

# HERTFORDSHIRE'S VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (VAWG) STRATEGY: OUR PLAN ON A PAGE

2026-2029

## OUR VISION

For Hertfordshire to be a safe place for individuals and families, where abuse is not tolerated and, where it does happen, those experiencing or causing harm have access to the support they need to be free from, or stop using, abusive behaviour and recover from its traumatic impact.

## OUR PRIORITIES & OBJECTIVES

**Priority 1**  
Act before harm occurs

1. Supporting education settings to adopt a whole-school
2. Increase the number of male leaders advocating for equality
3. Changing attitudes and beliefs through work with the public
4. Raising awareness of Harmful Practices.

**Priority 2**  
Identify and stop those causing harm

1. Creating a consistent multi-agency approach to identifying, assessing, and managing the risk of harm from perpetrators.
2. Ensuring those using harmful behaviour are brought to justice.
3. Enabling people to stop using harmful behaviour, where possible.

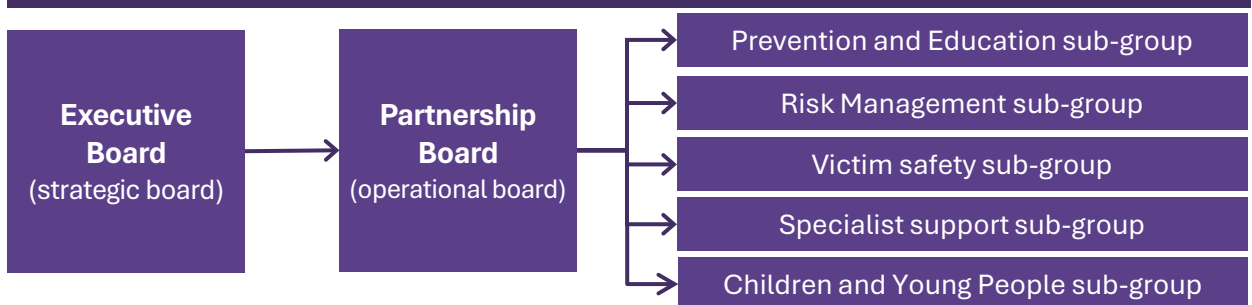
**Priority 3**  
Increase safety for victims and survivors

1. Improving identification of, and response to, VAWG through training and tools
2. Creating and promoting use of strong risk assessment processes
3. Safeguarding victims through Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences
4. Simplifying referral pathways to services for victims and survivors
5. Creating services for victims of all forms of VAWG at any level of risk.
6. Providing high-quality services for those needing safe accommodation

**Priority 4**  
Support after harm has occurred

1. Supporting victims' wider needs (therapeutic, legal, economic and housing)
2. Helping survivors rebuild their lives after abuse through peer and community-based support

## GOVERNANCE



## OUR SURVIVOR-LED APPROACH

The Partnership is led by survivor voice throughout the design, delivery and monitoring of its services and interventions. Over 40 survivors of VAWG were consulted directly to help shape this strategy alongside feedback from over 3,000 residents in Hertfordshire as part of our 2025 VAWG survey.

We will continue to work with Hertfordshire's Domestic Abuse Panel and Collective to deliver this strategy. We will also develop new ways to make sure survivors of other forms of VAWG are informing how we deliver our objectives.