Preventing violence against women and girls strategy

2026 to 2030



Camden

What this strategy is about



A strategy is a plan

We want to help stop violence and abuse against women and girls



We want Camden to be a place where women and girls are

- safe



- respected
- included



- and supported



We will work with

- local people
- survivors



- the police



- health services



- schools

- housing services



- and community groups

Our goal



Our goal is to

- end violence and abuse against women and girls



- and to build safe and fair communities

What is violence and abuse



Violence and abuse can include

- domestic abuse

- rape and sexual violence



- stalking

- sexual harassment



- forced marriage



- female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

- honour-based abuse



- modern slavery

- online abuse



- controlling or threatening behaviour

People may experience more than **1** type of abuse

What we learned



We listened to

- survivors and victims



- local organisations



- Council staff



- partner organisations



We found that

Violence against women and girls is a big problem in Camden



Many do not get help soon enough



Some people face extra barriers to support



Children are often affected



Survivors want services to listen and work together



This means services should work together so people

- feel safe
- listened to
- and only tell their story once

Our 5 priorities



❶ Prevent abuse

We want to stop violence before it starts



We will

Help children, young people and adults learn about healthy relationships, respect, equality and consent



Work with boys and men



Make public spaces safer



Promote online safety



Challenge harmful attitudes and behaviour



We want to see

Safer communities



More respect for women and girls



Less violence and abuse against women and girls



❷ Find people who need help sooner

Many people live with abuse for a long time before getting support



We will

Train staff to recognise signs of abuse



Help services work together



Support children earlier



We want to see

Earlier support



People feel listened to



❸ Support survivors

Everyone should be able to get help when they need it



We will

Improve support services



Help services work well together



Improve mental health support



Help people find safe housing



Make services more inclusive



We want to see

Survivors getting the help they need



People feeling safer and able to recover



❹ Hold people accountable

This means people who cause harm must take responsibility for what they do



We will

Challenge abusive behaviour



Work with police and partners



Put survivors safety first



We want to see

Less abuse



Safer families and communities



5 Work together



We will

Work with local organisations and services



Listen to survivors



Share information about progress



We want to see

Better services

Strong partnerships



Survivor voices shaping decisions

Children and young people



Children can also be affected by abuse

We will

Support children earlier



Work with schools



Provide emotional and mental health support



Teach healthy relationships



We want to see

Children feeling safe



Children getting the right support

Listening to survivors



Survivors told us they want

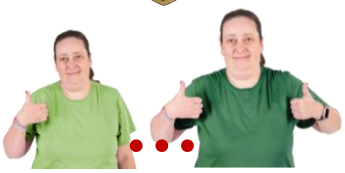
- to be believed



- to be listened to



- to feel safe



- better support



- and fair treatment



Survivors experiences have helped shape this strategy



Some women and girls may find it harder to get help - this could be because of

- a disability



- language barriers

- culture or belief



- money problems



- immigration status

- age



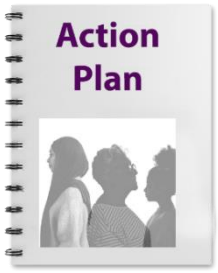
- other difficulties



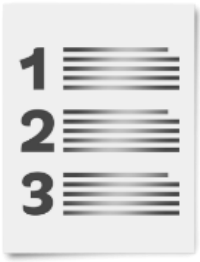
We will make sure support is

- **fair**
- **easy to use**
- **easy to understand**
- **right for different people**

What happens next



We will create an action plan that explains



What we will do



Who is responsible



When work will happen



How progress is measured



We will regularly review our progress

Our vision



We want Camden to be a place where

- ✓ women and girls are safe



- ✓ survivors can get help when they need it



- ✓ children are protected



- ✓ people who cause harm are held accountable



- ✓ communities work together to stop violence and abuse



Everyone deserves to live free from violence, abuse, and fear

Domestic abuse support



If you are experiencing domestic abuse help is available

Camden

Camden Safety Net offer confidential support and advice for people experiencing domestic abuse



You can call them on
020 79 74 25 26



They are open

Monday to **Friday**, **9am** to **5pm**

Refuge

For women and children.
Against domestic violence.

When **Camden Safety Net** is closed contact **National Domestic Abuse Helpline** (Refuge)



You can call them on

080 82 00 02 47



They are open

Open **24** hours a day, **7** days a week

You can also contact them if you are worried about someone you know

Specialist support

Hopscotch - ethnic minority women

Jewish Women's Aid - Jewish women

SignHealth - Deaf people

Solace - older women

Men's Advice Line - male victims

Galop - LGBTQ+ people

Latin American Women's Aid - Latin American women

IKWRO Women's Rights Organisation - Middle Eastern and North African

Southall Black Sisters - Black and other minority women

Maya Centre - free culturally sensitive counselling

Sistah Space - African and Caribbean heritage women

National support

Refuge - National Domestic Abuse Helpline

Women's Aid - information and support

Paladin Service - stalking service

Coram - children's legal support

Rights of Women - free legal advice

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