

FROM EVIDENCE TO ACTION

Every slice counts

HOW THE EVIDENCE PIE SHAPED RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS JSNA



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We used a wide range of evidence to build a comprehensive picture of VAWG in Hertfordshire and inform our recommendations

LIVED EXPERIENCE

What women and girls told us

Survivors identified a need for better communication between services, clear referral pathways and improved awareness of available support. They emphasised that they should only have to tell their story once when seeking help.

Insights from Hertfordshire VAWG Survey



PROFESSIONAL INSIGHT

What professionals observe

Frontline practitioners reported that as a victim is deemed safe from the perpetrator, statutory organisations use this as a reason to step away from providing support. This has a significant impact not only on the victim but on the staff providing the support.

Providers cannot carry complex risk alone when wider services do not stay engaged.

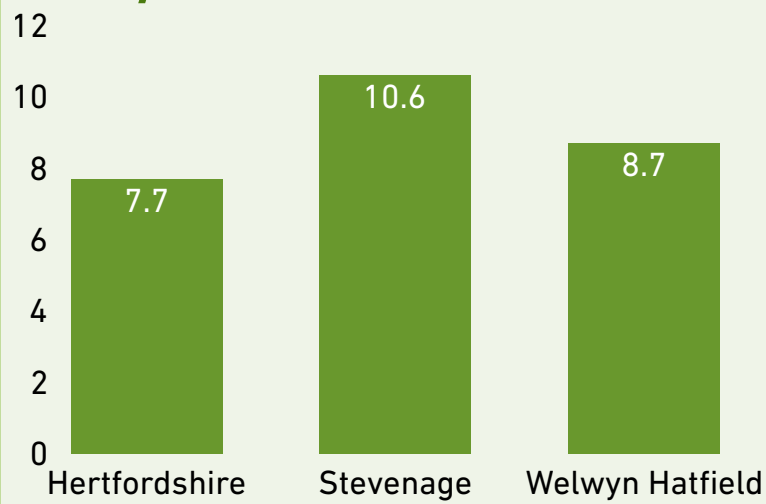


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What the data shows

The rate of MVAWG offences recorded in Hertfordshire increased significantly in 2024/25.



Stevenage and Welwyn Hatfield were the only districts in Hertfordshire to higher rate compared to the county average.

ONE CLEAR RECOMMENDATION INFORMED BY MULTIPLE SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

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What national evidence says

Existing research indicates that MARACs (and IDVAs) have the potential to improve victim safety and reduce re-victimisation, therefore may be a highly cost-effective measure to improve outcomes for survivors particularly those supporting marginalised communities.

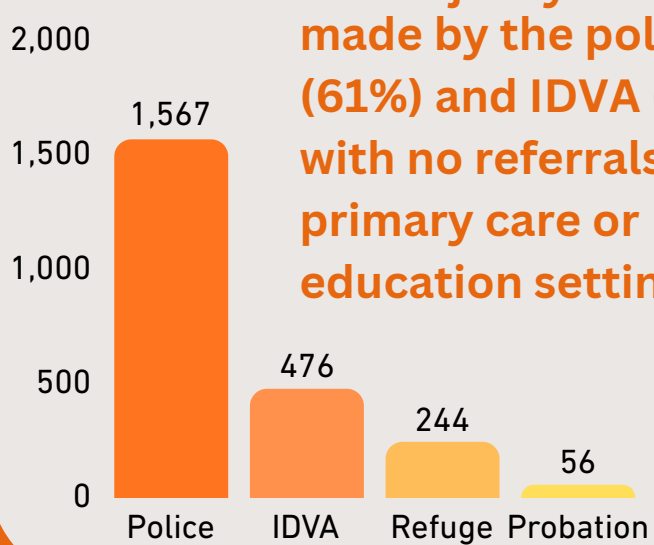
Source: Home Office (2011)

ORGANISATIONAL DATA

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What services tells us

The majority of MARAC referrals have been made by the police (61%) and IDVA (18%) with no referrals from primary care or education settings.



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What works

An early pilot evaluation of MARACs showed 40% of high-risk victims had no further abuse reported in the year after their case was handled at MARAC, indicating a significant reduction in repeat victimisation.

Co-ordinated services improve outcomes

THE RECOMMENDATION

Improve communication and co-ordination of victims of VAWG between services so victims are not retraumatised by having to repeat their story, and ensure regular follow-up and updates through criminal justice process.

