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THE IMPACT OF WOMEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON HEALTH OUTCOMES IN UK HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

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Proposal and Review Question

The main purpose of this research proposal is to carry out a scoping review which will assess the impact of domestic violence (DV) on the health and social care outcomes of survivors who avail themselves of UK health and social care. The primary review questions are: "The impact of domestic violence (DV) on health outcomes among women in the UK?", and To explore the factors responsible or associated with domestic violence (DV) in women in the UK?".

The objectives of this study are: (1) to list the various kinds of physical and mental health conditions related to domestic violence. (2) to investigate the current reactions of NHS and social care in terms of service delivery. (3) and to analyze the promoters and obstacles in the access to support for domestic violence.

Rationale

Domestic violence is a major public health issue with approximately 2.3 million adults in England and Wales affected every year. (Office for National Statistics, 2024). The health consequences are serious and varied. Evidence suggests that survivors are at increased risk of mental health problems, PTSD, and suicidal behavior; in fact, 26% of women who died by suicide whilst accessing mental health services had a previous history of domestic violence. (Turnbull et al., 2025). Parental exposure to domestic violence, just like domestic violence, has a harmful effect on children's mental health and leads to the transmission of trauma between generations (Allen et al., 2024).

Methods

The purpose of this scoping review is to develop a methodological approach to synthesize evidence systematically. A variety of databases including PubMed, PubMed Central, and others, will be used to conduct a broad search of the literature that focuses on domestic and intimate partner violence, health impacts, and service responses in the UK context. Studies will include the synthesis, will be peer-reviewed studies published between 2019 and 2025 and will meet

fixed a priori inclusion criteria. The quality of the studies will be evaluated, and thematic analysis will be used to identify themes about health impact and service implications.

Ethical considerations

This review will simply secondary research and will not recruit participants if not directly. However, the ethical rigor demands to consider very carefully the survivor experience as it is published in the literature, and to represent the experiences of the vulnerable populations with great care, honesty, rigor, transparency, open communication, care and respect and accountability.

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