



Winchester
Community Safety
Partnership
at the Heart of your Community

VISION:

Across the Winchester District, women and girls will be able to use public spaces free from harm, violence, harassment, and abuse.

MISSION:

Working with voluntary and statutory partners, we will take a whole society approach to tackling violence against women and girls (VAWG), addressing the root causes and harmful attitudes to reduce violence and harassment.

VAWG Partnership and Governance

GOVERNANCE:

The Winchester VAWG Strategic Group will oversee the local action plan and provide quarterly performance reports to the Community Safety Strategic Partnership.

PARTNERSHIP:

Delivery will be led with statutory and voluntary partners to prioritise Prevention and Intervention, Pursue VAWG Perpetrators, and Support Victims and Survivors.

Violence Against Women and Girls' (VAWG) Strategy 2026

1. PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION:

We will:

- Encourage greater reporting of VAWG offences and harmful attitudes across educational establishments and support the implementation of best practice.
- Carry out community feelings of safety surveys during all partner engagement activity.
- Respond to feelings of safety survey outcomes aimed at addressing women and girls' feelings of safety when out in a public place.
- Develop and promote awareness campaigns that encourage self-reflection in relation to technology facilitated abuse.
- Support local and county bystander responsibility, particularly related to the Night-Time Economy (NTE).
- Support national VAWG campaigns that raise awareness of risky behaviour and encourage behaviour change.
- Undertake targeted partner operations linked to VAWG and the NTE.

2. RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF PERPETRATORS:

We will:

- Use police powers and all available enforcement tools to take action against perpetrators of VAWG offences.
- Encourage reporting of VAWG offences in licensed premises across the district.
- Target individuals identified as perpetrators of VAWG offences.

3. SUPPORT

We will:

- Work in partnership to provide intervention to those at risk of perpetrating violence and harassment against women and girls, with the aim of addressing the root causes of their behaviour.
- Identify gaps in aftercare for those reporting VAWG offences that are assessed as standard or medium risk.
- Signpost individuals reporting the incidence of VAWG to support services i.e. Freedom Programme, Stalking Advocacy.

