



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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Aims.

01

Discover the crimes that affect women and girls the most.

02

Analyse the key legislation to tackle violence against women and girls.

03

Evaluate how the police can do better and their potential plans.

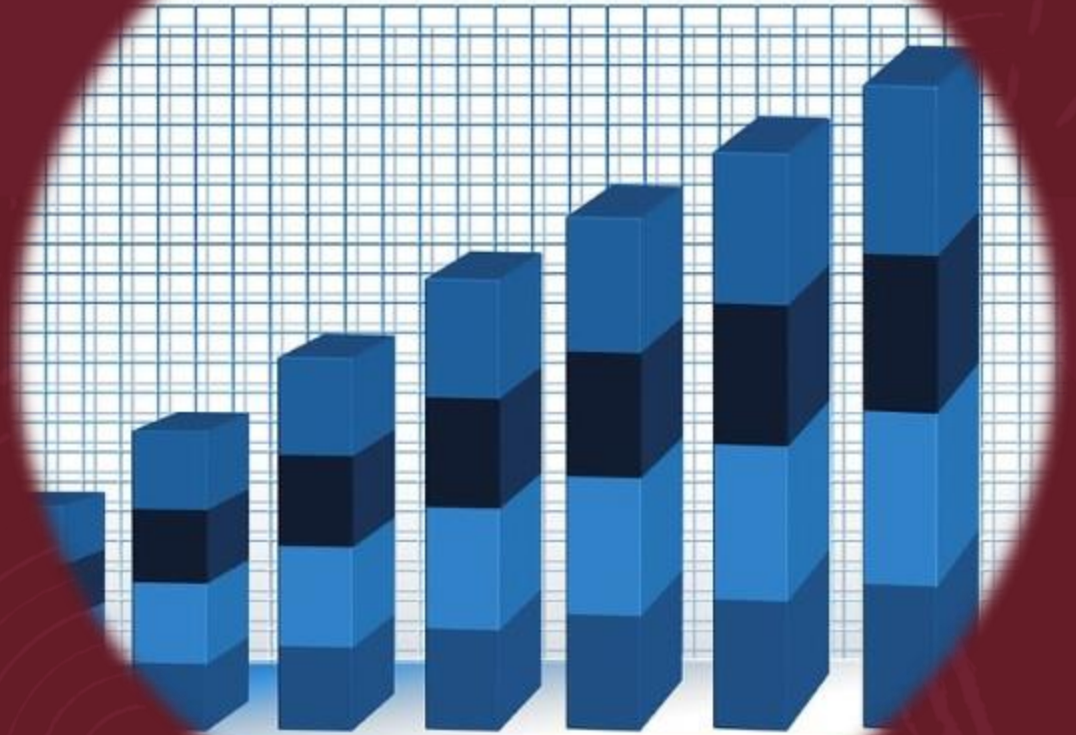


What is VAWG?

VAWG is...

Crimes that disproportionately affect women and girls.

- Rape, sexual assault. (NPCC 2024)
- Stalking. (End Violence Against Women 2025)
- 'Honour' based violence. (UK Parliament 2023)
- Domestic abuse. (NCDV 2025)
- "One Million VAWG related crimes were recorded during 2022/23 accounting for 20% of all police recorded crime" (NPCC 2024).



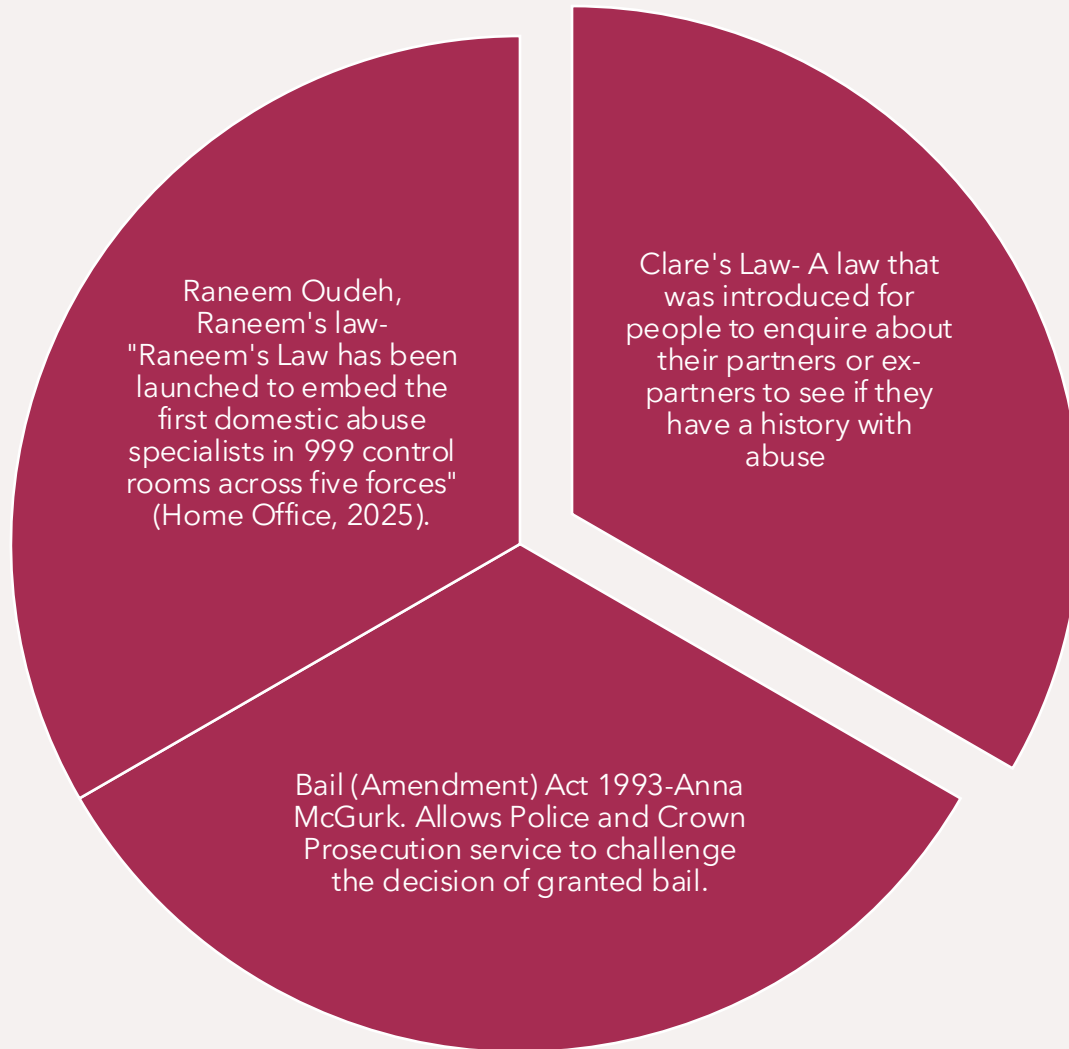
Legislations to combat violence against women and girls.

- "Labours 2024 manifesto pledged to halve VAWG in a decade" (House of Commons Library 2025).
- Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003. (Legislation 2003)
- Forced Marriage Act 2007. (Legislation 2007)



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Cases that changed legislations.





Public perception on how police tackle VAWG.

- "Subsequent reviews into policing have led to increased public concern about the police's response to violence against women and girls" (IOPC 2023).
- Women are losing trust...





SMALL STEPS
ARE STILL
PROGRESS

What the police can do better.

- Believe women and girls...
- Make progress...
- Raise the Trust...

Future plans to tackle VAWG.

Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2025-2030. (The Crown Prosecution Service 2025)

Freedom from violence and abuse: A cross-government strategy to build a safer environment for women and girls 2026. (Global Government Forum 2026).



Summary.

To summarise...



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Thank you.

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