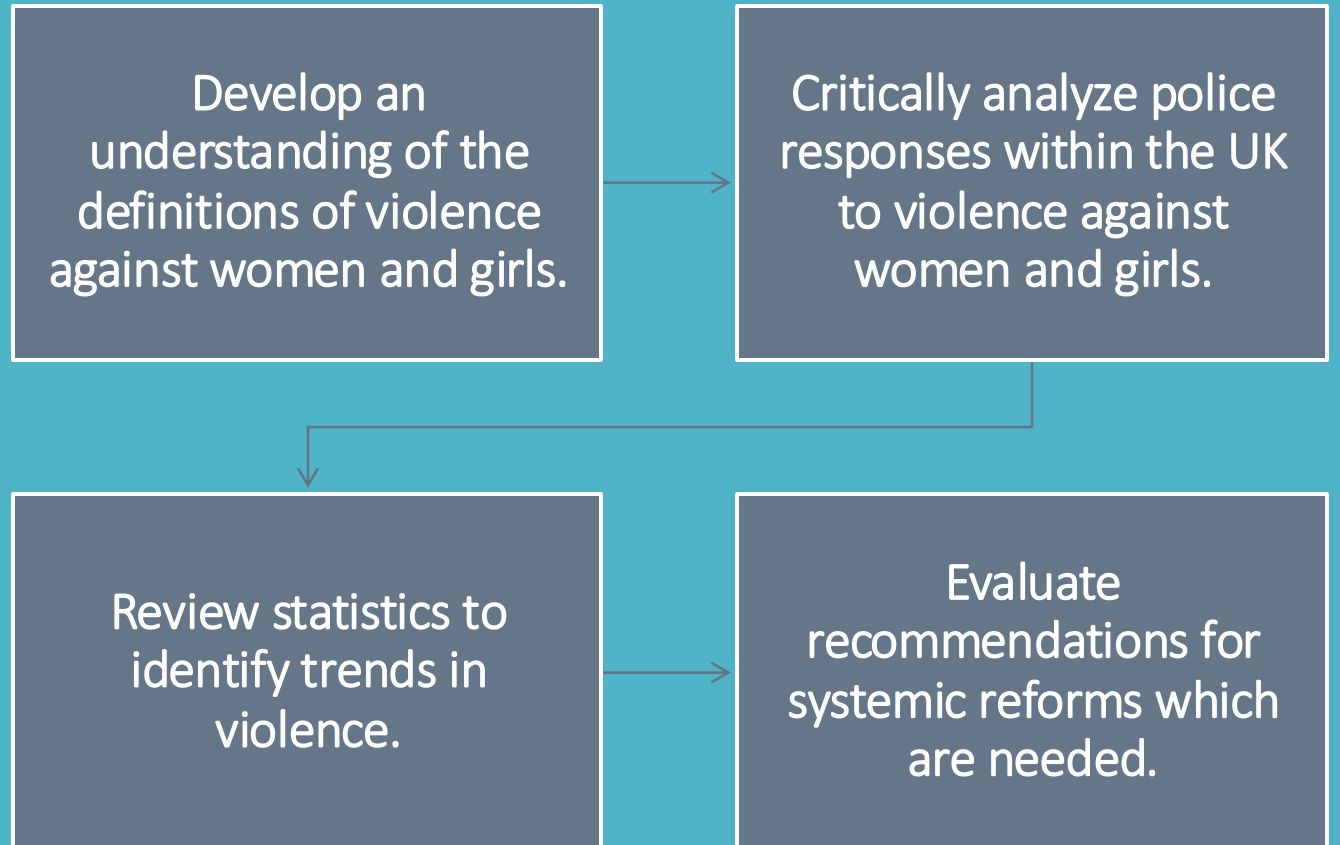


How effective is the UK policing response to violence against women and girls, and what systemic reforms are needed to ensure consistent protection, justice, and prevention across all communities?

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Definitions:

Some of the most common forms of Violence against women and girls.

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- "any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or mental harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life" (United Nations, 2024) .

- Domestic abuse is a pattern of abusive behaviour in any relationship that is used by one partner or family member to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner. - "Domestic abuse Act 2001."

- HBV: Abuse which has or may have been committed to protect or defend the honour of an individual, family and/or community.

- Female genital mutilation (FGM) comprises all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons. (World Health Organisation, 2025).

Key Cases



Abi Blake (2020) - suffered domestic abuse by her partner and was a "textbook case of serious, high-risk domestic abuse" (Nixon, 2020).

DOMESTIC ABUSE

HONOUR BASED ABUSE

Rania Alayed (2013) - disappeared in 2013 and was later discovered to have been murdered by her husband, Ahmed Al-Khatib for wanting to leave him; going against her families cultural beliefs.



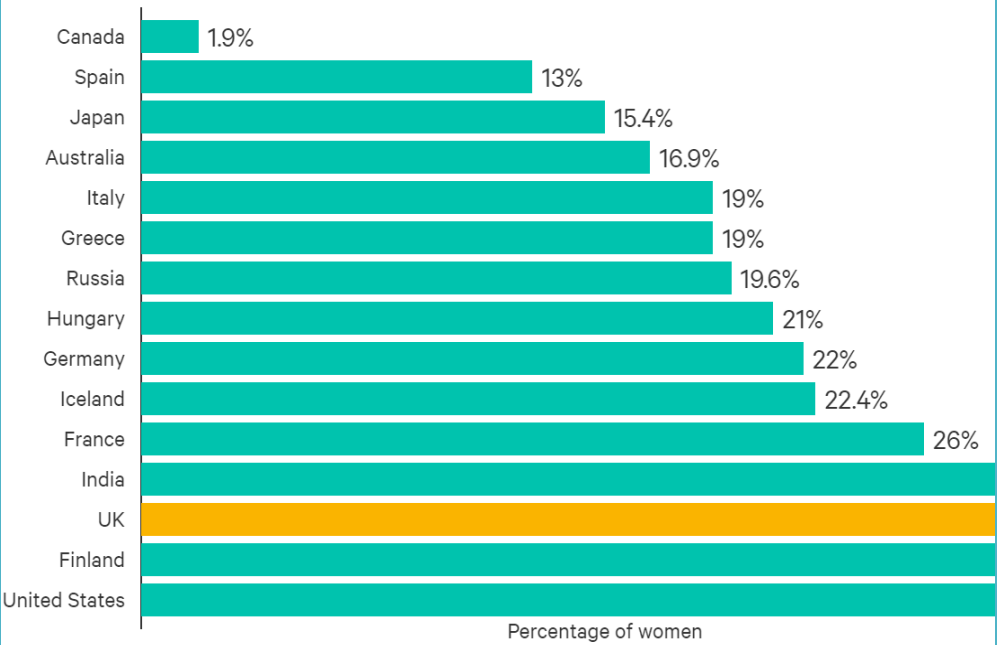
Other Key Cases:

Lauren-"Her ex stopped making repayments, blocked attempts to sell or remortgage the property and withheld child maintenance." (Hopson, 2024)

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Comparing violence against women by country

Percentage of women who have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner in their life



NimbleFins

What does this mean?

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How effective are police responses?

- "failure to deliver systemic change" (Walker, 2025).
- "wrongly placing responsibility" (Simon, 2022).



Where can police do better?

"Iceberg Effect"

What forms of abuse are most common?

"Intimate partner violence, rape and sexual assault, 'honour' crimes, femicide, forced prostitution, trafficking and exploitation" (FORWARD, 2021).



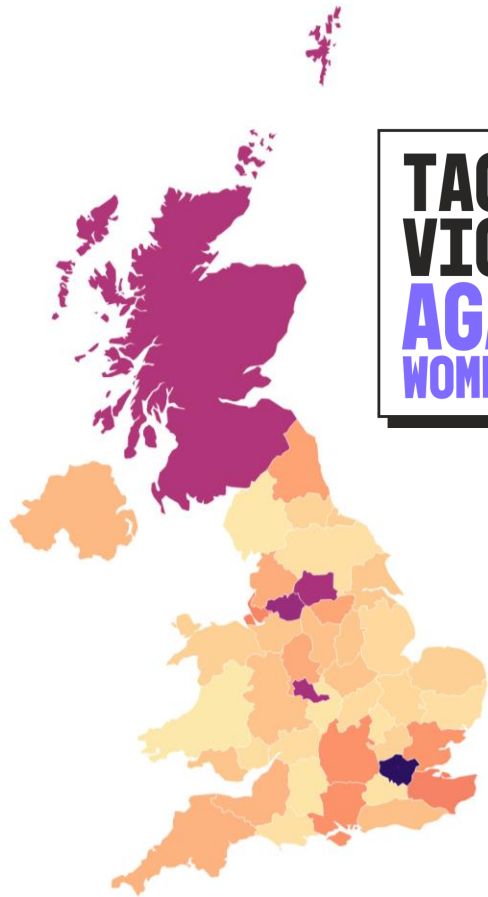
"approximately 20% of all reported offences" (Connaughts, 2025)

Where is it most prevalent?

Year ending March 2023

(Ahmed, 2024)

114 95,113



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Urban areas – higher population density.

Highest: Metropolitan Police – 95,000 incidents.

Lowest: Dyfed Powys Police – 6,000 incidents.

Doesn't
make it less
prevalent!

HBV-Most Prevalent in urban areas- "England and Wales, a 7% increase compared with the year ending March 2024, when 2,755 offences were recorded." (ONS, 2025).

Why is it so common within the UK? - Deep rooted patriarchal foundations.

KEY FOR CHANGE!

H o n o u r B a s e d V i o l e n c e

Of the 2,755 HBA offences recorded in the latest year, 111 were FGM and 201 forced marriage offences. (Home Office, 2024).

Perpetrators may go overseas – not just based within the UK. (Section 3 FGM Act 2003).

Why is it so common? - Underreporting (Iceberg effect) , Cultural Norms – Migration context (Windrush Generation and melting pot effect).

- "whole-system approach" (NPCC 2024).

- The "4P's" system :

Prepare: forces must have the right culture, skills and resources

Protect: action is being taken to protect individuals, families and communities

Pursue: perpetrators of violence are being relentlessly pursued

Prevent: policing must work with partners as part of a whole-system approach. (NPCC, 2024).

Before

What can be done before all of this?

School programmes

"early roots of misogyny, it will prevent young men from becoming violent abusers." (Kotecha, 2025).

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"The National Centre for VAWG and Public Protection" (Cooper, 2025).

Backed by £13m of government funding.

- "risen by 301 percent in 5 years." (EVAW, 2024).

- "300 outstanding crown court cases in England and Wales have been waiting 4 years or more" (Geoghehan, 2024).

Where does the problem lie?

Growing cost of officers, increasing crime rates and socio-political pressures.

Police responses.

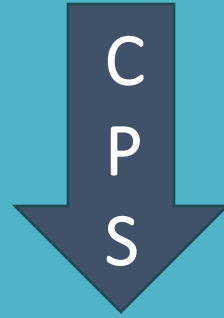
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How can agencies change?

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Social pressure are able to aid in substantial change.

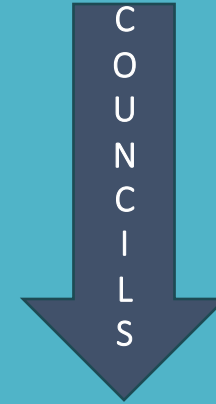


"train its staff to recognise the "wide spectrum of abuse" in cases of violence against women" (Al-Othman, 2025).

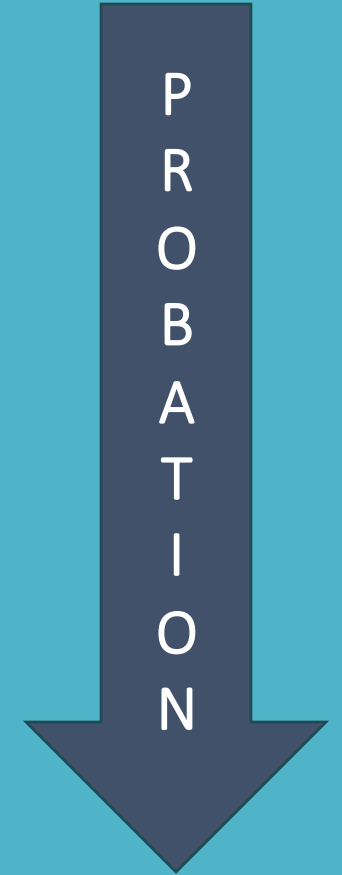


- "Met Police's V100 scheme — a data analytics tool" (Sleigh, 2025)"

- First Response training.
Ensuring that first contact with victims is positive to mitigate withdrawal of claims and abuse.



- Provide more accessible emergency housing for victims, allowing them to separate themselves from their attacker.
- Increase engagement with locals to increase recognition with victims.



- Increase consistency of perpetrator engagement.
- Revise and coordinate with education systems to tackle ideologies.

Conclusion

Police responses - The past was not good enough; present changes are attempting to correct this.

Metropolitans police use of the V100 scheme and public access to FOI and Claires Law database. Recognition of VAWG as a national and whole force threat to the public.

Systemic changes- deep rooted patriarchal beliefs. Socio-political changes act as a catalyst for this (Migration and left vs right wing beliefs)

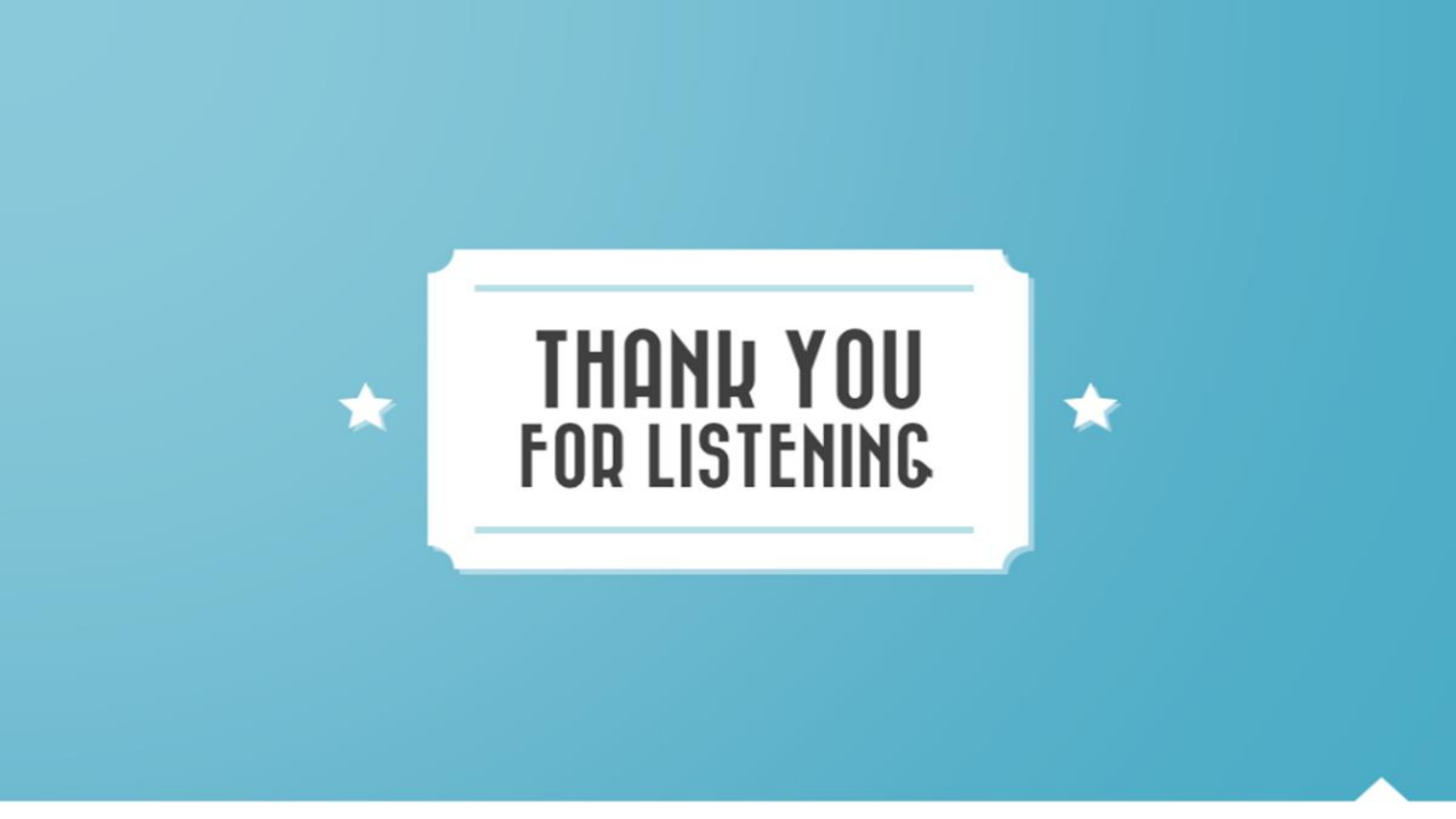
Definitions – VAWG should not be seen as a defining action, rather as a spectrum of abuse that an increasing amount of women and children will face within their life.

The future- Police and other agencies are planning to come together to combat VAWG, but it takes more than this. Personal and cultural identities need to come together to change this.

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Who to contact:

The Live Fear Free Helpline
National Stalking helpline
modern slavery and exploitation
helpline
24 hour FGM helpline



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