

# National centre for violence against women and girls and public protection

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Coordinating our national response to all public protection offences with a dedicated policing centre.

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The dedicated national centre for violence against women and girls and public protection (the Centre) supports forces with specialist knowledge and training for investigators and officers. It also leads on a national approach to preventing these crimes from happening, with other agencies.

Police chiefs declared violence against women and girls a national emergency last year, calling for a whole-system approach that brings together criminal justice partners, government bodies and industry to tackle the threat through prevention.

## Joint initiative

The Centre is a joint initiative between the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and the College. It brings together:

- the vulnerability, knowledge and practice programme
- Operation Soteria
- the violence against women and girls taskforce

By consolidating our existing expertise, knowledge and skills, the Centre seeks to provide a more effective and joined up approach enabling the best outcomes for victims and bringing criminals to justice.

## Aims

The Centre was established in April 2025 with funding from the Home Office. It is working to:

- achieve consistency of practice
- professionalise public protection

- tackle the scale of the challenge posed by violence against women and girls.

The Centre will build on the work of the three programmes so far and seek to provide an even greater joined-up response with more effective support across law enforcement, government and other partners. Victims and survivors are at the heart of everything the Centre does.

## Contacting the Centre

You can contact the Centre:

- by email: [NCVPP@college.police.uk](mailto:NCVPP@college.police.uk)
- by post: National Centre for Violence Against Women and Girls and Public Protection, Leamington Road, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry, Warwickshire, CV8 3EN

## Press

If you are a journalist with a media enquiry, please contact the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) communications team by phone: 0800 538 5058 or email: [press.office@npcc.police.uk](mailto:press.office@npcc.police.uk).

Only urgent media enquiries will be dealt with out of hours by the duty press officer.

## Related resources

- [Vulnerability knowledge and practice programme \(VKPP\)?](#)
- [Operation Soteria – transforming the investigation of rape](#)
- [Strategic threat and risk assessment of violence against women and girls](#)
- [Policing violence against women and girls – the national framework for delivery: 2024 – 2027](#)
- [Violence against women: Resources for policing](#)
- [Violence against women and girls toolkit](#)
- [Vulnerability-related risks](#)
- [Interventions to reduce violence against women and girls \(VAWG\) in public spaces](#)

## Tags

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