

CPS VAWG STRATEGY - ACTION PLANS 2017-18

Strand	CPS actions in Cross Govt VAWG Strategy	CPS 2020 Objectives	Action
Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)			
Delivery of CPS VAWG actions, as part of cross govt VAWG plans; implementation of revised VAWG strategy; statement on male victims; VAWG performance reviews including VAWG assurance and VAWG annual report. Review of VAWG stakeholder involvement and Comms strategy. Addressing all VAWG strands across V&W strategy, social media and international work.			
VAWG	Policies guidance and training/Support Victims through the CPS/Engage with Stakeholders	Public Confidence/High Quality Casework/ Continuously Improving	Report on the delivery of CPS actions to the cross government VAWG IMG and delivery board.
VAWG	Provide Regular Oversight	Public Confidence/High Quality Casework/ Continuously Improving	VAWG Area Performance Reviews and Biannual VAWG Assurance reporting to the CPS
VAWG	Policies guidance and training/Support Victims through the CPS/Engage with Stakeholders	Public Confidence/ High Quality Casework/ Continuously Improving	Publish the VAWG Strategy 2017-2020 and Public statement on male victims
VAWG	Engage with Stakeholders	Public Confidence	Develop VAWG communications strategy, including publication of quarterly VAWG newsletter.

VAWG	Provide Regular Oversight	Public Confidence/High Quality Casework/ Continuously Improving	Publish the Annual VAWG Crime Report.
VAWG	Engage with Stakeholders	Public Confidence	Develop an Inclusion and Community Engagement Strategy following an Inclusion Stocktake to - include addressing VAWG issues.
VAWG	Policies guidance and training	Public Confidence/High Quality Casework/ Continuously Improving	Implement the VAWG international strategy and action plan.
VAWG	Policies guidance and training	Public Confidence/High Quality Casework/ Continuously Improving	Further develop work on VAWG cybercrime and social media.
VAWG	Policies guidance and training	Public Confidence/High Quality Casework/ Continuously Improving	Develop ways to improve the recording of the equality profile of victims across the police and CPS.
VAWG	Support Victims through the CJS	Public Confidence	Support victims of domestic and sexual abuse in accessing the Victim and Witness Survey.

VAWG	Policies guidance and training/Support Victims through the CPS/Engage with Stakeholders	Public Confidence	Implement actions from the public statement on male victims.
VAWG	Policies guidance and training	Success of our people	Support VAWG Coordinators, RASSO Heads and specialist leads/prosecutors on Stalking and Harassment; HBV/FM; FGM; CSA; HT/MS.
VAWG	Policies guidance and training	Success of our people	Further develop the knowledge hub on the internal CPS Intranet site for prosecutors.
Domestic Abuse			
Key focus on the development across government of DVA Bill; Deep Dive best practice and address the fall in police referrals; updating of legal guidance.			
Domestic Abuse	Policies guidance and training/Support Victims through the CPS/Engage with Stakeholders	Public Confidence/High Quality Casework/Continuously Improving	The CPS to work with government departments in 2017–18 in the development of the Domestic Violence and Abuse Bill, and non-legislative measures, to bring perpetrators to justice as well further protect victims of abuse.
Domestic Abuse	Policies guidance and training/Support Victims through the CPS/Engage with Stakeholders	Public Confidence/Success of Our People/High Quality Casework/Continuously Improving	The cross CJS Senior Officials Group to consider the outcomes and recommendations from the 'Deep Dive' in 2017–18 to consider rolling out nationally, with a revision of the SDAC resource manual.
Domestic Abuse	Policies guidance and training	Public Confidence/Continuously Improving	Support the development of cross-Government force-level datasets on domestic abuse.

Domestic Abuse	Policies guidance and training	Public Confidence/High Quality Casework/ Continuously Improving	Provide guidance for police and prosecutors on ways to address the falls in DA referrals.
Domestic Abuse	Policies guidance and training	High Quality Casework	Develop a high-level training pack for DA agents. This has been completed.
Domestic Abuse	Support Victims through the CJS	Public Confidence/ Continuously Improving	Advise on the evaluation of MoJ Out of Court Disposal pilots, restorative justice and Project CARA
Domestic Abuse	Policies guidance and training	Public Confidence/Success of Our People/High Quality Casework/ Continuously Improving	Update DA legal guidance including controlling or coercive behaviour and disclosing private sexual photographs and films without consent.
Domestic Abuse	Policies guidance and training	High Quality Casework	Respond to recommendations related to domestic abuse within HMCPSI Witness Summons Audit Report
Domestic Abuse	Support Victims through the CJS	Public Confidence/ Continuously Improving	Advise on the development of SafeLives Drive Project.

Stalking and Harassment			
Delivery of joint police and CPS Stalking Action Plan, following the Inspection.			

Stalking and Harassment	Policies guidance and training/Support Victims through the CPS/Engage with Stakeholders	Public Confidence/Success of Our People/High Quality Casework/Continuously Improving	Deliver the joint police and CPS Stalking Action Plan.
Stalking and Harassment	Policies guidance and training	Success of our People	Update joint CPS police protocol extending to cases of harassment as well as stalking, to provide a webinar for prosecutors and training for SPOCS and review legal guidance.
Rape and Sexual Offences			
Key focus on involvement in Deep Dive; updating guidance; training for prosecutors, advocates and supporting the training for the Bar. Implementation of actions on EIA, police file quality and S28 YJCEA 1999.			
Rape and Sexual Offences	Policies guidance and training	Public Confidence/High Quality Casework/Continuously Improving	Contribute to a cross-government 'Deep Dive' exercise to identify ways to reduce attrition rates in cases of serious sexual offences.
Rape and Sexual Offences	Policies guidance and training	Public Confidence/Success of Our People/High Quality Casework/Continuously Improving	Address rape disclosure issues and review of all live RASSO cases

Rape and Sexual Offences	Policies guidance and training	Public Confidence/Success of Our People/High Quality Casework/Continuously Improving	Update RASSO legal guidance.
Rape and Sexual Offences	Policies guidance and training	Public Confidence/Success of Our People/High Quality Casework/Continuously Improving	Deliver training on the handling of vulnerable witnesses to all advocates dealing with serious sexual offences.
Rape and Sexual Offences	Policies guidance and training	Public Confidence/Success of Our People/High Quality Casework/Continuously Improving	Deliver training for CPS prosecutors: prosecution of acquaintance rape cases involving intoxicated victims; S41; paralegals.
Rape and Sexual Offences	Policies guidance and training	High Quality Casework	Work with the Criminal Bar Association and Bar Council to ensure that essential CPS training required for the accreditation of external advocates is delivered and monitor effectiveness
Rape and Sexual Offences	Policies guidance and training	Public Confidence/Success of Our People/High Quality Casework/Continuously Improving	Work with a leading consultant forensic psychiatrist to develop a psychological evidence toolkit for prosecutors

Rape and Sexual Offences	Policies guidance and training	Public Confidence/Success of Our People/High Quality Casework/ Continuously Improving	Assist the MOJ with the review of Section 41 YJCEA 1999 and address CPS recommendations.
Rape and Sexual Offences	Policies guidance and training	High Quality Casework	Develop an agreed approach to the delivery of EIA; inclusion in charging guidance and monitor timeliness
Rape and Sexual Offences	Policies guidance and training	High Quality Casework	Work with the police to Improve police file quality - develop MoU
Rape and Sexual Offences	Policies guidance and training	Public Confidence and High Quality Casework	Engage with CJS partners to build on work undertaken during 2016 on the use of pre-trial recorded cross-examination of victims (S28 YJCEA 1999).

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So-called Honour-Based Violence and Forced Marriage

Key focus: Delivery of the CPS HBV and FM work plan

HBV and FM	Continue to focus on harmful traditional practices including forced marriage, honour-based violence and female genital mutilation.	Public Confidence/Success of Our People/High Quality Casework/ Continuously Improving	Deliver the CPS HBV and FM Work Plan: including revisions to the HBV and FM legal guidance; providing training and monitoring.
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Female Genital Mutilation

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Key focus: Delivery of the joint CPS and Police protocol and legal guidance.			
FGM	Continue to focus on harmful traditional practices including forced marriage, honour-based violence and female genital mutilation.	Public Confidence	Revise the national joint CPS and Police protocol.
FGM	Continue to focus on harmful traditional practices including forced marriage, honour-based violence and female genital mutilation.	Public Confidence	Develop legal and policy guidance on the approach to be taken in cases of female genital cosmetic surgery joint enterprise and instructing forensic medical experts.
Child Sexual Abuse			
Link with SPAU (Cross government work, Centre for Expertise; Independent Inquiry into CSA); coordinate and support Area leads; set up stakeholder group; update guidance			
Child sexual abuse	Support Victims through the CJS	Public Confidence	Input into the Independent Inquiry into CSA

Child sexual abuse	Policies, guidance and training	Public Confidence/Success of Our People/High Quality Casework/Continuously Improving	Review Guidance on Provision of Therapy to Child Witnesses Before a Trial.
Child sexual abuse	Policies, guidance and training	Public Confidence/Success of Our People/High Quality Casework/Continuously Improving	Launch internet vigilante guidance. Update CSA guidance.
Child sexual abuse	Engage with stakeholders	Public Confidence	Set up CSA Stakeholder group.

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Human trafficking and modern slavery

Key focus: Improving investigations and prosecutions through training and pilots on pre-recorded cross-examination of victims

Human trafficking and modern slavery	Policies, guidance and training	Continuously Improving	Hold a national Police/CPS Modern Slavery Joint Investigation Team meeting involving Europol, Eurojust and Romanian Authorities.
Human trafficking and modern slavery	Policies, guidance and training	High Quality Casework	Pilot pre-recorded cross-examination of victims of trafficking and slavery (s.28) in three pilot sites of Liverpool, Leeds and Kingston.
Human trafficking and modern slavery	Policies, guidance and training	High Quality Casework	Train Tutors on Modern Slavery.
Human trafficking and modern slavery	Policies, guidance and training	High Quality Casework/Public Confidence/ Success of Our People/Continuously Improving	Prepare for an international conference on trafficking, with heads of prosecution services and or political agitators from 18 countries.

Human trafficking and modern slavery	Policies, guidance and training	High Quality Casework	Deliver national training on modern slavery for designated prosecutors working in Complex Casework Units.
Human trafficking and modern slavery	Policies, guidance and training	High Quality Casework	Develop legal guidance to deal with conjoined appeals.
Human trafficking and modern slavery	Policies, guidance and training	Continuously Improving	HMIC, HMCPSI, NAO and cross-CJS inspections -D95 CPS response.

Prostitution

Prostitution	Policies, guidance and training	Public Confidence/Success of Our People/High Quality Casework/Continuously Improving	Publish revised Prostitution legal guidance.
Prostitution	Policies, guidance and training	Continuously Improving	Report on research across EU on Nordic model to inform NPCC Sex Workers - Working Group.