



Winchester
Community Safety
Partnership
at the Heart of your Community

VISION:

Winchester Community Safety Partnership is taking a whole system approach to address the root causes of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) by working with statutory and voluntary organisations to challenge harmful attitudes and improve feelings of safety.

MISSION:

To work in partnership with health, social care and educational professionals to reduce the incidence and related risks of violence and harassment against women and girls in a public place.

VAWG Partnership and Governance

GOVERNANCE:

Winchester VAWG Strategic group will oversee the implementation of the local action plan and the provision of quarterly performance to the Community Safety Strategic Partnership.

PARTNERSHIP:

Operational delivery will be undertaken in collaboration with statutory and voluntary partners to deliver and promote the VAWG agenda.

Violence Against Women and Girls' (VAWG) Strategy 2025

1. PREPARE¹

We will:

- Produce a problem profile based on police occurrence and reported offences²
- Undertake an annual refresh of the VAWG strategy
- Apply for Government funding as it becomes available to the partnership
- Provide partnership support for training and awareness around VAWG, linked to the nighttime economy and licensed premises.
- Take a proactive approach to stay up to date with emerging trends and best practice around VAWG.

2. PROTECT

We will:

- Address the feelings of safety for women and girls in Winchester by supporting physical change to the environment as appropriate.³
- Raise awareness and signpost to support services for those disclosing VAWG incidence i.e. stalking and harassment
- Work in partnership with support services for those at risk.

3. PURSUE

We will:

- Use police powers, tools and measures to take action against VAWG offenders.
- Signpost victims of VAWG to relevant support services to encourage increased reporting.
- Encourage licenced premises to report VAWG incidents within their premises.

4. PREVENT

We will:

- Encourage schools, colleges and youth groups to include awareness around VAWG and healthy relationships as part of their Relationship & Sex Education (RSE), Personal, Sexual and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum and workshops.
- Undertake feelings of safety surveys within community networks.
- Promote the Active Bystander and Behavioural Change campaigns.
- Promote and encourage greater participation for the 'safe places network'.

¹ Prepare, Protect, Pursue and Prevent – adopted as VAWG principles from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary.

² Problem Profile – produced by the police to assist the partnership to understand gaps in service or need for a response.

³ Changes to the environment – could include CCTV, lobbying the county for increased lighting, cutting back shrubs/hedges.

