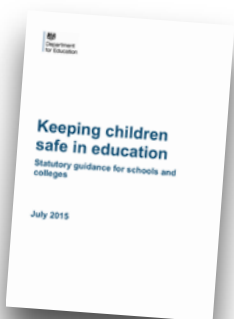


Gender based violence/violence against women and girls

VAWG

Definition: 'Any act of gender based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life'



- * Violence against women and girls is the most widespread form of abuse worldwide, affecting one third of all women in their lifetime.
- * The age at which an individual starts to experience or witness abuse or to access material which might influence behaviour and beliefs as an adult is crucial.
- * There is evidence that experiencing adversity in childhood, including violence and abuse, can impact on health and well-being and, in some cases, lead to a higher risk of becoming a victim or perpetrator of violence as an adult.
- * Young people today have access to unprecedented quantities of potentially harmful information and entertainment through the internet.

Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2016-2020



41% of the prison population have witnessed or experienced domestic abuse

Emotional consequences

Physical consequences

Substance misuse

Homelessness

Offending behaviour

Gang involvement

Prostitution

Mental health problems

Domestic violence – 1.35 million victims (2015)

Sexual violence – 450,000 victims (2015)

FGM – female genital mutilation

FMU – forced marriage unit

Local support

- IRIS – Identification & Referral to Improve Safety - GPs, health visitors, drug and alcohol services and Accident and Emergency staff – identify abuse – initiate early intervention.
- DVDS – Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme – allows anyone with concerns about a relationship to obtain information on previous violence committed by the partner.
- YPAs – Young People’s Advocates – gives direct support to vulnerable females who have been victims of, or are at risk of sexual violence by gangs.

Any concerns in school should be reported to Richard Reeve, Tash Good or Imran Iqbal, Pastoral Managers or Heads of House.