

Swansea Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy 2023-2026



Summary Version



Vision

“All citizens in Swansea to be safe, happy and healthy and live fear free from violence, exploitation, harassment and abuse, in all its forms”

Swansea Council and Swansea Bay University Health Board has worked with a wide range of specialist partner agencies and survivors of abuse to develop this strategy. They will continue to work with partner agencies on the delivery to ensure people affected by Violence against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence have access to specialist services and support.

Swansea Council want to ensure their Strategy is acknowledged as ‘everyone’s business’ and is recognised across all areas in Swansea.



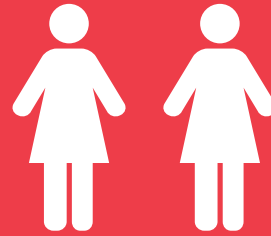
An estimated
2.4 million

adults experience some form
of domestic abuse in one year

1.7 million
of them
women



On average every week



2 women

are murdered by their
current or former partner

In Wales, the cost of Domestic Abuse is estimated to be **£303.5m** annually: **£202.6m** in service costs and **£100.9m** to lost economic output. These figures do not include any element of human and emotional costs, which research estimates costs Wales an additional **£522.9m**.

Approximately

1/2 million

adults are sexually
assaulted each year

and around

85,000
women



and

12,000
men



are raped each
year in England
and Wales.

Swansea has a range of services that focuses on Prevention, Protection and Support for those who experience Violence against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence.

Domestic Abuse Hub - offers a whole family approach which aims to prevent escalation and limits referrals into statutory children's services.
01792 636512

Equilibrium
- A whole family approach for perpetrators, victims and children/young people.

Spectrum Project - Deliver sessions on Healthy Relationships and VAWDASV topics in all Secondary and Primary schools in Wales, including Swansea.

CMET - support individuals who have experienced or are at risk of significant harm from outside the family home including Child Sexual exploitation, trafficking, child criminal exploitation, peer on peer abuse and sexually harmful behaviour.

MARAC: A multiagency meeting where information is shared on the highest risk domestic abuse cases to ensure a safety plan and to reduce the risks of abuse.

Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA): Provide support to high risk victims of domestic abuse securing their safety and supporting through the Criminal and Civil justice process.

SBUHB Health Based Independent Domestic Abuse advocate (IDVA): The Health Based IDVA risk assesses patients, raises awareness of domestic violence and abuse and establishes and maintaining health links with Safeguarding/relevant multi-agency forums.

IRIS

(Identification and Referral to Improve Safety):

is a general practice-based domestic violence and abuse (DVA) training, support and referral programme, which is a collaboration between primary care and third sector organisations specialising in DVA.

CALAN DVS:

Calan DVS are a domestic violence and abuse (DVA) charity in Wales operating services across South, Mid and West Wales offering a range of specialist services across Swansea. Contact Details 01639 633 580 - enquiries@calandvs.org.uk

BAWSO:

The lead specialist provider of services to people from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) backgrounds affected by domestic abuse and other forms of abuse, including Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), human trafficking, prostitution and forced marriage. 01792 642003 - swansea@bawso.org.uk

New Pathways -

The largest provider of specialist sexual violence support services in Wales, providing a range of support for people of all genders and ages, who have been affected by rape, sexual assault, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation. Contact details : 01685 379310 – enquires@newpathways.org.uk

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Women's Aid -

Is a women-only organisation which offer a suite of services for women, with or without children, who are affected by domestic abuse. Contact details: 01792 644683

Stori:

Offer support for women, men, children, and families with a wide range of needs – including those who are homeless, have experienced domestic abuse, mental health, and supporting people to manage the impact of addiction. 01792 345751

DRIVE:

Is an intensive intervention that works with high-harm and serial perpetrators to challenge abusive behaviour and prevent abuse.

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Women's Aid -

Your Opinion Matters Project / Co-Production Project are survivor lead projects which aims to improve their wellbeing and increase the ability to self-manage the long-term impacts of domestic abuse. Contact details: 01792 644683

Testimonials of survivors that have accessed specialist services across Swansea

“I now know who I need to contact if I had concerns, I feel more confident picking up the phone and sharing my concerns to professionals. Before I had this support I kept everything to myself and it was very isolating, I didn't know who to turn to but now I feel I have a good circle of support around me”

“I feel more confident now because of everything I have been through. My support worker was lovely, and supported me through court. I was provided with strategies on how to handle Domestic Violence if it happens and to be able to see the behaviours before a situation happens again”

7 Strategic Objectives

These objectives are in line with the Welsh Governments VAWDASV (22-26) National Strategy. This will enable Swansea to demonstrate our commitment and support to the Welsh Government and our communities in achieving its objectives regarding Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence.

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Objective 1

Challenge harmful public attitudes to violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence across Swansea through awareness raising and space for public discussion, promoting a positive response.

Objective 2

Increase awareness in children and young people of the importance of safe, equal and healthy relationships and empowering them to positive personal choices.

Objective 3

Increase the focus on holding those who use abusive behaviour to account and support those who may carry out abusive or violent behaviour to change their behaviour and avoid offending.

Objective 4

Make early intervention and prevention a priority.

Objective 5

Relevant professionals are trained to provide effective, timely and appropriate responses to victims and survivors.

Objective 6

Provide all victims with equal access to appropriately resourced, high quality, needs-led, strength-based, inter-sectional and responsive services across Wales.

Objective 7

Prepare robust evidence to inform our work.



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For confidential information, advice or support around domestic abuse, sexual violence or violence against women.

