise; testing new approaches, learning what works and tackling gaps in our data.



NA BCU Public Protection

Pillar 2 – Relentless Pursuit of Perpetrators

We will do much more to identify and tackle the most dangerous and prolific perpetrators of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

We will make tackling VAWG perpetrators the job of the whole of the Met, understanding how we target central and local resources more effectively to reduce the harm they pose

We will improve our overall performance for bringing more VAWG perpetrators to justice and reducing repeat victimisation

We will increase our forensic intervention, contribution and speed in support of public protection operations





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Relentless pursuit of perpetrator projects

- **VAWG 100 project–**

The top 100 VAWG offenders identified. We employ an approach to mitigate the risk they pose by monitoring activities and arrest should there be any current criminal activity thus preventing them from targeting vulnerable members of society. Consider Achilles Heel tactics and apply all specialist covert tactics previously utilised on street gangs and Organised Crime Groups. Individuals and owned by new Proactive teams.

- **Op Dauntless –**

Repeat DA/DV offenders are targeted and monitored to protect the vulnerable. The project is aimed to ensure a consistently high quality service to victims and dealing swiftly and effectively with the perpetrators. Top cohort will be allocated to staff for responsibility and ownership.

- **Drive perpetrator panels-**

Works with high-harm perpetrators to reduce abuse and increase victim/survivor safety. It is being developed as part of a partnership between Respect, Safe Lives, and Social Finance in collaboration with PCCs, local authorities, and service providers.



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NA Wanted Offenders

Wanted Offenders- high volumes- currently 230 DA offenders currently wanted.

NA one of the best performing BCUs.

Recognise link between early arrest, victim support/safeguarding and positive investigative outcome. Also that Domestic Abuse poses greater risk of repeat and escalating offending compared to other crime types.

Manhunt – New Proactive Unit

Manhunt capability for suspects wanted for High risk, high harm and/or forensically live (sexual assaults).

Includes – conduct research on the offenders, visit their frequented places, liaise with external partners, use all tactics available to locate and arrest them.

Escalate to specialist crime teams where required.



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Risk Management Unit (RMU)- Who are we and what do we do ?

A small dedicated team working within Public Protection

They have strong links to Partner Agencies working towards protecting vulnerable members of society from Domestic Abuse and preventing further abuse

They represent the MPS at multi agency meetings (including MARAC) to contribute to the safeguarding of victims and survivors of Domestic Abuse

They provide a key role in liaising with the Courts to obtain protective orders for those who need them.



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Risk Management Unit - What exactly do we deal with?

DVPO's – upon receipt of DVPN's we liaise with the Court and represent the MPS at Court hearings in order to obtain DVPO's

SPO's – we monitor Stalking Offences and support Officers in obtaining SPO's. We create the Court bundles, liaise with DLS and attend Court on behalf of the OIC.

MARAC's – we conduct all research required for cases to be heard at MARAC's and then go on to represent the MPS and Chair the conferences. We then liaise with OIC's regarding actions set by the Chair.

CLARE'S LAW DISCLOSURE'S – we action all Clare's Law requests whether these come via the online portal or other avenues. We provide research and make decisions around whether a disclosure should or should not be made. If a decision is made to make a disclosure, we will then make contact with the applicant and discuss the findings.



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Family Law Disclosures – we deal with requests for Police disclosure made by local authorities to the DLS Disclosure Team. This includes disclosure of Police material from both current and concluded criminal investigations.

TecSafe and panic alarms – we monitor and assist with TecSafe and panic alarms as well as offering training to Officers

Op Dauntless – we maintain/update briefing sheets containing details of Op Dauntless Nominals.

Non Molestation Orders – we process notifications re Non Molestation Orders, uploading them onto PNC and notifying PNC Bureau



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Safer Neighbourhoods

Approach to Tackling VAWG

Pillar 3 – Safer Spaces



Safer Spaces

Commitment 9

Project
Vigilant

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Angela

Op
Rana

Walk
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Women's
Night
Safety
Charter

Walk and Talk Scheme

This MET Police initiative is where women and girls aged 18 years and over who are working or living in London can “Walk and Talk” with a female neighbourhood Policing Officer in order to share their thoughts on safety, and how to bring about positive changes. They can discuss their experiences and it’s an excellent way to voice any concerns that they may have.

6 x Walk & Talk’s to be conducted per month on BCU’s.
In 2023 over 100 have been completed in NA BCU

Feedback from the public helps to identify areas of concerns, vulnerable areas of a ward so that these issues can try to be resolved in the long term.



Project Vigilant

The aim of project vigilant is to prevent sexual offences carried out by perpetrators. This is done by proactively identifying sexual behaviour, and intervening to prevent this behaviour escalating into an offence.

It is an initiative that uses a combination of uniformed and specially trained plain clothed Officers to carry out patrols in hot spot areas of wards, in particular where there is a night time economy.

Pairs of plain clothed Officers (Spotters) will be deployed in hot spots to help identify individuals displaying unwanted sexual behaviour towards females. The Officers will pass this information discreetly to the uniformed intervention teams, and those Officers will engage with individuals before offences are committed to persuade them to disperse and leave the area.

5 x Project Vigilant Ops carried out in Wood Green N22, Bruce Grove N17 and Fore Street N18 From Jul – Dec 2023

Project vigilant tactics have been shown to reduce offending by 24% in hot spot areas of London Boroughs.



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Op Verona

Op Verona is a MET initiative whereby Officers in uniform patrol hot spot areas of wards where there are concerns for community safety, for example Sexual Behaviour, Robbery Offences Environmental issues etc.

Officers are targeting specified hot spot areas at peak times (2pm – Midnight) in hi viz uniform, paying visits to licenced premises venues, patrolling our parks/green space areas/busy high streets/night time economy areas, along with paying attention to the train/bus hub areas.

11 x Op Verona Patrols/Activities have been carried out in NA BCU from July – December 2023



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Street Safe

StreetSafe is a service that allows people to report safety concerns in public places anonymously.

The StreetSafe website www.police.uk/streetsafe allows anyone to record areas where they don't feel safe. This will help Police and partner agencies help make the streets safer for everyone, particularly women and girls.

They may have felt unsafe due to environmental factors such as lack of street lighting, abandoned buildings, vandalism or being followed or verbally abused.

Their information could help Police and partner agencies to pinpoint problem areas, and make changes such as installing CCTV, Street lighting or introducing night time patrols.

StreetSafe is not for reporting crimes or incidents.

Good News Stories

- Whilst Officers were carrying out Op Verona patrols in N18 they arrested a male for abusive and controlling behaviour towards a female. He was arrested in December 2023.
- Whilst Officers were carrying out Hi Viz patrols in and around the Fore Street N18 area, they recovered an Off weapon (baton) in a Robbery hot spot area.
- Stats confirm that there has been a 50% reduction in sexual offences reported to Police in Wood Green N22 since Ops were completed during July-September 2023. Stats were provided by our LIT team.
- Numerous engagement sessions carried out by the Officers on patrol, as lack of seeing Police on the beat was raised by local community members. The feedback of seeing additional Officers on foot engaging with school children, residents, commuters and the local businesses has gone down well, and was noted.
- Number of Walk & Talks carried out, and Officers have been raising awareness around Street Safe website, and actively encouraging members of public to use them if they have concerns they would like to highlight in their local area.
- CPN's and PND's have been issued
- Drug Seizures carried out



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Community Engagement



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Safer Spaces - Op GWEN

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In person
engagement

- Safe space to voice concerns that otherwise would not be reported

Concerns recorded

- Documented on our systems and fed into policing strategies and partners such as local authority

“You said, we did”

- Concerns are addressed through policing strategies, education or environmental changes to address the issues raised.