

Violence Against Women and Girls: Annual Progress Report

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Executive Summary

In November 2023, the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Taskforce published a report entitled “*It’s a Hidden Problem*” *The issue of violence against women and girls in Jersey*¹. The report made 77 recommendations for action to address violence against women and girls in Jersey. These recommendations were directed at a range of entities across government, the criminal justice system, health and care, education and support services.

This report is the second in a series of annual progress reports providing an overview of the progress that has been made towards implementing those recommendations.

In total, the 77 recommendations made by the VAWG Taskforce amount to 109 separate actions. The progress towards implementing those actions is as follows:

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- 4/109 not started

¹ <https://www.gov.je/StayingSafe/HomePersonal/EMybYS/Pages/A4R5ej.aspx>

Ministerial Foreword

In March 2024, I published my response to the VAWG Taskforce report and recommendations. That response outlined a detailed implementation plan for how the recommendations of the Taskforce would be taken forward, both inside and outside of government.²

The Government's commitment to implementing these recommendations was then underlined in May 2024, when the States Members decided to make this workstream a core priority for delivery in the Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026.³

Since that time, I am pleased to report that significant and meaningful action to address the issue of violence against women and girls in Jersey has taken place.

In particular, I would to highlight the following key developments that have taken place over the past year:

- **Adoption of new legislation to address violence against women and girls:** In January 2026, a package of five new laws designed to address crimes associated with violence against women and girls was lodged with the States Assembly. This included a new law to address harassment and stalking, the creation of new intimate image abuse offences, the insertion of emergency barring orders into the existing law on domestic abuse, the creation of a standalone offence of strangulation, and amendments to the existing threats offence under the Public Order law. The States Assembly voted to adopt this package of legislation on 11 March 2026.
- **An independent review of the criminal justice system:** In January 2025, UK Barrister Eleanor Laws KC was appointed to conduct a review of the criminal justice system in Jersey in relation to the response and management of domestic abuse, rape and other sexual assault cases. A report detailing the findings and recommendations from the review was published on 11 February 2026. The report made 19 recommendations which aim to improve outcomes for victim-survivors, defendants and justice. These recommendations have been accepted by members of the criminal justice system and implementation has, in many cases, already begun. I am grateful to all of the stakeholders that contributed to the review, but particularly to the victims and survivors who shared their valuable

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<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Caring%20and%20support/Response%20to%20the%20taskforce%20report%20from%20the%20Minister%20for%20Justice%20and%20Home%20Affairs.pdf>

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<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Government%20and%20administration/Common%20Strategic%20Policy%202024%20to%202026.pdf>

insights and experiences. The review would not have been possible without their admirable commitment to improving the system for others.

- **An independent review of the Family Court system:** In February 2026, I commissioned UK Barrister Hannah Markham KC to conduct a review of the family court system in Jersey in relation to the response and management of cases that involve allegations of domestic abuse. The Terms of Reference⁴ for this review have been agreed and published, and the review is now fully underway. A report detailing the findings and recommendations of the review will be published and presented to the new government following the election in June 2026.
- **Upskilling our workforce:** A significant amount of training has been delivered to a range of professionals over the past year. In September 2025, Links Group was commissioned to deliver valuable training to veterinary staff on the link between domestic abuse and animal abuse. In the same month, the UK Refuge Technology-facilitated Abuse Team was also commissioned to deliver a 2-year package of training on economic abuse and technology-facilitated abuse to a variety of professionals both inside and outside of government. In October, an organisation called Alpha Vesta was commissioned to deliver domestic abuse perpetrator awareness training to a range of frontline public service professionals. Building a comprehensive understanding of the issues surrounding violence against women and girls across our workforce is an ongoing commitment, but I am proud of the progress that has been made so far.

These developments represent the considerable progress that has been made since the publication of the previous annual progress report in 2025.⁵

I am immensely proud of the work that has been done over the past two years. All of the stakeholders that received VAWG Taskforce recommendations have demonstrated a genuine commitment to listening to the voices of victims and survivors, making the improvements that are needed, and creating lasting change that makes the Island safer for us all.

I also want to extend my gratitude to the VAWG Taskforce for the important work they undertook to shine a light on the issue of violence against women and girls in Jersey and voice the concerns shared by victims and survivors. The Taskforce report and recommendations laid the foundations for the important and meaningful work that has taken place since 2023.

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<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Staying%20safe/Independent%20Review%20of%20the%20Family%20Court%20System%20Terms%20of%20Reference.pdf>

⁵ <https://statesassembly.je/publications/assembly-reports/2025/r-88-2025>

As this term of government draws to a close, it is important that work to address violence against women and girls in Jersey continues. In the final sections of this report, I have outlined plans to transition this government's commitment to implementing the Taskforce recommendations into an established and long-term workstream that extends beyond the implementation of the recommendations of the VAWG Taskforce, and considers issues of domestic abuse and sexual harm more broadly. With the aim of assisting the next government to continue this important work, I have outlined a series of challenges in this area for their consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. R. Le Hegarat". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Deputy Mary Le Hegarat

Minister for Justice and Home Affairs

16 April, 2026

Introduction

In November 2023, the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Taskforce published a report entitled *“It’s a Hidden Problem” The issue of violence against women and girls in Jersey*⁶. The report made 77 recommendations for action to address violence against women and girls in Jersey. These recommendations were directed at a range of entities across government, the criminal justice system, health and care, education and support services.

Following on from the publication of the report, the States Assembly voted to adopt Connétable Karen Shenton-Stone’s proposition in the Government Plan 2024 to 2027:

“to commit to the annual publication of a report, in alignment with the Building a Safer Community Framework, to provide updates on the progress made in implementing the recommendations of the Report of the Taskforce on Violence Against Women and Girls and the impact they have had on preventing violence against women and girls and improving gender equality in Jersey, and include the publication of a timeline of the Government of Jersey’s work programme on these areas for the following year.”⁷

On 8th March 2024, the Chief Minister, Deputy Lyndon Farnham, then accepted all of the VAWG Taskforce recommendations on behalf of the Government. On 27th March 2024, the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, Deputy Mary Le Hegarat, published a response and detailed implementation plan for the VAWG Taskforce recommendations.

Considerable progress to implement the VAWG Taskforce recommendations has taken place since this time. This report is the second in a series of annual progress reports providing an overview of the progress that has been made towards implementing those recommendations. Progress made in the first year of implementation was detailed in the first annual progress report that was published in June 2025.⁸

⁶ <https://www.gov.je/StayingSafe/HomePersonal/EMybYS/Pages/A4R5ej.aspx>

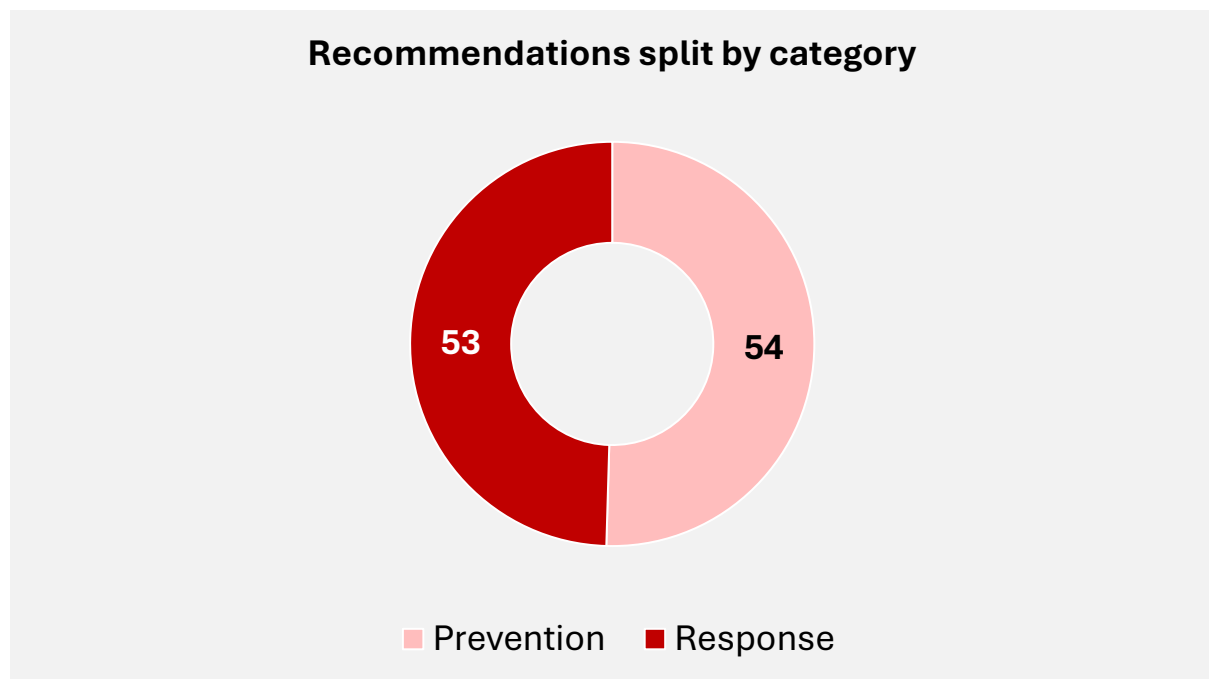
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<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Government%20and%20administration/Government%20Plan%202024%20to%202027.pdf>

⁸ <https://statesassembly.je/publications/assembly-reports/2025/r-88-2025>

The structure of this report

The main section of this report outlines the progress that has been made towards implementing each recommendation. An effective and holistic approach to addressing violence against women and girls requires a balance of work to address violence once it has happened, by providing support to victims and survivors and holding perpetrators accountable, but it also requires work to prevent such violence through education, awareness, careful policy design, and rehabilitative interventions. In order to demonstrate the position of each action within our wider approach, each recommendation has been separated into the categories of “prevention” or “response”.



For ease of reference, updates on the progress of the recommendations have been separated into the following sections:

- [Conventions](#)
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- [Criminal Justice System](#)
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Introduction

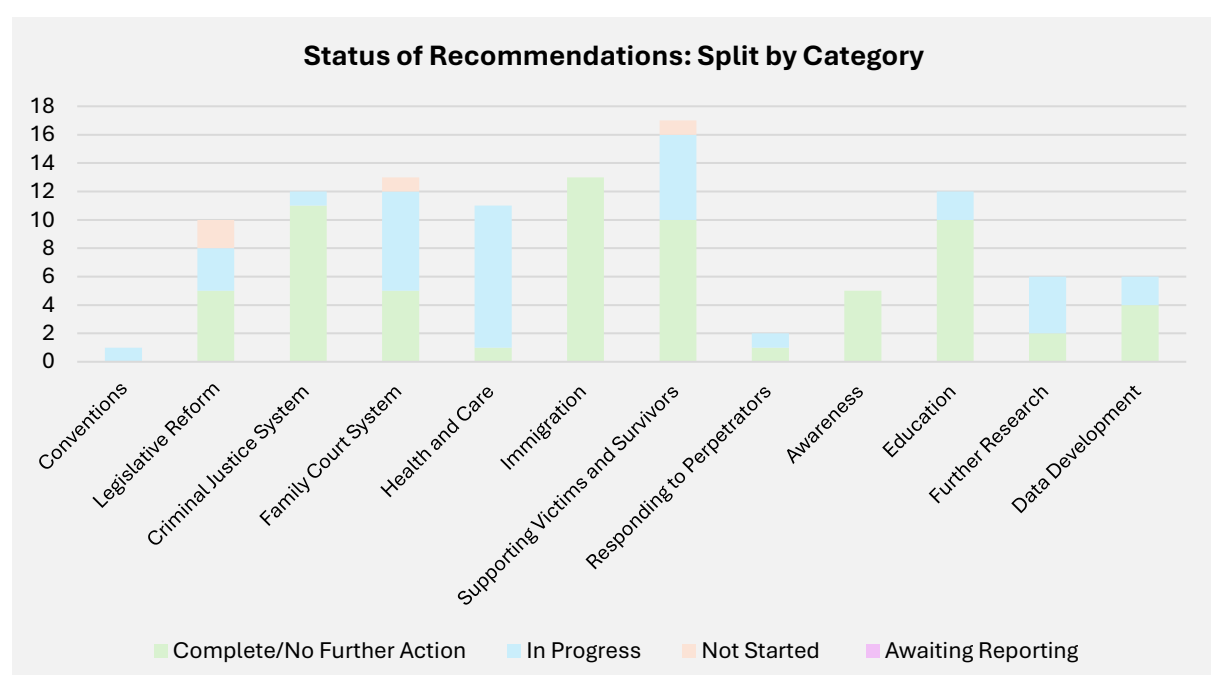
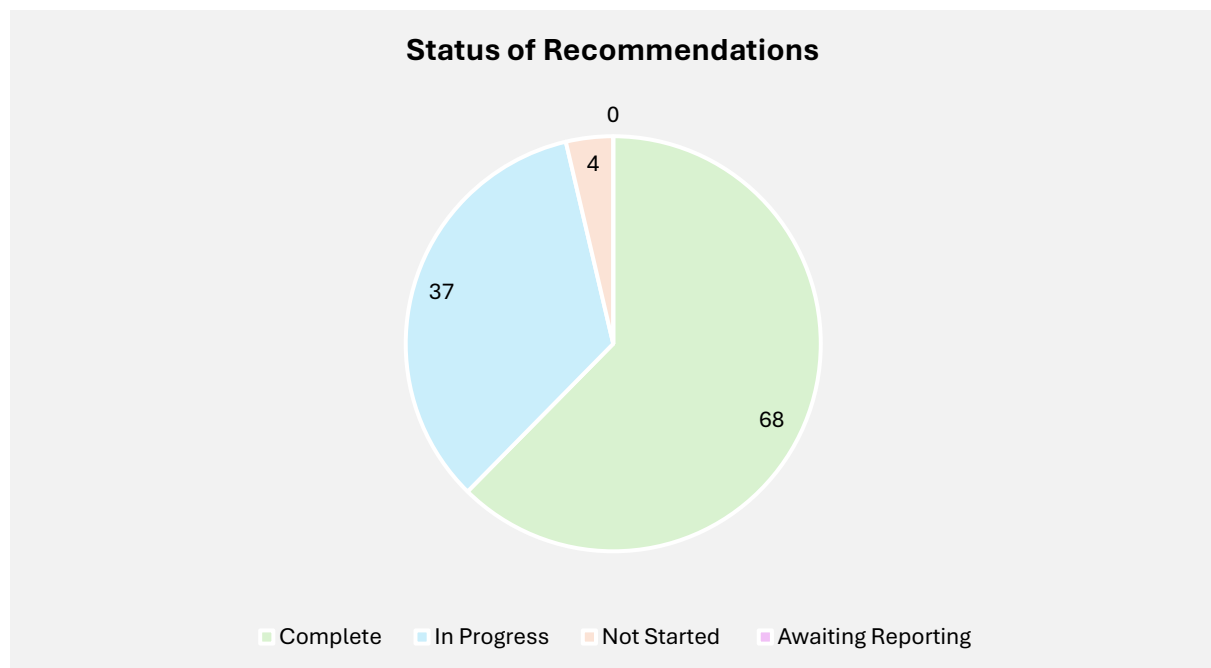
The penultimate section of the report outlines a plan for moving forward to implementing a long-term, coordinated workstream that aims to address domestic abuse and sexual harms in Jersey and goes beyond work to implement the recommendations of the VAWG Taskforce.

The final section of this report then provides an overview of each recommendation, who holds responsibility for its implementation, its status and, where relevant, an anticipated timeline for its completion.

Update on progress of implementing the VAWG Taskforce recommendations

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Conventions

Overview

No.	Recommendation	Category	Status
1	Extend the Istanbul Convention to Jersey	Response	In Progress

Recommendation 1

The Government of Jersey should seek extension of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence 2013 (the Istanbul Convention).

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
Status	In Progress
Anticipated deadline	May 2027

Key Developments

Officers notified the UK Home Office of the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs' intention to seek extension of the Istanbul Convention⁹ to Jersey in early 2025. Officers were assured that the extension process can begin on the understanding that the necessary work is underway.

A significant programme of work has been undertaken to ensure that Jersey's legislative framework satisfies the obligations set out by the Istanbul Convention. This has included:

- Adoption of a new Harassment and Stalking (Jersey) Law 202- to support compliance with Article 34 (see also Recommendation 28).
- Adoption of a proposition to amend the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022 to introduce emergency barring orders to support compliance with Article 52 (see also Recommendations 24.1 and 24.2).

Work to develop a centralised dataset on violence against women and girls in Jersey is also in progress to support compliance with Article 11 (see also [Recommendations 3 and 14](#) on p.88-87).

Next Steps

- Enact the approved legislative reforms following completion of operational preparations and Royal Assent.
- Publish first round of data reporting for VAWG centralised dataset.
- Complete compliance report and send to UK Home Office to formally initiate extension process.

⁹ Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence ('the Istanbul Convention') <https://rm.coe.int/168008482e>

RESPONSE

Legislative Reform

Legislative Reform

Overview

No.	Recommendation	Category	Status
8	Introduce legislation to combat public sexual harassment	Response	In Progress
10	Introduce legislation to regulate online platforms	Response	In Progress
11	Introduce legislation to address online and technology-facilitated abuse	Response	Complete
24.1	Introduce emergency barring orders into the Domestic Abuse Law	Response	Complete
24.2	Build accountability mechanism into design of emergency barring orders	Response	Complete
25.1	Introduce an offence of non-fatal strangulation	Response	Complete
27.1	Undertake a review of domestic abuse convictions involving economic abuse	Response	Not Started
27.2	Amend the Domestic Abuse Law if the review finds that economic abuse is not suitably captured within the domestic abuse offence	Response	Not Started
28	Introduce an offence of stalking	Response	Complete
70	Introduce mandatory post-custodial supervision	Response	In Progress

In January 2026, the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs lodged a package of five laws relating to the implementation of the recommendations of the VAWG Taskforce and strengthening the ability of the criminal justice system in Jersey to address crimes associated with violence against women and girls. This included:

- Draft Harassment and Stalking (Jersey) Law 202-
- Draft Sexual Offences (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-
- Draft Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-
- Draft Crime (Strangulation) (Jersey) Law 202-
- Draft Crime (Public Order) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-

The States Assembly voted to adopt this package of legislation on 11 March 2026.

RESPONSE

Legislative Reform

Recommendation 8

The Government of Jersey should strengthen legislation to combat sexual harassment and misogynistic behaviour towards women and girls in public spaces. In doing so, the Government of Jersey should draw on the recent work of Scotland and the UK to inform its approach on how best to improve women's safety in the public sphere.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	In Progress
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Anticipated Deadline	January 2028
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Key Developments

It was initially intended that a new offence of sexual or sex-based harassment in public would be introduced into the Crime (Public Order) (Jersey) Law 2024. An amendment to the law was drafted for this purpose, as part of the wider work being undertaken to implement the legislative recommendations of the VAWG Taskforce.

However, in the final phase of consultation with criminal justice stakeholders, concerns were raised regarding whether it was appropriate to introduce special protections for people who experience harassment on the basis of their sex, when such protections do not yet exist for people who experience harassment on the basis of other characteristics, such as their religion or race. In order to avoid creating a “hierarchy of rights”, it was decided that specific protections for individuals who experience harassment on the basis of their gender or sex will be introduced as part of a more robust package of protection for a range of groups that experience harassment on the basis of their characteristics, via the introduction of a new Hate Crime law.

Next Steps

Officers are actively working to develop a public consultation for a new Hate Crime law. This consultation is scheduled for publication once the new Government is in place.

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Legislative Reform

Recommendation 10

The Government of Jersey should ensure that similar protections to those afforded by the UK Online Safety Bill, in relation to the regulation of online platforms to ensure they are protecting their users, are brought in through other means.

Owner	Department for the Economy
Status	In Progress
Anticipated deadline	It is estimated that the legislation will be lodged in 2027

Key Developments

In late 2025 the Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic Development approved law drafting instructions to develop new legislation for Jersey designed to:

1. Make it easier for people in Jersey to get illegal content or content which breaches the internet service's own rules removed from social media, websites and search engines; and
2. Enhance online privacy by establishing clear guidelines to support the removal of images and videos that depict Islanders and are causing distress.

From 5 January to 6 March 2026, a public consultation on the proposed legislation was held. The respondents showed strong support for giving Islanders a statutory right to request the removal of illegal content or material that breaches a platform's own rules, raising the online protection of Islanders in line with changes happening globally. Over 80% of respondents were in favour of the proposals, with three quarters of responders also supporting enhanced online privacy protections, including clearer rights to request the removal of distressing images shared without consent. The full consultation report was published on 7 April 2026.¹⁰

The valuable insights gained from this consultation will be fed into the development of the new draft law for Jersey.

Next Steps

- Development of the proposed draft law remains a priority for 2026 and will continue to be developed in consultation with key stakeholders both internal and external to Government and with the new Council of Ministers, subject to continued Council of Ministers support. It is the intention that the draft law will be subject to a further round of Island-wide consultation before being lodged for debate by the States Assembly.

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<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Caring%20and%20support/Consultation%20response%20to%20online%20harms%20-%20content%20removal%20and%20online%20privacy.pdf>

RESPONSE

Legislative Reform

- As part of the Government's response to the Scrutiny report, "What protection do children in Jersey have from online harms?" a legislative gap analysis for Jersey is to be completed. This will help inform additional legislative priorities that will be developed within the next political term.

Recommendation 11

The Government of Jersey should review and strengthen the current legal framework to better protect islanders from online and technology-facilitated abuse. In particular, we recommend that the following should be considered:

- *The criminalisation of cyber flashing and the use of deep fakes.*
- *The problem and evidential burden of motivation thresholds that require proof of intention to cause distress or gain sexual gratification.*
- *The criminalisation of different forms of tech-facilitated abuse, including cyberstalking.*

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
Status	Complete

Key Developments

The Draft Sexual Offences (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-¹¹ was lodged with the States Assembly on 13th January 2026 and Adopted on 11th March 2026.

This law introduced seven new intimate image abuse offences into the sexual offences law, including:

- Possession of an intimate image without consent
- Making an intimate image without consent
- Making a deepfake intimate image without consent
- Sharing an intimate image without consent
- Threatening to share an intimate image without consent
- Causing someone to make or share an intimate image
- Sending a person an unsolicited pornographic image ("cyberflashing")

These offences capture forms of intimate image abuse that makes use of authentic images alongside forms of abuse that make use of "deepfake" AI technology.

This Law also -

- Amended the Article 36 of Voyeurism to remove the need to prove the act was motivated by sexual gratification;
- Widened the scope of the Article 15 Sexual grooming of a child offence; and

¹¹ [https://statesassembly.je/getmedia/255edc62-65c3-4b4f-90e5-9113689588ab/P-5-2026-\(re-issue\).pdf?ext=.pdf](https://statesassembly.je/getmedia/255edc62-65c3-4b4f-90e5-9113689588ab/P-5-2026-(re-issue).pdf?ext=.pdf)

RESPONSE

Legislative Reform

- Updated Art 2A of the Protection of Children (Jersey) Law 1994 which relates to proceedings related to indecent photographs of children, to bring this legislation back into alignment with international standards.

Next Steps

The Draft Sexual Offences (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- will come into force by Commencement Order once the operational preparations for this law have been completed. Operational preparations will include:

- Ensuring the appropriate initial funding and resourcing is in place for the criminal justice system to operationalise this law.
- The Attorney General publishing guidance relevant to the application of this law, including how young people will be treated under this new legislation.
- Providing training to the relevant stakeholders on the function, application and protections provided by this new law.

Recommendation 24.1

Emergency barring orders should be re-introduced into the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
Status	Complete

Key Developments

The Draft Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-¹² was lodged with the States Assembly on 13th January 2026 and Adopted on 11th March 2026.

The law introduced new powers for the States of Jersey Police and the Courts to protect victims of domestic abuse before a perpetrator has been convicted of a relevant offence. In particular, the law introduced:

- Emergency barring notices: The police can issue these notices if they suspect a person has perpetrated domestic abuse, and the notice is necessary for the protection of a victim. A suspect can be subject to a number of conditions, such as being prohibited from contacting or coming within a specified distance of the victim, and not being allowed to enter the victim's residence (regardless of whether they share that residence with the victim). These notices can last for up to 72-hours. The police have the power to arrest someone who breaches the conditions of this notice.

¹² [https://statesassembly.je/getmedia/8a936976-31fb-4b2b-86d5-68df5b4dbf71/P-7-2026-\(re-issue\).pdf?ext=.pdf](https://statesassembly.je/getmedia/8a936976-31fb-4b2b-86d5-68df5b4dbf71/P-7-2026-(re-issue).pdf?ext=.pdf)

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Legislative Reform

- Emergency barring orders: The Courts can issue these orders if they are satisfied that, on the balance of probabilities, the suspect has perpetrated domestic abuse. A suspect can be subject to the same conditions as those that can be imposed by an emergency barring notice, but this order can last up to 3-months. Breaching the conditions of this order is an offence that carries a penalty of up to 5 years imprisonment and a fine.

Next Steps

The Draft Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- will come into force by Commencement Order once the operational preparations for this law have been completed. Operational preparations will include:

- Ensuring the appropriate initial funding and resourcing is in place for the criminal justice system to operationalise this law.
- The Attorney General publishing guidance relevant to the application of this law, including how young people will be treated under this new legislation.
- Providing training to the relevant stakeholders on the function, application and protections provided by this new law.
- Agreeing the practicalities of issuing emergency barring notices and orders between the States of Jersey Police, Law Officers' Department, and the Courts.
- Agreeing and issuing practice guidance relating to the provision of emergency accommodation arrangements for suspects of domestic abuse that are subject to emergency barring notices.

Recommendation 24.2

An accountability mechanism for the use of emergency barring orders by the police service should be established in their design.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
Status	Complete

Key Developments

When the VAWG Taskforce recommended that emergency barring orders were inserted into our Domestic Abuse law, they were clear that we must also include safeguards against the misuse of these powers.

As a result, safeguards against the misuse of emergency barring notices were included in the design of the Draft Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-¹³. The key safeguard is a restriction on the issuing on subsequent emergency barring notices, to

¹³ [https://statesassembly.je/getmedia/8a936976-31fb-4b2b-86d5-68df5b4dbf71/P-7-2026-\(re-issue\).pdf?ext=.pdf](https://statesassembly.je/getmedia/8a936976-31fb-4b2b-86d5-68df5b4dbf71/P-7-2026-(re-issue).pdf?ext=.pdf)

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prevent multiple notices from being issued on the same basis (see Article 4E Restriction on issuing subsequent emergency barring notice).

Under this provision, the police cannot issue a new emergency barring notice if no further domestic abuse has taken place and the context of the situation remains the same. However, if domestic abuse has taken place and the context changes – such as further domestic abuse has taken place, or the living arrangements of the suspect now place a new person at risk – then they will be able to issue a new notice.

Recommendation 25.1

Non-fatal strangulation should be named as a standalone offence

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
Status	Complete

Key Developments

The Draft Crime (Strangulation) (Jersey) Law 202-¹⁴ was lodged with the States Assembly on 13th January 2026 and Adopted on 11th March 2026.

The law –

- Introduced a new, standalone offence of strangulation that carries a penalty of up to 10-years imprisonment and a fine;
- Introduced a legal definition of strangulation (see Article 1(3)); and
- Placed stronger restrictions on the use of consent as a defence to the act of strangulation (see Article 1(2)).

Next Steps

- Ensuring the appropriate initial funding and resourcing is in place for the criminal justice system to operationalise this law.
- The Attorney General publishing guidance relevant to the application of this law, including how young people will be treated under this new legislation and the type and standard of evidence that is needed to prove “serious harm”.
- Providing training to the relevant stakeholders on the function, application and protections provided by this new law.
- Providing training to the relevant stakeholders on the dangers and indicators of non-fatal strangulation.
- Agreeing and issuing practice guidance for a forensic medical pathway for responding to victims of non-fatal strangulation (see also [recommendation 46.2](#) on p.45).

¹⁴ [https://statesassembly.je/getmedia/d0b0eadb-a3cc-44f2-bd99-2a9365f3a7ed/P-8-2026-\(re-issue\).pdf?ext=.pdf](https://statesassembly.je/getmedia/d0b0eadb-a3cc-44f2-bd99-2a9365f3a7ed/P-8-2026-(re-issue).pdf?ext=.pdf)

RESPONSE

Legislative Reform

- Ensuring the appropriate initial funding and resourcing is in place for the operationalisation of a forensic medical pathway for responding to victims of non-fatal strangulation.

Recommendations 27.1 and 27.2

- *The Minister for Home Affairs should undertake a review of the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022 within the first five years of its enactment with the objective of ascertaining whether or not this legislation has been able to achieve the consistent and successful prosecution of perpetrators of economic abuse.*
- *If the legislation is not found to achieve this intended purpose, the legislation should be amended to ensure the successful prosecution of economic abuse.*

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
Status	Not Started
Anticipated Deadline	December 2028

Key Developments

The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs has committed to reviewing the efficacy of the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022 in respect of economic abuse in 2028, at which time the legislation will have been in place for a number of years and officers will be able to effectively assess the impact it has had before considering further reform.

Next Steps

- The review of the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022 in respect of economic abuse is scheduled to take place in 2028.

Recommendation 28

Stalking should be named as an offence in Jersey legislation.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
Status	Complete

Key Developments

The Draft Harassment and Stalking (Jersey) Law 202⁻¹⁵ was lodged with the States Assembly on 13th January 2026 and Adopted on 11th March 2026.

This law introduced four new offences relating to harassment and stalking:

¹⁵ [https://statesassembly.je/getmedia/1bc78a09-071e-4aaf-97df-46f3b225b945/P-6-2026-\(re-issue\).pdf?ext=.pdf](https://statesassembly.je/getmedia/1bc78a09-071e-4aaf-97df-46f3b225b945/P-6-2026-(re-issue).pdf?ext=.pdf)

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Legislative Reform

- Harassment
- Aggravated harassment (where a victim is in fear of violence or experiences serious distress)
- Stalking
- Aggravated stalking (where a victim is in fear of violence or experiences serious distress)

The law provides a clear definition of “stalking behaviours” as a more serious and dangerous form of harassment that includes:

- Carrying out surveillance of a victim;
- Intruding into a victim’s personal life; or
- Interfering in a victim’s life by disrupting or sabotaging their reputation or livelihood, or endangering their safety.

This law also introduced new protective measures for victims of stalking called “Stalking Protection Orders”. The Courts can issue these orders if they are satisfied that, on the balance of probabilities, a suspect has engaged in stalking behaviour and the order is necessary to protect a victim.

These orders can place a number of conditions on a subject such as:

- Prohibiting them from contacting a victim;
- Prohibiting them from coming within a specified distance of a victim;
- Prohibiting them from undertaking surveillance of a victim; and
- Prohibiting them from referring to the victim on social media (directly or indirectly).

These orders can be issued regardless of whether a suspect has been convicted of a relevant offence and can last for up to 10-years. Breaching the conditions of this order is an offence that carries a penalty of up to 5 years imprisonment and a fine.

Next Steps

The Draft Harassment and Stalking (Jersey) Law 202- will come into force by Commencement Order once the operational preparations for this law have been completed. Operational preparations will include:

- Ensuring the appropriate initial funding and resourcing is in place for the criminal justice system to operationalise this law
- The Attorney General publishing guidance relevant to the application of this law, including how young people will be treated under this new legislation

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Legislative Reform

- Providing training to the relevant stakeholders on the function, application and protections provided by this new law.
- Agreeing the practicalities of issuing stalking protection orders and interim stalking protection orders between the States of Jersey Police, Law Officers' Department, and the Courts.

Recommendations 70.1 and 70.2

- *The Government of Jersey should reignite efforts to develop a statutory system of post-custodial supervision for offenders who have been sentenced to imprisonment for six months or longer.*
- *Post-custodial supervision arrangements should ensure that offenders are supported to navigate a range of key services upon their release and these services receive training to better understand the importance of their role in supporting offenders to reintegrate into the community.*

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
Status	In Progress
Anticipated Deadline	2027

Key Developments

Work is ongoing to develop a system of supervision for offenders leaving prison for the last period of their sentence. Discussions with stakeholders in the justice system have been ongoing and an initial draft of the legislation has been developed.

Next Steps

The draft Law and proposed steps for finalisation will be presented to the new Minister for Justice and Home Affairs in July 2026. Subject to the approval of the new Minister, the intention is to complete the new legislation by early 2027.

Criminal Justice System

Overview

No.	Recommendation	Category	Status
16	Publish procedure for managing concerns about police behaviour	Prevention	Complete
17.1	Train police officers on how to manage conflicts of interest	Prevention	Complete
17.2	Publish policy for managing conflicts of interest	Prevention	Complete
22	Introduce training on the criminal justice system for support services	Prevention	Complete
4.1	Issue guidance on the application of the domestic abuse offence	Response	Complete
15	Commission an independent review of the criminal justice system in relation to domestic abuse, rape and other sexual offences	Response	Complete
20.1	Improve signposting to the Code on the decision to prosecute	Response	Complete
20.2	Publish a simplified version of the guiding principles used to make prosecutorial decisions	Response	Complete
21	Review determination process for special measures applications	Response	Complete
23.2	Publish information on the guiding principles and rationale used to make sentencing decisions in Jersey	Response	Complete
25.2	Issue guidance on the evidentiary basis for proving non-fatal strangulation	Response	In Progress
26	Issue guidance that makes it clear economic abuse is captured within the offence of domestic abuse	Response	Complete

PREVENTION

Criminal Justice System

Recommendation 16

States of Jersey Police should publish their procedure for managing concerns about police behaviour, including disciplinary processes and actions.

Owner	States of Jersey Police
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

A new policy to address police perpetrated VAWG was introduced in January 2025. Training to supervisors and force wide communications sees this new process implemented with appropriate governance by Senior Responsible Officers and the Professional Standards Department.

This policy is published on the States of Jersey Police website and can be accessed here: <https://www.jersey.police.je/s/contact-us/compliments-and-complaints>.

New regulations to modernise the approach to police complaints and discipline have been developed and were adopted by the States Assembly on 25 and 26 November 2025. The new regulations are now in force and be found here:

- Honorary Police: https://www.jerseylaw.je/laws/current/ro_78_2025
- States of Jersey Police Force: https://www.jerseylaw.je/laws/current/ro_77_2025

Next Steps

The Police Senior Leadership Team approved publication of sanitised data in relation to disciplinary processes and actions. The scope and detail of data is currently being reviewed prior to publication on the States of Jersey Police website

Recommendation 17.1

States of Jersey Police officers should receive training on how to manage conflicts of interest.

Owner	States of Jersey Police
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

A new conflict of interest policy was introduced in January 2025. Training to supervisors and force wide communications has taken place to ensure this new process was implemented with appropriate governance by the Professional Standards Department.

PREVENTION

Criminal Justice System

Recommendation 17.2

States of Jersey Police should publish their policy for managing conflicts of interest within the police service.

Owner	States of Jersey Police
Status	Complete

Key Developments

The States of Jersey Police policy for managing conflicts of interest has been published on their website and can be accessed here: <https://www.jersey.police.je/s/contact-us/compliments-and-complaints>.

Recommendation 22

Professionals who support victim-survivors should be provided with up-to-date information and education on the Jersey legal context and the criminal justice system to ensure they are able to provide accurate advice and information.

Owner	Law Officers' Department
Status	Complete - Ongoing

Key Developments

The subgroup under the Criminal Justice Working Group dealing specifically with training and development is undertaking a training needs analysis within the Criminal Justice System to identify need and cost of delivery.

Special Measures training, training around the taking of victim personal statements and support in the Family court has already been provided.

Next Steps

The training needs analysis will encompass specific training required for those supporting victim-survivors in both Criminal and Family court environments.

A rolling training programme in relation to the following is planned;

- Special measures provision
- Victim personal statements
- Family Court support

Specific training in relation to the use and instruction of intermediaries is also planned.

There is no deadline to completion of this as it is seen as an ongoing programme of work that will be provided as needed and will be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect any changes in law, practise and/or procedure.

RESPONSE

Criminal Justice System

Recommendation 4.1

The Attorney General should publish guidance on the application of the new offence of domestic abuse that was established by the new Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 022 in June 2023. In particular, this guidance should make clear what behaviour constitutes coercive and controlling behaviour under the domestic abuse offence

Owner	Law Officers' Department
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

The Attorney General's website contains a section relating to prosecution guidance. Within that is clear guidance on the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022 which includes examples of what could be considered to be coercive control.

The guidance can be accessed here: <https://www.lawofficers.je/publications/guidance-and-directives/prosecution-guidance/domestic-abuse/>

Recommendation 15

An independent review of the Jersey criminal justice system should be conducted in relation to domestic abuse, rape and serious sexual offences to determine whether current arrangements within the criminal justice system deliver the best outcomes for victims, defendants and justice.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, Deputy Mary Le Hegarat, commissioned an independent review of the criminal justice system in relation to the management of domestic abuse, rape and sexual offences cases. UK Barrister Eleanor Laws KC was appointed to conduct this review.

The review took place between December 2024 – December 2025. The Terms of Reference for the review were agreed by the key criminal justice stakeholders that took part in this work including the States of Jersey Police, the Criminal Division of the Law Officers' Department, the Courts, Dewberry House Sexual Assault Referral Centre, Jersey Domestic Abuse Support, FREEDA, and the Jersey Probation and Aftercare Service. The Terms of Reference can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Government%20and%20administration/Terms%20of%20Reference%20for%20the%20Independent%20VAWG%20Criminal%20Justice%20Review.pdf>

RESPONSE

Criminal Justice System

A report entitled, “*The Laws Review: Independent review of domestic abuse, rape and other sexual assault cases*”, detailing the key findings and recommendations of the review was published on 11th February 2026. The report detailed 19 recommendations for work to improve the way the criminal justice system responds to and manages cases relating to domestic abuse and sexual offences.

The report can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.je/Government/Pages/StatesReports.aspx?ReportID=6007>

Next Steps

All of the criminal justice stakeholders that participated in the review have accepted the recommendations made by Eleanor Laws KC. Work to implement many of these recommendations has already begun, and will be overseen by the Criminal Justice Systems Board, which meets quarterly.

There are two outstanding recommendations that the next government will need to formally respond to following the election in June 2026. These are:

- *Recommendation 1: Mandatory vulnerable witness training (funded by the GoJ) for professionals working within the criminal justice system, to be completed every three years.*
- *Recommendation 19: Monitor progress and report by Q2 2027.*

Recommendation 20.1

The Law Officer’s Department should more clearly signpost to the Code on the decision to prosecute.

Owner	Law Officers’ Department
Status	Complete

Key Developments

The Attorney General’s website has a publications page which contains a link to the Code on the Decision to Prosecute.

This can be accessed here: <https://www.lawofficers.je/publications/code-on-the-decision-to-prosecute/code-on-the-decision-to-prosecute/>

Additionally, when writing to victims of crime to explain decisions or responding to complaints or other correspondence concerning charging decisions, reference to the Code on the Decision to Prosecute is made to help explain the approach taken, and a copy of the link to the Attorney General’s website is provided.

RESPONSE

Criminal Justice System

Recommendation 20.2

A simplified version of the guiding principles and general rationale used to make decisions on whether to pursue a prosecution should also be published.

Owner	Law Officers' Department
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

The Attorney General's website has a publications page which contains a link to a simplified version of the Code on the Decision to Prosecute.

This can be accessed here: <https://www.lawofficers.je/publications/code-on-the-decision-to-prosecute/simplified-code/>

In all matters when writing to victims of crime to explain decisions or responding to complaints or other correspondence concerning charging decisions, reference to the Code on the Decision to Prosecute is made to help explain the approach taken, and a copy of the link to the Attorney General's website provided.

Recommendation 21

The decision-making process for accepting and rejecting applications for special measures should be reviewed.

Owner	Royal Court
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

In December 2025, the Royal Court held that there would now be a "presumption in favour" of granting special measures in cases involving vulnerable witnesses; *AG v De La Haye* [2025] JRC 338¹⁶.

¹⁶ <https://www.jerseylaw.je/judgments/unreported/Pages/%5b2025%5dJRC335.aspx>

RESPONSE

Criminal Justice System

Recommendation 23.2

Clear and simple information on the guiding principles and general rationale used to make sentencing decisions in Jersey should be published.

Owner	Royal Court
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

The reasons for all Royal Court sentencing decisions are published on the Jersey Legal Information Board website¹⁷. Further, in the recent Royal Court case of AG v Roberts¹⁸ confirmed by the Court of Appeal ([2025] JCA 222), the Jersey courts laid down clear guidelines for rape sentencing and identified a list of harm and culpability factors determining the starting point for a custodial sentence which would then be adjusted according to the presence of listed aggravating and mitigating factors.

Recommendation 25.2

Guidance on the evidentiary basis for proving non-fatal strangulation should be issued alongside the offence.

Owner	Law Officers' Department
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Status	In Progress
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Anticipated Deadline	July 2026
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Key Developments

The States Assembly agreed to introduce a new offence of strangulation through their adoption of the Crime (Strangulation) (Jersey) Law 202- on 11th March 2026. Work to develop guidance on this offence is now in progress.

Next Steps

Guidance will be finalised and published on the Attorney General's website.

¹⁷ <https://www.jerseylaw.je/Pages/default.aspx>

¹⁸ [https://www.jerseylaw.je/judgments/unreported/Pages/\[2025\]JRC081.aspx](https://www.jerseylaw.je/judgments/unreported/Pages/[2025]JRC081.aspx)

RESPONSE

Criminal Justice System

Recommendation 26

Guidance should be issued that makes it clear that economic abuse is covered under the new offence of domestic abuse under the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022.

Owner	Law Officers' Department
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

The Attorney General's website contains a section relating to prosecution guidance. Within that is clear guidance on the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022.

The guidance can be accessed here: <https://www.lawofficers.je/publications/guidance-and-directives/prosecution-guidance/domestic-abuse/>

Examples of the types of behaviour which can be considered domestic abuse are outlined within the guidance and specific reference is made to economic abuse and situations which could be considered to be economic abuse.

Family Courts System

Overview

No.	Recommendation	Category	Status
30	Introduce training on domestic abuse for Family Court professionals	Prevention	Complete
32	Review judicial training on domestic abuse and parental alienation allegations	Prevention	In Progress
38.1	Introduce perpetrator management training for JFCAS officers	Prevention	Complete
38.3	Introduce training on post-separation abuse for Family Court professionals	Prevention	In Progress
39	Introduce training on IDVAs for Family Court Professionals	Prevention	In Progress
29.1	Commission an independent review of the Family Courts system in relation to domestic abuse cases	Response	In Progress
29.2	Monitor the progress in implementing the recommendations of the review	Response	Not Started
31	Develop a specific pathway for domestic abuse cases in the Family Courts system	Response	In Progress
33	Liaise with UK Harm Panel report authors during development of Jersey practice guidance	Response	In Progress
34	Review case outcomes according to the gender of the part over the past 5-years	Response	Complete
35	Undertake review of case decisions to assess if the presumption of parental involvement has undermined children's safety	Response	No further action
36	Regularly review the safety of child arrangement orders in domestic abuse cases	Response	No further action
37	Consider the way work is coordinated across the Family Courts, JFCAS and Children's Services in domestic abuse cases	Response	In Progress
38.2	Introduce a perpetrator referral process into the Building Health Relationships programme within the domestic abuse pathway	Response	Complete

Recommendation 30

Mandatory training should be introduced for all professionals working within the Family Court system to ensure they are better able to identify and respond to cases where there is suspected domestic abuse. This training should cover the different forms that domestic abuse can take, including economic abuse, post-separation abuse, stalking and harassment, and its impact on both the non-abusive parent and their children, and an accurate understanding of false allegations of domestic abuse.

Owner	Family Court
Status	Complete

Key Developments

Although many members of the judiciary have already had training on the impact of domestic abuse and violence against parties participating and children involved in court proceedings, at the request and by arrangement of the judiciary, an invitation was extended to Professor Jo Delahunty KC, a well-regarded specialist in children law, to come to Jersey to give training to the judiciary and lawyers specialising in family work. Professor Delahunty has previously trained English judges in respect of domestic abuse.

An invitation to participate in this training was extended to all members of the Jersey Family Justice Council¹⁹ (JFJC) and members of their teams, together with lawyers working in the Law Officers' Department and Jersey lawyers specialising in family work. This training, which took place in November 2024, covered the importance and impact of allegations of domestic abuse and violence, including financial abuse and coercive control.

The training was aimed at recognising and managing risk and trauma in the court arena, including taking measures to offer support to victims, addressing allegation of domestic abuse thoroughly and safely where necessary in those proceedings, including offering special measures to victims and witnesses to ensure that other participants in the proceedings cannot behave in a manner likely to further perpetuate abuse or retraumatise victims.

However, the court is not able to impose training on professionals; the Law Society as the profession's regulatory body may choose to do so.

¹⁹ <https://www.courts.je/jersey-family-justice-council/>

PREVENTION

Family Courts System

Recommendation 32

The training received by the judiciary on the relationship between allegations of domestic abuse, sexual abuse and parental alienation should be reviewed.

Owner	Family Courts
Status	In Progress
Anticipated Deadline	Q4 2026

Key Developments

(1) The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs has appointed Hannah Markham KC (“HMKC”) to conduct a review of family proceedings. HMKC will consider what, if any, additional training may be required by the judiciary over and above SafeLives training (see response to recommendation 38.3 on p.33).

(2) Judiciary to continue learning with the review of Domestic Abuse and the Family Justice System, published March 2026, written by, *inter alia*, Jo Delahunty KC who delivered initial training to family court users and judiciary in November 2024.

Next Steps

HMKC to review and if identified, additional training will be commissioned but it is thought likely that the Safe Lives training will meet this requirement.

Recommendation 38.1

JFCAS officers should receive training on how to identify and respond to perpetrators of domestic abuse within their caseload. This training should be formalised under the JFCAS domestic abuse practice pathway (see recommendation 31).

Owner	Jersey Family Court Advisory Service (JFCAS)
Status	Complete

Key Developments

This recommendation was completed as part of the work to deliver perpetrator awareness training to a range of professionals (see recommendation 68).

PREVENTION

Family Courts System

Recommendation 38.3

Family Court professionals should receive training on how perpetrators of domestic abuse may use the Family Court system to try and continue the abuse of their former partner.

Owner	Family Courts and Jersey Family Court Advisory Service
Status	In Progress
Anticipated Deadline	Scoping work: Q4 2026 Trauma informed approach: Q4 2026/Q1 2027 Child Focussed Court: Q3 2026

Key Developments

- (1) In conjunction with the Jersey Family Law Association, the Law Society and JFCAS, the Family Judges are supporting the initiative for day-long training with SafeLives, who are creating a bespoke package of training for court users and judiciary, including advocates, offering domestic abuse training to be delivered over three separate days with the aim of educating all court users about key messages and current thinking.
- (2) In conjunction with JFJC and the Minister for Children and Families, we are exploring training on a trauma informed approach to family proceedings to address the question of how courts manage and respond to adult and child victims of domestic abuse, to avoid perpetuation of abuse or proliferation of trauma by litigation.
- (3) A scoping exercise is being undertaken to explore the implementation of a new child and domestic abuse focussed private law initiative (known as the Pathfinder project/Child Focussed Court currently being expanded in England and Wales). If implemented, this will cause a shift in procedure, reducing the number of court hearings in private law hearings, usually to no more than one, thereby avoiding the perpetuation of abuse through litigation.

Next Steps

- (1) Scoping work completed; pricing for the training has been quantified. Location and dates for the training have yet to be agreed.
- (2) Work is being done to dovetail the expected trauma informed training with the investigations currently underway by Children's Social Care.
An initial meeting has been held with Dr Sheena Webb about bespoke training for the judiciary.
- (3) A meeting has taken place between the Head of Operations of CAFCASS Cymru and key potential team members of the Child Focussed Court equivalent in Jersey. The Family Judge will attend the Child Focussed Court in Cardiff in June 2026. Other team members to arrange travel and attendance.

PREVENTION

Family Courts System

Recommendation 39

Training on the role of IDVAS and the qualifications they have completed should be introduced for all Family Court professionals.

Owner	Family Courts
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Status	In Progress
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Anticipated Deadline	Q2 2026
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Key Developments

The Family Judge has had an initial meeting with JDAS to discuss information sharing.

Next Steps

A further meeting has been organised in April 2026 to enable an exchange of information about the roles/qualifications of IDVAs and the court.

RESPONSE

Family Court System

Recommendations 29.1 and 29.2

- *Further research should be undertaken in the form of an independent review of the Family Court system, so that the prevalence and extent of the issues surfaced by the research of the Taskforce can be accurately characterised and understood.*
- *This review should provide recommendations on areas for improvement and should also include a follow up review to monitor the progress that has been made by the Family Court system in Jersey.*

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
Status	In Progress
Anticipated deadline	June 2026

Key Developments

The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, Deputy Mary Le Hegarat, commissioned an independent review of the family courts system in relation to the management of cases involving domestic abuse allegations. UK Barrister Hannah Markham KC was appointed to conduct this review in February 2026.

The initial Terms of Reference for this review were developed in consultation with the Jersey Family Justice Council²⁰. The Terms were then finalised by the independent reviewer, following initial scoping meetings with the key stakeholders participating in the review, including:

- Bailiff and Deputy Bailiff
- The Family Division of the Royal Court
- Jersey Family Court Advisory Service (JFCAS)
- Private Practice Family Lawyers
- Legal Aid Family Lawyers
- Children, Young People, Education and Skills
- Children's Services
- Freedom from Domestic Abuse (FREEDA)
- Jersey Domestic Abuse Support (JDAS)
- James' Ark
- Secondary Schools
- Primary Schools
- Safeguarding Partnership Jersey
- Specialist Mental Health Services

²⁰ <https://www.courts.je/jersey-family-justice-council/>

RESPONSE

Family Court System

The Terms of Reference for the review are published here:

<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Staying%20safe/Independent%20Review%20of%20the%20Family%20Court%20System%20Terms%20of%20Reference.pdf>

Next Steps

The field work elements of this review are scheduled to take place between March and May 2026. This will include: case file assessments, interviews and focus groups, surveys and observation of Family Court proceedings.

A report detailing the findings and recommendations of the review will be published in June 2026, once the new government is in place.

Recommendation 31

JFCAS should develop a specific practice pathway for domestic abuse cases in order to ensure that JFCAS officers are able to consistently respond appropriately to cases where domestic abuse is alleged or suspected to be present.

Owner	Jersey Family Courts Advisory Service
Status	In Progress
Anticipated Deadline	July 2026

Key Developments

The first draft of the pathway is complete and key agencies and individuals have been asked to consult. Most have now provided feedback. The final draft, incorporating multi-agency views, is in production and the team have implemented into JFCAS practice. Whilst it is envisaged the final document will be complete by June, it is to be emphasised that this will remain under regular review as the pathway is to be viewed as part of ongoing evolving practice.

Next Steps

Final draft to be completed and sent to Chief Officer. Supporting documents (risk assessment, practitioner tools) are being finalised at present and in-house training to be implemented with the team.

RESPONSE

Family Court System

Recommendation 33

Family Court professionals should undertake consultation with the authors of the Harm Panel report and other UK experts to ensure that development of Jersey-specific practice guidance is informed by an understanding of the weaknesses of UK guidance and avoids the limitations of Practice Direction 12J.

Owner	Family Courts
Status	In Progress
Anticipated Deadline	Q3/Q4 2026

Key Developments

The review by Hannah Markham KC (see recommendation 29 on p.35) is expected to identify where Jersey may be able to improve on Practice Direction 12J. The Family Judges, with the approval and support of the Bailiff, will publish and implement a practice direction, in conjunction with HMKC, following delivery of her initial report.

Next Steps

Work to commence on delivery of the HMKC review.

Recommendation 34

JFCAS should prioritise a review of outcomes according to the gender of the party over the past 5- years.

Owner	Jersey Family Court Advisory Service
Status	Complete

Key Developments

New electronic feedback forms have been created and are being used – feedback is more timely and asks about experiences around safeguarding/abusive behaviours. JFCAS are also gathering data at the start of cases about domestic abuse and recording this more systematically.

RESPONSE

Family Court System

Recommendation 35

The Family Courts should undertake a review of contact, residency and shared residency orders made in the past 5-years to assess if the presumption of parental involvement has undermined children's safety in cases where there is alleged domestic abuse. Those involved in the design of the review methodology should mitigate the risk of further harm or re-traumatisation to the vulnerable adults and children involved in these cases.

Owner	Family Courts
Status	No Further Action

Key Developments

The Family Court has only two judges, who do not have the capacity to undertake a review of a substantial number of past cases. Were they to do so, such a review would likely involve vulnerable parents and adults which might renew trauma and harm for no real purpose. It is important to look to the future and make changes so as to affect current and future cases. In any event, the recommendation is based on a premise namely a “presumption of parental involvement” that is not found in the Children (Jersey) Law 2002 and the Family Judges are not aware of cases where such an extra-statutory presumption has undermined the safety of any child. Accordingly, such a review would be time-consuming, potentially harmful to the participants in the proceedings and unlikely to yield useful data. The starting point for all applications in relation to contact and residence is the welfare of the child, as enshrined in the Children (Jersey) Law 2002.

Recommendation 36

The Family Courts in Jersey should keep the ongoing safety of child arrangement orders under review in every case where domestic abuse has been alleged, in order to ensure that these arrangements are working in the best interests of the children and victims-survivors involved.

Owner	Family Courts
Status	No Further Action

Key Developments

The Family Court is required by statute to always have regard to the best interests of the child. Where questions arise and are put before the court in respect of the safety or welfare of a child, the court always considers the child with the provisions of Article 2 of the Children (Jersey) Law 2002 firmly in mind. As the legislation currently stands, the court is only able to review cases which are currently before it or when parties bring a matter back to court for review, for example, on a change of circumstances which may include an allegation of domestic abuse.

Recommendation 37

The Family Justice Council that is being led by the Deputy Bailiff for the purpose of unifying the approach to family justice across the Family Court system in Jersey, should have specific regard to the way the Family Courts, JFCAS and Children's Services interact and work together in cases where there is suspected or alleged domestic abuse.

Owner	Jersey Family Justice Council (JFJC)
Status	In Progress
Anticipated Deadlines	(1) Training: Q3/4 2026 (domestic abuse) and Q1/2 2027 for trauma informed approach (2) Data sharing: 2026 - ongoing (3) Child Focussed court: Q3/4 2026 (4) Jersey Problem Solving court: Q4 2026/Q1 2027

Key Developments

- (1) Training to be offered across the family court and professionals on domestic abuse and a trauma informed approach to family proceedings. SafeLives have been commissioned to offer training created specifically for court users on domestic abuse. Trauma informed approach training specifically for judiciary currently being explored with Dr Sheena Webb.
- (2) Meeting held in January 2026 between Children's Social Care, Family Judge and JFCAS to explore obstacles to data sharing which might impede efforts to interaction between the various services enabling them to share pertinent information.
- (3) Child Focussed court (private law): initiative has been introduced to JFJC in plenary meeting in March 2026 to (1) frontload sharing of information about children's wishes and feelings and (2) reduce exposure to victims of abusers in private children proceedings. Please see response from Family Court for more information (see also recommendation 38.3 on p. 33).
- (4) Jersey Problem Solving court pilot being explored on a granular level to identify cost and sources of funding.
- (5) JFJC in plenary session in March 2026 was made aware of and discussed the recent decision of the president of the Family Division in *Re Y* [2026] EWFC 38²¹ in which the court identified modern practice where allegations are made and purported "experts" instructed in alienating behaviour.
- (6) Hannah Markham KC (Family proceedings reviewer appointed by the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, see recommendation 29 on p.35) was invited to attend

²¹ <https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Re-Y-judgment-final-version.pdf>

RESPONSE

Family Court System

March 2026 plenary JFJC meeting as an observer; the recommendations of her review will inform how (2) and (3) above are implemented.

Next Steps

- (1) Training: expected to be delivered in 2026 for domestic abuse and Q1/Q2 2027 for trauma informed approach.
- (2) Information sharing: JFCAS are working with the judiciary in the Family Court to create a risk assessment template to highlight, inter alia, risk of domestic abuse. Further work needs to be done on data sharing models/plans to ensure that Children's Social Care can participate in the initiative to ensure that information sharing is appropriate, not open to abuse and respects data protection regulatory requirements
- (3) Child Focussed Court: Please see feedback from the Family Court and the steps being undertaken to investigate and implement a procedure which limits exposure to the perpetuation of domestic abuse through court proceedings (see recommendation 38.3 on p.33).
- (4) Jersey Problem Solving Court: Working group have schedule of meetings, including meeting planned with Health to work towards agreeing model for the pilot.
- (5) Hannah Markham KC: review awaited (see recommendation 29 on p.35).

Recommendation 38.2

A dedicated perpetrator referral process into Jersey Domestic Abuse Programme should be included within the JFCAS domestic abuse practice pathway.

Owner	Jersey Family Court Advisory Service
Status	Complete

Key Developments

This recommendation has been addressed through the Domestic Abuse Pathway (see Recommendation 31 on p.36).

Health and Care

Overview

No.	Recommendation	Category	Status
40	Introduce mandatory IRIS training for GPs	Prevention	Complete
41	Implement routine enquiry in sexual health services	Prevention	In Progress
42	Implement routine enquiry when a patient requests an abortion	Prevention	In Progress
43.1	Implement routine enquiry in mental health services	Prevention	In Progress
43.2	Introduce training on the relationship between VAWG experiences and poor mental health for mental health services	Prevention	In Progress
44.1	Introduce training on the relationship between VAWG experiences and substance misuse for the Alcohol and Drug Service	Prevention	In Progress
44.2	Implement routine enquiry in the Alcohol and Drug Service	Prevention	In Progress
45.1	Introduce training on how to identify and appropriately respond to patients experiencing VAWG for all health professionals	Prevention	In Progress
45.2	Implement targeted enquiry across Health and Care	Prevention	In Progress
46.1	Introduce training on identifying non-fatal strangulation for frontline health workers	Prevention	In Progress
46.2	Introduce a self-referral pathway for victims of non-fatal strangulation	Response	In Progress

To address the healthcare-related recommendations 41-46.2, the Government of Jersey has formed a healthcare working group comprising healthcare professionals. The group's purpose is to involve sector experts in supporting the implementation of these recommendations.

The first meeting took place in February 2025. Following this initial meeting, it was agreed that dividing the group into subgroups would be advantageous, allowing members to apply their expertise to relevant recommendations.

RESPONSE

Health and Care

Recommendation 40

Level 1 IRIS training should be made mandatory for all GPs practicing in Jersey in order to ensure that all victim-survivors receive an appropriate standard of care.

Owner	Health and Care Jersey
Status	Complete (Ongoing)

Key Developments

In January 2024, the Jersey Quality Improvement Framework was published with new requirements that 70% of GPs per GP surgery should have completed the IRIS training. This provided a strong incentive for all surgeries to improve uptake of training.

Since that time, the IRIS project has remained ongoing and a steering group meets regularly to discuss progress.

As of end of Q1 of 2026 115 out of 146 GPs (79%) on the island have taken part in the training. Of the 31 GPs who have not yet completed the training, 12 have only recently started practicing in the island and have agreed to take part in the training before the end of the year.

IRIS Training was most recently delivered in March 2026.

Next Steps

- Three further training dates have been scheduled for Autumn 2026.
- Officers are working to deliver training to administrative staff working at GP surgeries.

RESPONSE

Health and Care

Recommendations 41, 42, 43.1, 44.2, 45.2

- *All sexual health services in Jersey should implement routine enquiry into their practice.*
- *All reproductive healthcare services should implement routine enquiry procedures when a patient requests an abortion.*
- *All mental health services and practitioners in Jersey should adopt routine enquiry processes.*
- *The Alcohol and Drug Service should implement routine enquiry within their practice.*
- *Targeted enquiry should be implemented by frontline professionals working across Health and Community Services.*

Owner	VAWG Health Working Group
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Status	In Progress
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Anticipated Deadline	December 2026
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Key Developments

The working group has been engaged with individual service areas to gain an understanding of current practices regarding routine and targeted enquiries for Violence Against Women and Girls. A review of routine enquiry questions and approaches from national guidance was conducted to inform the implementation and identify any limitations for practice and to identify how information is documented within existing system's and what pathways are used to support patients.

Following the individual consultations a meeting was held with representatives from all identified service areas to review findings. Additionally, a dip sample audit was conducted to assess current enquiry practices and documentation. The findings from this audit will be reviewed at the next group meeting. Regarding the targeted enquiries, the group will be considering a risk informed and needs led approach which will prompt more focused questioning. This approach will rely on professionals to follow up and ensure enquiries are conducted sensibly at appropriate times and in a safe and private environment with clear referral pathways to support clients effectively.

Next Steps

The group's next meeting will focus on deciding and agreeing a set of routine questions that are consistent and workable across all service areas, ensuring that enquiries are both effective and sensitive to the client needs alongside refining the approach to target enquiries to ensure a coordinated and effective response across services. Delivery of training will be undertaken to equip the workforce to ensure there is a universal response to VAWG.

RESPONSE

Health and Care

Recommendations 43.2, 44.1 and 45.1

- *All mental health services and practitioners in Jersey should receive training on the relationship between mental health problems and experiences of VAWG.*
- *Professionals working within the Alcohol and Drug Service should receive regular training on the connection between VAWG experiences and substance misuse.*
- *All health professionals should receive training on how to identify and respond to patients experiencing VAWG, and the available referral pathways for victim-survivors.*

Owner	Health and Care Jersey
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Status	In Progress
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Anticipated Deadline	December 2026
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Key Developments

Level 2 and Level 3 Safeguarding training have been amended to incorporate Violence Against Women and Girls. JDAS continue to attend the HCJ Safeguarding Level 3. Staff can access Domestic Abuse training on Connect People, the Government of Jersey staff training portal.

A mapping exercise was completed to identify what training was being delivered across different organisations, any gaps and how best to align training. The mapping process provided a baseline shared with Building a Safer Community (BASC). BASC completed a wider review to inform Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms meetings. Domestic abuse training is available on Connect. Consideration for this training to be rolled out should be explored across departments.

Next Steps

The new lead for the recommendation is meeting with colleagues to progress the recommendations with Drug and Alcohol and Mental Health colleagues to scope what is required for their service area.

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Health and Care

Recommendation 46.1

Training on identifying non-fatal strangulation should be available to all frontline health practitioners working across HCS and primary care.

Owner	VAWG Health Working Group
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Status	In Progress
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Anticipated Deadline	December 2026
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Key Developments

The institute for addressing strangulation IFAS Non-Fatal Strangulation Pathway has been accepted as the agreed pathway to follow and is in use. Some actions require completion ahead of training being rolled out and are addressed in the Self-Referral pathway.

A series of training dates for face-to-face training and planned recorded session will be completed. Training will focus on improving staff awareness of the signs and risk associated with Non-Fatal Strangulation, strengthen confidence to ask appropriate questions and ensure staff understand the correct clinical and safeguarding responses, including documentation and referrals. It is anticipated the training will roll out at the time of the launch of the self-referral pathway.

Next Steps

- Non-Fatal Strangulation training to be recorded and available to access on Connect.
- A series of face-to-face Non-Fatal Strangulation training sessions will be delivered to clinical staff.

Recommendation 46.2

A self-referral pathway should be made available to victim-survivors of non-fatal strangulation to see a forensic physician.

Owner	VAWG Health Working Group
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Status	In Progress
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Anticipated Deadline	December 2026
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Key Developments

The institute for addressing strangulation IFAS Non-Fatal strangulation Pathway has been accepted as the agreed pathway to follow. The pathway is currently in use in the Emergency Department and in use by Ambulance Services for the identification and assessment of Non-Fatal Strangulation. Discussions for the development of a self-

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referral pathway have taken place. The group is very keen to work together on the referral.

Next Steps

- The self-referral pathway will be developed in line with the IFAS pathway and amended to meet the Jersey context and availability.
- Discussion with radiology in regard to reading of images and accessing specialist review off-island is being explored.
- Training within the radiology department for clinicians.
- Data Reporting is in progress with the digital team. The Maxims hospital system drop down menu has now got Strangulation added to enable data capture once it has gone live.
- Meeting with stakeholders on how to proceed once the self-referral pathway has been developed.

Immigration

Overview

No.	Recommendation	Category	Status
50.1	Improve information available on the immigration system	Prevention	Complete
50.2	Ensure migrants receive information on specialist VAWG support services	Prevention	Complete
52.1	Review data sharing policy across JCIS and SoJP	Prevention	Complete
52.2	Publish data sharing policy across JCIS and SoJP	Prevention	Complete
55.1	Introduce training for immigration officers on VAWG and risk factors	Prevention	Complete
55.2	Implement targeted enquiry processes and consistent safeguarding processes for domestic abuse	Prevention	Complete
49	Introduce a financial concession for migrant victim-survivors	Response	Complete
51	Define “immigration abuse” in guidance on scope and application of domestic abuse offence	Response	Complete
54.1	Review process around communicating immigration decisions to ensure rationale is clear to applicants	Response	Complete
54.2	Improve signposting to complaints and appeals processes for challenging immigration decisions	Response	Complete
56	Review evidential thresholds for proving domestic abuse in ILR (DV) applications	Response	Complete
57	Develop and publish practice guidance for responding to migrant workers who are abused by their employer	Response	Complete
58	Introduce legal aid provision for migrant workers who have been abused at work	Response	No further action

PREVENTION

Immigration

Recommendation 50.1

JCIS should improve the information available to the public on the immigration system and the rights and entitlements of migrants.

Owner	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service
Status	Complete

Key Developments

The government webpages related to the Migrant Domestic Abuse Concession and Family Visas have been updated. This includes signposting to specialist support services. The updated webpages can be accessed here:

Migrant Domestic Abuse Concession:

<https://www.gov.je/Government/Departments/JusticeHomeAffairs/Departments/CustomsImmigration/Pages/MigrantDomesticAbuseConcession.aspx#:~:text=The%20Migrant%20Domestic%20Abuse%20Concession,ended%20because%20of%20domestic%20abuse.>

Family Visas:

<https://www.gov.je/Government/Departments/JusticeHomeAffairs/Departments/CustomsImmigration/pages/familyvisas.aspx#:~:text=Depending%20on%20your%20circumstances%20you,fianc%C3%A9%20or%20proposed%20civil%20partner>

Recommendation 50.2

Migrants should also receive information on specialist VAWG support services. This information should be presented in a user-friendly format.

Owner	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service
Status	Complete

Key Developments

There is clear signposting to a single document of truth on the government website. This information can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.je/LifeEvents/MovingToJersey/LivingInJersey/Pages/Work.aspx>

PREVENTION

Immigration

Recommendation 52.1

States of Jersey Police and Jersey Customs and Immigration Service should work together to review their data sharing policies and legislative reporting duties and consider establishing an agreement that data on immigration status will not be shared without a victim-survivor's consent in cases where they are reporting abuse.

Owner	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service and States of Jersey Police
Status	Complete

Key Developments

The States of Jersey Police and the Jersey Customs and Immigration Service have agreed to adopt the approach outlined in the UK's Migrant Victim Protocol to help protect eligible migrant victims of domestic abuse. They have reviewed and updated their data sharing policies to highlight that victim safety is the priority, data is not shared automatically and there is transparency in how data is shared. This aligns with the UK National Police Chiefs' Council Information sharing with the Home Office, where a victim or witness of crime is a suspected immigration offender.

Both services continue to monitor the data sharing landscape to ensure they align with UK best practise, given Jersey is part of the common travel area.

Next Steps

Await latest version of UK Migrant Victim Protocol and remain aligned.

Recommendation 52.2

Data sharing policies that exist between States of Jersey Police and Jersey Customs and Immigration Service should be made publicly accessible and easy to understand, so that victim-survivors and support services are clear on what these are.

Owner	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service and States of Jersey Police
Status	Complete

Key Developments

Data Sharing policies between the SoJP and JCIS have been updated, made publicly accessible and are supported with easy explanations of when and how people's data might be shared.

PREVENTION

Immigration

Jersey Customs and Immigration Service:

- The privacy policy for the Jersey Customs and Immigration Service can be accessed here:
<https://www.gov.je/Government/Departments/PrivacyPoliciesRetentionSchedules/JHAPrivacyPolicies/pages/customsimmigration.aspx>

States of Jersey Police:

- Advice for victims of domestic abuse from migrant communities can be found here: <https://www.jersey.police.je/s/advice/victims-of-domestic-abuse-from-migrant-communities-MCZ2YEMEZFDJGYHLCXU4WTE6RGQI>
- The States of Jersey Police Fair Processing notice can be accessed here: <https://www.jersey.police.je/s/accessing-information/fair-processing-notice>
- The States of Jersey Police information sharing policy with the Jersey Customs and Immigration Service where a victim or witness of crime is a suspected immigration offender can be found here:
<https://www.jersey.police.je/s/sfsites/c/cms/delivery/media/MCG6E3KU45CBB CFCH63XVKZV7OMA>

Next Steps

Abide by the policies' life cycle to review and update at an appropriate time.

Recommendation 55.1

Immigration officers should be trained to recognise the indicators of VAWG and factors that may escalate the risk to victims-survivors.

Owner	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service
Status	Complete

Key Developments

In April 2024, SafeLives, a leading UK organisation specialising in domestic abuse training, delivered training on the indicators of VAWG for immigration officers in Jersey.

Further training was delivered to Immigration Officers in October 2025 by a UK organisation called Alpha Vesta who specialise in domestic abuse training. The session was on the 'Strategies and Tactics of a Controlling and Coercive Perpetrator'. This training was delivered as part of the work to implement Recommendation 68 (see p.68).

Recommendation 55.2

JCIS should implement targeted enquiry processes and have consistent safeguarding processes in place so that victims-survivors can be referred to the appropriate services for support.

Owner	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service
Status	Complete

Key Developments

The Jersey Customs and Immigration Service have confirmed that targeted enquiry procedures have been implemented within the service.

RESPONSE

Immigration

Recommendation 49

The Justice and Home Affairs Minister should introduce a concession for migrant victims-survivors on spouse and work visas to ensure they have recourse to public funds and access to the safety which this can afford them.

Owner	Employment, Social Security and Housing
Status	Complete

Key Developments

In April 2024, the Minister for Social Security (MSS) introduced 13-weeks of financial support through the income support benefit for victims of domestic abuse with less than 5-years residency. Applicants were not required to submit evidence of domestic abuse; however, they had to apply via a specialist support service such as FREEDA or JDAS. In August 2024, the MSS agreed to shorten the income support residency requirements for an agreed list of exceptional circumstances, including domestic abuse, serious illness and death of a partner, to 3 years. Additionally, a broader residency exemption was introduced for victims of domestic abuse with children, allowing these individuals to qualify for support after just one year. For these exemptions, applicants are required to provide evidence of domestic abuse. The criteria in which evidence is interpreted is aligned with the standards used by JCIS in Indefinite Leave to Remain (Domestic Violence) applications. This policy has been in effect since September 2024.

Further information on the policy can be found here:

<https://www.gov.je/Government/Departments/JusticeHomeAffairs/Departments/Custo msImmigration/pages/migrantdomesticabuseconcession.aspx>

Next Steps

The Employment, Social Security and Housing Department (ESSH) continues to meet the recommendation. Following the previous progress report written guidance has been updated and issued. Work is ongoing on a joint agency Standard Operating Procedure. ESSH has established a direct officer liaison with relevant stakeholder groups, and this is fed back to policy officers and the Minister where appropriate. ESSH continues to actively support people in this area.

RESPONSE

Immigration

Recommendation 51

A definition of “immigration abuse” should be included within the Attorney General’s guidance on the scope and application of the offence of domestic abuse.

Owner	Law Officers’ Department
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

The Attorney General’s website contains a section relating to prosecution guidance. Within that is clear guidance on the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022.

The guidance can be accessed here: <https://www.lawofficers.je/publications/guidance-and-directives/prosecution-guidance/domestic-abuse/>

Examples of the types of behaviour which can be considered domestic abuse are outlined within the guidance and specific reference is made to immigration abuse and situations which could be considered to be immigration abuse.

Recommendation 54.1

JCIS should review its process around communicating immigration decisions to ensure the rationale behind the decision is clear to the applicant concerned.

Owner	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

Jersey Customs and Immigration Service have revised the immigration decision letter templates to ensure the rationale is clearly explained, with clear signposting to guidance on accessing both the appeals and complaints processes included.

RESPONSE

Immigration

Recommendation 54.2

JCIS should consider options to ensure that individuals are aware of the complaints and appeals processes that exist for challenging immigration decisions.

Owner	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

The “Immigration legislation, rules and feedback” page on the government website has been updated to include a feedback and complaints link, in addition to the existing explanation regarding the route to appeal immigration decisions. The webpage can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.je/LifeEvents/CitizenshipSettlingInJersey/SettlementInJersey/pages/immigrationlegislation.aspx>

Recommendation 56

JCIS should work alongside specialist domestic abuse support services to review their evidential thresholds for proving domestic violence in ILR (DV) applications. In particular:

- JCIS should recognise that evidence submitted by specialist domestic abuse support services on behalf of ILR (DV) applicants, can be considered strong evidence of abuse under the UK Home Office guidance.*
- Specialist domestic abuse support services should work with JCIS to better understand the evidential requirements of the UK Home Office guidance. This will help to ensure that they provide evidence that fulfils the criteria that JCIS requires in order to be considered strong evidence of domestic abuse under the ILR (DV) route.*

Owner	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

The UK Guidance on evidential levels for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) (Domestic Violence (DV)) applications was last updated in November 2025. JCIS will remain aligned to the UK guidance to ensure consistency across the common travel area (CTA) regarding granting of ILR. JCIS delivered a presentation to the Jersey Domestic Abuse Support (JDAS) service in May 2024 on ILR (DV) Guidance.

RESPONSE

Immigration

Recommendation 57

JCIS should develop practice guidance for responding to migrant workers who are abused by their employer or colleague. This guidance should be publicly available.

Owner	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

The JCIS Work Permit Policy guidance has been updated in relation to employer and employee responsibilities. The Work Permit policy can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.je/Working/WorkPermits/pages/workpermitpolicy.aspx>

Recommendation 58

Legal aid provision should be made available to migrant workers who face employment-based discrimination and/or abuse.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	No Further Action
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Key Developments

As the Jersey Employment and Discrimination Tribunal is free and accessible to migrant workers and is designed so that legal support is not required, and other citizens in Jersey are not eligible for legal aid for employment disputes, it was determined that the introduction of legal aid for migrant workers was not necessary as the spirit of the recommendation was to align the rights of migrant workers with that of other citizens.

Supporting victims and survivors

Overview

No.	Recommendation	Category	Status
4.2	Conduct training needs analysis for support services	Prevention	In Progress
5	Introduce training on economic abuse to support services	Prevention	Complete
7.3	Ensure support is available for rough sleepers	Prevention	No Further Action
7.4	Improve street lighting in Snow Hill area	Prevention	In Progress
12	Introduce training on online and technology-facilitated abuse	Prevention	Complete
13.2	Publish information on online and technology-facilitated abuse	Prevention	Complete
19.1	Undertake review of structure and resourcing of Jersey Domestic Abuse Support	Prevention	Complete
19.2	Improve publicity of IDVA service offering	Prevention	In Progress
47	Introduce training on the link between animal abuse and domestic abuse	Prevention	Complete
61	Review training programmes for support services to ensure staff receive training on VAWG and using a trauma-informed approach	Prevention	In Progress
59	Review provision of follow-on accommodation for victims leaving emergency accommodation	Response	In Progress
60	Review provision of specialist counselling support for victims	Response	In Progress
63	Introduce an online support provision for victims	Response	No Further Action
71	Increase awareness of Domestic Abuse Disclosure Scheme	Response	Complete
7.2	Introduce a stronger police presence in areas of St Helier	Response	Complete
13.1	Introduce short-term support for online and technology-facilitated abuse	Response	Complete
53	Establish additional advocacy services to support marginalised communities to navigate public services	Prevention	In Progress

PREVENTION

Supporting victims and survivors

Recommendations 4.2 and 61

- *All statutory and third sector support services that support victim-survivors of VAWG should conduct their own training needs analysis in regard to coercive and controlling behaviour and enrol the appropriate staff into training on coercive and controlling behaviour where needed.*
- *Training programmes for all statutory and non-statutory specialist support services should be reviewed to ensure that all support workers working with victim-survivors have received adequate and regular levels of training on the dynamics of VAWG and using a trauma-informed approach.*

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	In Progress
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Anticipated deadline	September 2026
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Key Developments

A Task and Finish Group under the Building a Safer Community (BASC) Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms Partnership has been established to undertake a training needs provision and gap analysis.

The group has produced a map of the existing training provision on domestic abuse and sexual harms that is taking place in statutory services.

Next Steps

- The group will hold a series of workshops with community and third sector services to map training provision on domestic abuse and sexual harms for their services.
- The findings of the training needs and gap analysis will be used to inform and coordinate any further training required on domestic abuse and sexual harms for both the public and third sector.

PREVENTION

Supporting victims and survivors

Recommendations 5 and 12

- *All professionals supporting women who have experienced domestic abuse should receive regular and in-depth training on how to identify and respond to economic abuse.*
- *The Government of Jersey should invest in a comprehensive and ongoing programme of learning and development in order to strengthen the capacity of service providers (specialist and universal) to effectively respond to online and technology-facilitated VAWG.*

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

The specialist economic and technology-facilitated abuse team from Refuge UK has been commissioned by the Government of Jersey to deliver a specialised package of training for a range of statutory, specialist and community services.

The purpose of this training is to build professional awareness and understanding of economic and technology-facilitated abuse in order to strengthen the capacity of our service providers to respond sensitively and effectively to these forms of abuse.

Delivery of this training began in September 2025 and is scheduled to run until September 2027.

Recommendation 7.3

Dedicated support for rough sleepers should be introduced in Parade Gardens.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	No Further Action
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Key Developments

In accordance with the Minister for Justice & Home Affairs' response in March 2024²², officers have engaged with the Shelter Trust to better understand this issue. Though no immediate solution is apparent, officers have ensured that the relationship between homelessness and VAWG is considered throughout the implementation of all relevant recommendations.

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<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Caring%20and%20support/Response%20to%20the%20taskforce%20report%20from%20the%20Minister%20for%20Justice%20and%20Home%20Affairs.pdf> p.17

PREVENTION

Supporting victims and survivors

Recommendation 7.4

Better street lighting should be introduced in the Snow Hill area.

Owner	Infrastructure and Environment
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Status	Not Started
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Anticipated Deadline	
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Key Developments

The Infrastructure and Environment Department agreed, in principle, to advance lighting improvements at Snow Hill. However, as no dedicated funding was allocated, progression is dependent on departmental prioritisation within existing resource *constraints*.

I&E's street-lighting budget has primarily been directed toward the capital replacement of the Island's ageing street-lighting and zebra-crossing assets, prioritised based on asset condition. This has been alongside the ongoing maintenance requirements associated with the tunnel lighting system.

In addition, the Public Realm improvement budget was reduced in 2025, preventing any contributions from that part of the department, whose remaining resources are focused on Town Core projects.

Next Steps

I&E plans to progress the replacement of the Snow Hill Car Park lighting system in 2027. As part of this project, the potential to extend improvements through to the wider Snow Hill area will be explored. However, additional funding may be required to deliver enhancements between the car park and Hill Street.

At this stage, no definitive timescale can be set, as delivery is dependent on internal prioritisation, existing budget constraints, and the availability of contractors. Lighting improvements for Snow Hill Car Park will, however, be programmed for delivery in 2027.

PREVENTION

Supporting victims and survivors

Recommendation 13

The Government of Jersey should provide and maintain accessible information for citizens in Jersey about online and tech-facilitated VAWG.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
Status	Complete (Ongoing)

Key Developments

Information and guidance on online and technology-facilitated abuse was published on the government website in September 2024.

Guidance on a range of other issues relating to protecting yourself and family online can be found here:

<https://www.gov.je/StayingSafe/BeSafeOnline/ProtectingYourselfAndFamilyOnline/Pages/index.aspx>

Next Steps

This guidance is currently unavailable as it is being reviewed and updated to reflect the latest developments in this area. The guidance will be re-published in due course.

Recommendation 19.1

Structure and staffing of IDVAs should be reviewed to ensure the service is adequately resourced to support victim-survivors in line with best practice.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
Status	Complete

Key Developments

Officers undertook initial work to engage with the Jersey Domestic Abuse Support service (JDAS), the statutory Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) service for Jersey, to understand the issues facing the service and how they may be able to be resolved in line with best practice standards, whilst taking into account the unique context of providing this support in Jersey.

The Service Manager of JDAS then produced a detailed report for the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs on:

- Operational and resource pressures
- Issues that impact on victim-survivors
- Impact of the VAWG Taskforce workstream on the service to date
- Likely impact of the incoming VAWG legislation

PREVENTION

Supporting victims and survivors

The report highlighted that all JDAS practitioners currently have an average case load of 35 clients. This is above the current recommended national average of 25 clients per practitioner.

Long waiting lists for specialist therapeutic support in Jersey were found to be placing the service under significant pressure. Although long-term specialist counselling and therapeutic support sits out the scope of JDAS service provision, it was found that the service has been left to provide long-term emotional support to many victim-survivors who have been unable to access the necessary therapeutic support via statutory mental health services.

A variety of other resource needs relating business support, additional support practitioner roles, team management, training and data analysis were also identified.

Next Steps

- Options to address the long waiting lists for specialist therapeutic support will be explored as part of the work to implement recommendation 60 (see p.64)
- The additional resources that are required by the JDAS service will be presented to the new government for consideration.

Recommendation 19.2

Service offer and publicity of the IDVA service should be reviewed to ensure victim-survivors understand the support provisions that are available.

Owner	Jersey Domestic and Sexual Abuse Support
Status	In Progress
Anticipated Deadline	January 2027

Key Developments

Externally:

- Social media forums for Victim Services have been developed and promoted.
- Attendance at events to promote the service, e.g., Pride, Highlands Fresher's Fayre.
- Investment in promotional merchandise for all ages, which has been widely distributed amongst professional partners.
- An information booklet is being developed to inform victim-survivors of the service provision, the criminal justice process, and other support available. This will be widely distributed when completed.

Internally:

- Review of the existing website has been commenced to ensure appropriate and up to date information is available to victim-survivors.

PREVENTION

Supporting victims and survivors

- Updated service provision information internally is being finalised, to make sure government staff are aware of referral pathway into the service.
- Internal staff awareness training regarding the dynamics of domestic and sexual abuse, to recognise and respond to concerns.

Next Steps

- Further development of the existing website, to include more accessibility and inclusive measures.
- Promotion of the service at more public events.

Recommendation 47

Veterinary professionals in Jersey should receive regular training on the link between animal abuse and domestic abuse, indicators of domestic abuse and the referral pathways available to victim-survivors on the island.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
Status	Complete

Key Developments

Training on the connection between animal abuse and domestic abuse was provided by an organisation called Links Group in September 2025. 58 members of veterinary staff attended alongside an addition 30+ staff who attended the online training sessions. Further engagement with this sector will be undertaken via the BASC Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms Partnership (see the “[Moving Forward](#)” section for more information on p.91).

RESPONSE

Supporting victims and survivors

Recommendation 59

The Government of Jersey should undertake a review of the follow-on accommodation available to victim-survivors who are moving on from temporary refuge accommodation. If it is found that there is insufficient accommodation available to this group, additional investment into the establishment of such accommodation should be considered.

Owner	Employment, Social Security and Housing
Status	In Progress
Anticipated Deadline	January 2027

Key Developments

In November 2024, a review of follow-on accommodation for victim-survivors, was published and with its conclusions accepted by the Minister for Housing.

Over the course of 2025, the Minister for Housing continued to implement the actions set out in the *Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) housing policy response*. Progress has been made across all three areas of focus:

1. *Evidence – Strengthening understanding of housing needs amongst victim-survivors*

Data on homelessness amongst victim survivors is collected and published on a quarterly basis in the *Homelessness in Jersey Report*. This includes information from the Housing Advice Service as well as homelessness accommodation providers.

The report shows that being at risk of, having experienced or escaping domestic abuse has consistently been one of the main recorded reason for homelessness amongst women.

This evidence is now directly informing policy and operational decision-making to ensure housing services better respond to the needs of victim-survivors.

2. *Support – Improving housing advice and support for victim-survivors*

The Housing Advice Service continues to work closely with FREEDA and the Shelter Trust to provide coordinated support for victim-survivors.

As part of this, the Service delivers regular drop-in sessions at the FREEDA safe house, offering accessible guidance on housing options and helping victim-survivors plan moves to suitable alternative accommodation. This partnership approach is improving pathways into safe and sustainable housing.

3. *Provide – Increasing access to suitable homes for victim-survivors*

RESPONSE

Supporting victims and survivors

In December 2025, the Minister amended the eligibility criteria for social housing by removing restrictions related to hardship cases. As a result, individuals granted *Entitled* status on hardship grounds are now able to access social housing.

This change, which was developed in consultation with the Homelessness Cluster, is intended to improve access to stable, secure housing for victim-survivors.

Next Steps

- Work will continue to strengthen referral pathways and enhance joint-working arrangements across all partner agencies to ensure that victim-survivors can access the housing and support they need promptly and effectively.
- The Homelessness Cluster will maintain oversight of demand for follow-on accommodation for victim-survivors, ensuring that provision is regularly reviewed and aligned with emerging need.
- The recently established Social Housing Providers Forum will provide a platform for providers to review policies and procedures and develop approaches to supporting tenants who are victim-survivors of domestic abuse.

Recommendation 60

A gap analysis of the current counselling and therapeutic support provision available to victim-survivors should be undertaken. Following the findings of this gap analysis, subsequent investment should be made to improve the appropriateness and availability of counselling and therapeutic support provision where needed.

Owner	Health and Care Jersey ?
Status	In Progress
Anticipated deadline	TBC

Key Developments

A report on the structure, staffing and resourcing of the Jersey Domestic Abuse Support (JDAS) service identified that long waiting lists for specialist therapeutic provision was creating a significant strain on the service.

Officer discussions relating to the impact of the VAWG workstream and the impact of the incoming VAWG legislation on the criminal justice system also identified a need for additional therapeutic provision for victim-survivors.

Next Steps

A case for additional therapeutic support provision will be proposed for inclusion in the Government Budget 2027-2030 consideration of requirements relating to the incoming VAWG legislation.

RESPONSE

Supporting victims and survivors

Recommendation 63

The Government of Jersey should consider investing into the establishment of an online support provision for victim-survivors.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
Status	No further action

Key Developments

Officers developed an options appraisal for the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs which considered a range of options for introducing an online support provision for victim-survivors in Jersey. In developing the options appraisal, officers met with a range of support services to understand the demand for, and feasibility of, a form of online support provision. Officers were advised that support services had previously offered online support provision, however this provision was removed due to a low uptake and increased demands on staff.

A cost-benefit analysis for the introduction of an online form of support provision found that the costs, such as further demand on specialist support services and the development of new software, significantly outweighed the benefits of introducing this form of support. It was felt that the resources required to implement this recommendation could be more usefully diverted to the resourcing of specialist support services instead.

Recommendation 71

The States of Jersey Police should make efforts to increase public awareness of the Domestic Abuse Disclosure Scheme. Professionals working with women who are at risk of abuse should receive training on how to request a public interest disclosure.

Owner	States of Jersey Police
Status	Complete

Key Developments

A significant investment and a fresh approach saw the Clare's Law campaign well publicised, internally and externally in 2024. The Force's Public Protection Unit and partners such as the Jersey Domestic and Sexual Abuse Service continue to meet regularly to review relevant cases and consider proactive disclosures to enhance victim safety. The numbers of people exercising their right to ask has increased significantly.

RESPONSE

Supporting victims and survivors

Recommendation 7.2

A stronger police presence should be introduced in Cheapside, Parade Gardens, Belmont Road area, and the Snow Hill area.

Owner	States of Jersey Police
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

The areas stated, Cheapside, Parade Gardens, Belmont Road area and Snow Hill area, were indicated at a snapshot in time and have seen Community Policing engagement since then to engage people and understand more about the area.

Pro-active high visibility patrols in hotspots during key times with engagement of community leaders, business owners and licensed premises are part of the Force's normal operating mode.

The Community Policing Team lead problem solving cases, work to prevent crime and engage local communities to prevent and detect crime. The Operation Visible nighttime economy policing initiative has been modernised, and staff briefed on indicators of predatory behaviour and vulnerability to intervene early, prevent crime and identify potential perpetrators.

Recommendation 53

Additional and independent advocacy services should be established to support individuals from minority communities to navigate services and ensure that they receive the benefits they are entitled to.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	In Progress
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Anticipated Deadline	March 2027
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Key Developments

Officers are in the process of developing a Migrant Safeguarding Group under the Building a Safer Community Framework.

Next Steps

This group will work with representatives from minority communities to determine whether additional independent advocacy services are needed for these purposes.

Responding to perpetrators

Overview

No.	Recommendation	Category	Status
68	Introduce perpetrator management training for public services	Prevention	Complete
69	Assess Building Health Relationships programme for RESPECT accreditation	Response	In Progress

PREVENTION

Responding to Perpetrators

Recommendation 68

Key public services such as housing, health, education and social security should be provided with in-depth and regular training on how to identify and respond to perpetrators of VAWG.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
Status	Complete

Key Developments

A specialist training provider called Alpha Vesta were commissioned to deliver domestic abuse perpetrator awareness training for a range of public services in October 2025. The training covered the following areas:

- Recognising the signs of domestic abuse and controlling and coercive behaviour.
- Specific strategies perpetrators of domestic abuse and/or controlling and coercive behaviour typically used to undermine a victim's mental, financial and emotional stability.
- Ways in which perpetrators may manipulate professionals and practitioners.
- Giving professionals the confidence and skills to respond to cases that they suspect might involve domestic abuse and/or controlling and coercive behaviour.

To ensure the knowledge and understanding gained from this training remains within services, the training was delivered via a “train the trainer” model so that professionals could go onto disseminate their learnings across their various services following completion of the training.

RESPONSE

Responding to Perpetrators

Recommendation 69

Jersey Domestic Abuse Programme should be assessed for Respect Accreditation.

Owner	Probation and Aftercare Service
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Status	In Progress
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Anticipated deadline	Q2 2027
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Key Developments

The Jersey Domestic Abuse Programme was replaced by the Building Healthy Relationships Programme in 2024. The programme represents an important step towards addressing domestic abuse through perpetrator-focused interventions. However, recent work to scope out the feasibility of achieving Respect Accreditation has highlighted that accreditation alone will not be sufficient to produce meaningful and lasting change for both perpetrators of domestic abuse and victim-survivors.

A benchmarking analysis against Respect standards has been undertaken but further work to coordinate the response to perpetrators of domestic abuse in Jersey would be a more effective and impactful use of resources. In particular, officers have identified the following areas as requiring further work:

- Improvements to information sharing: the effectiveness of domestic abuse interventions, such as the Building Healthy Relationships programme, rely on professionals having a shared understanding of risk and taking collective action to mitigate that risk.
- Safe practice: it is important to ensure that professionals are appropriately trained and empowered to respond to cases of domestic abuse so that they are not only aware of the risks associated with domestic abuse, but also respond in ways that do not escalate that risk.
- Multi-agency collaboration: practice would be significantly improved by establishing regular and structured information-sharing forums across agencies. For domestic abuse interventions to be effective, it is crucial that perpetrators are held accountable for their behaviour. Consistent, multi-agency information sharing is therefore essential to identify risks, and ensure that interventions are based on accurate and comprehensive information.

Next Steps

- Await findings of MARAC²³ Review in Q2 2026 to inform next steps.

²³ A MARAC is a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference where information is shared on the highest risk domestic abuse cases. They are attended by representatives from police, health, children's services, housing, Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs), probation and other specialists from the statutory or voluntary sectors.

RESPONSE

Responding to Perpetrators

- Consider establishing a BASC Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms Task and Finish Group to take this work forward.
- An information sharing protocol with JDAS has been drafted and is awaiting approval. The intention is to promote lawful and proportionate information sharing between agencies working with perpetrators and victims.

Awareness

Overview

No.	Recommendation	Category	Status
7.1	Introduce campaign to address street harassment	Prevention	Complete
9.2	Increase awareness of FGM mandatory reporting duty	Prevention	Complete
73	Introduce a campaign to raise awareness and change attitudes about VAWG	Prevention	Complete
74	Use VAWG media reporting toolkit to ensure responsible reporting	Prevention	Complete
75	Engagement of men and boys as part of efforts to reduce and prevent VAWG	Prevention	Complete

PREVENTION

Awareness

Recommendations 7.1 and 75

- *A campaign to tackle street harassment should be rolled out across St Helier.*
- *The engagement of men and boys should be a key feature of future efforts tackle VAWG in Jersey and should be represented as such in all future strategies.*

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

In December 2024, the 'It's Not Okay' campaign against street harassment was launched, with a focus on 16- to 25-year-old men and boys, targeted via social media and posters distributed throughout schools. The aim was for people to learn about street harassment, how to stop it and where to report it or get support. More information on the campaign can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.je/StayingSafe/HomePersonal/EMybYS/Pages/NA6uLe.aspx>

VAWG Guidance for Schools has been developed with the engagement of men and boys in mind. The guidance provides advice and support for teachers on how to engage young men and boys in violence prevention without making them feel alienated or negatively targeted. The VAWG Guidance for Schools can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Education/VAWG%20Guidance%20for%20schools.pdf>

The engagement of men and boys remains a central aspect of work to address domestic abuse and sexual harms in Jersey.

Recommendation 9.2

The Government of Jersey and the Safeguarding Partnership Board should deliver an awareness raising campaign amongst health professionals to ensure the mandatory reporting duty is understood and that they are aware of the multiagency procedures that exist in this area (honour-based abuse, female genital mutilation (FGM) and other harmful practices).

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

In July 2024, Safeguarding Partnership Jersey published updated guidance on the mandatory reporting requirements relating to female genital mutilation (FGM) for health professionals. The guidance can be accessed here:

<https://jerseyscp.trixonline.co.uk/chapter/female-genital-mutilation#introduction>

PREVENTION

Awareness

Recommendation 73

An ongoing and comprehensive campaign to boost awareness and change communities around VAWG issues should be introduced.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

Building on the success of the 'It's Not Okay' campaign in December 2024, another campaign was launched following International Women's Day 2025. The campaign highlighted that coercive control, which can be hidden and subtle, is a form of abuse, and is an issue on the Island. It also signposted to relevant support services on the Island. More information on the campaign can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.je/StayingSafe/HomePersonal/EMybYS/Pages/CoerciveControl.aspx>

Recommendation 74

All media professionals should utilise the dedicated toolkit we have developed on the responsible and sensitive reporting of VAWG issues.

Owner	Jersey Media
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Status	Ongoing
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Key Developments

The VAWG Taskforce developed a toolkit for media professionals to support them to report responsibly and using a trauma-informed approach when covering issues related to violence against women and girls. The toolkit outlines a number of requirements including the use of appropriately sensitive language and the inclusion of sign-posting to support services. The toolkit for media professionals can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Caring%20and%20support/VAWG%20Media%20Toolkit.pdf>

Although a full-scale analysis of reporting on violence against women and girls in Jersey is outside the scope of this report, a desktop analysis indicates that media professionals are consistently following the guidelines outlined in the toolkit.

Education

Overview

No.	Recommendation	Category	Status
66	Develop a VAWG education programme for parents	Prevention	In Progress
76.1	Develop PSHE curriculum on sex and healthy relationships	Prevention	Complete
76.2	Ensure PSHE curriculum includes links between gender inequality, misogyny, victim blaming and VAWG	Prevention	Complete
76.3	Introduce mandatory training for PSHE teachers	Prevention	Complete
76.4	Schools should utilise skills and knowledge of Brook	Prevention	Complete
76.5	Include explicit audit of VAWG in the Jersey Schools Review Framework	Prevention	Complete
76.6	Include explicit assessment of VAWG in schools' annual safeguarding audit	Prevention	Complete
77.1	Consider rolling out a "whole-of-school" approach to VAWG across schools	Prevention	In Progress
77.2	Introduce bystander training for professionals working in educational settings	Prevention	Complete
77.3	Work with students to develop a bill of rights of what behaviours are acceptable and unacceptable	Prevention	Complete
65	Work with Dewberry House, JAAR and JDAS to promote better awareness of services within schools	Response	Complete
67	Ensure all students are aware of on-site school counsellor provision	Response	Complete

PREVENTION

Education

Recommendation 66

The Government of Jersey should work with the Children, Young People, Education and Skills (CYPES) department to develop an education programme for parents to better support their children who have questions about, or experiences of, VAWG. This programme should also provide parents with background information on the main drivers of VAWG.

Owner	BASC Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms Partnership
Status	In Progress
Anticipated Deadline	March 2027

Key Developments

The ongoing restructure of CYPES is continuing and the Central Education Team has continued to experience capacity issues this year.

CYPES is committed to working with Parent-carer groups via different forums. For example, work started to support parents of children with SEND. It is planned that parent-carer forums will continue to form a focus of our wider work going forwards.

CYPES have funded all schools to now have access to the PSHE association's network and resources. Secondary schools have an additional enhanced package which enables them to access training sessions and classroom resources to support subject knowledge and curriculum development. This is an important first step in supporting schools with better knowledge to share with parents.

Next Steps

As part of our new school partnership model to strengthen Jersey's education system²⁴, Partnership leads have just been recruited, and they are due to begin their role in September 2026.

Education dept colleagues are currently working with the Building A Safer Community – Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms Group (BASC-DASH) as we recognise that this parental education programme needs scoping and a multi-agency response. Working together with colleagues in Children's Services, Education, Health and third sector representatives, we would like to work towards the development of a consistently recognisable and identifiable signposting structure: website/leaflets etc should be consistent across services. To achieve this, it will need to be properly resourced and funded going forwards.

Working in partnership with the BASC-DASH, CYPES will scope this project and design suitable background information and materials for parents over the next year.

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<https://www.gov.je/News/2026/pages/newschoolpartnershipmodeltostrengthenjerseyseducationsystem.aspx>

PREVENTION

Education

Recommendations 76.1 and 76.2

- *CYPES should develop a core PSHE curriculum on sex and healthy relationships which continues throughout a student's school career.*
- *CYPES should ensure that the PSHE curriculum includes explicit links between gender inequality, misogyny, victim blaming and violence directed towards young women and girls.*

Owner	Children, Young People, Education and Skills
Status	Complete (ongoing)

Key Developments

Since the last update shared the new non-statutory guidance for the Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum, the new 2025 Jersey Schools Review Framework (JSRF) has been developed and has gone live from September 2025. This framework underpins school accountability systems by providing the basis for school's annual self-evaluations, school improvement planning and of course the 3-4 year cycle of independently-led external JSRF school reviews.

Now during all primary and secondary school reviews off-Island reviewers evaluate:

- the breadth, depth and quality of PSHE provision
- the impact of the school's work to respond to the VAWG recommendations

The new 2025/26 reports all include the review team's evaluation of the quality of provision in these areas. See the latest reports published here:

<https://www.gov.je/Education/Schools/ChildLearning/pages/jerseyschoolsreviewframework.aspx>

Staff training in this area is being led by school leaders across the island and has been positively received, strengthening staff confidence and supporting the personal development of children and young people. At this term's Jersey Curriculum Council (JCC), members took part in workshops delivered by these teachers, deepening collective understanding of the work underway. As a result, the JCC agreed that an annual update on progress in this area will be built into its cycle.

Next Steps

This work continues, the non-statutory guidance is kept under review to keep it up to date.

PREVENTION

Education

Recommendation 76.3

CYPES should make training mandatory for all teachers who teach PSHE to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence in delivering content around sex, relationships, violence and abuse.

Owner	Children, Young People, Education and Skills
Status	In Progress

Key Developments

This year:

- PSHE leads training and the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) training continued
- schools were offered a raft of training for leaders and teachers in the expectations of the new JSRF.
- The VAWG Whole School Approach and toolkit was published and shared with Curriculum Council. This can be accessed here:
<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Education/VAWG%20Guidance%20for%20schools.pdf>

In addition, CYPES most recent developments include:

- Training for Secondary PHSE leads led by Jersey College for Girls (JCG) PHSE Lead who was part of the VAWG taskforce and supported by the CET (Central Education Team). A peer support forum now exists and sharing of good practice will be a continuing action.
- A student leadership model for awareness of VAWG and responding to VAWG conversations has been recommended for schools, with a student support offer from JCG and Hautlieu to enable other schools to replicate the model.
- Primary PHSE is being delivered in a different age-appropriate format by 2 primary Headteachers (who were also part of the VAWG taskforce) This training is being rolled out across primary schools to support all staff with their delivery of VAWG within the curriculum.

Next Steps

- Complete the rolling programme primary training. Seek to explore methods of sharing resources and best practice for teachers to access.
- This ongoing commitment will be monitored over time through the work of Partnership Leads and the JSRF outcomes.

PREVENTION

Education

Recommendation 76.4

CYPES and schools should utilise the skills and knowledge of Brook in the meaningful engagement of students in the future development of the PSHE Curriculum.

Owner	Children, Young People, Education and Skills
Status	Complete (ongoing)

Key Developments

Brook are now known as SaY-J. They, and many other third-sector supportive groups, were involved and consulted during the development of the PSHE Non Statutory Guidance KS3 and KS4. This can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Education/PSHE%20NonStatutory%20Guidance%20KS3%20and%20KS4.pdf>

SaY-J are also referenced in the VAWG Guidance for Schools Toolkit (<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Education/VAWG%20Guidance%20for%20schools.pdf>) outlining to schools the range of outreach lessons and workshops that they offer for Years 7-13.

Staff training on Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls (E-VAWG) is being supported through access to the Draft VAWG Guidance and new resources developed by leaders in schools. Primary schools have been offered a whole-staff training session focused on early intervention, unconscious bias, safeguarding, and planning age-appropriate lessons using the Expect Respect materials. Secondary schools can access a dedicated session for PSHE and pastoral leads that provides an overview of VAWG issues, explores school culture and stereotypes, and supports leaders in planning and cascading a whole-school approach. This has been an excellent example of school-to-school collaboration (as experienced in recent JCC session) and has provided opportunities for student leadership and personal development.

Next Steps

CYPES are committed to continuing to work with SaY-J, and a range of other third-sector providers, to ensure schools are informed of their outreach educational programmes and to work with them as the non-statutory guidance and support for schools is routinely monitored and updated in future.

PREVENTION

Education

Recommendation 76.5

CYPES should include an explicit audit of VAWG in the Jersey Schools Review Framework.

Owner	Children, Young People, Education and Skills
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Status	Complete (ongoing)
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Key Developments

The New Jersey School Review Framework (JSRF) is now rolled out (see recommendations 76.1 and 76.2). As a result of published reports evaluating school's responses to VAWG, school leaders' engagement with the E-VAWG agenda and incorporation of it into their curriculum has significantly increased this year.

The new JSRF reports are demonstrating that the toolkit for schools and staff training in VAWG is already starting to make a difference to children and young people in those schools.

Next Steps

The JSRF is reviewed and updated annually. CYPES will analyse the impact of the 2025 Framework's focus on VAWG and the provision of PSHE as part of this process, sharing outcomes of this with school leaders and Central Education Team colleagues.

Recommendation 76.6

CYPES should include explicit reference to an assessment of VAWG in schools' annual safeguarding audit.

Owner	Children, Young People, Education and Skills
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

Section 14 of the CYPES Safeguarding Audit is titled: 'Contextual safeguarding Issues - including responding to the (eliminating) Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) report recommendations.' This section includes evaluating the following areas:

- How the school raises awareness about child-to-child sexual harassment or other inappropriate behaviour (For example, sexism, misogyny or misandry)
- How the school considered PREVENT strategies for potential extremism and radicalisation of children and young people?

PREVENTION

Education

- Does the school raise awareness (age appropriately) about the prevalence and safeguarding and child protection issues around female genital mutilation (FGM)?
- How many of your staff have engaged with Bystander Training and/or Transgender Guidance/Training?

VAWG:

- Ensuring DSLs and Leaders aware of the recommendations of the VAWG report that are relevant to the setting
- Actions taken as a result of these recommendations.
- The school's use of the VAWG Education Guidance (toolkit)
- How the school promotes awareness of on-Island support in relation to VAWG (e.g. Dewberry House, JAAR, Jersey Domestic Abuse Support)

Next Steps

The last series of safeguarding audits has been analysed and one identified strength was the development of phased work in schools addressing emerging issues (e.g. VAWG, online safety, mental health). There was an identified need for further training in awareness of VAWG and therefore this will be a service development for next year. The Safeguarding audit is reviewed each year to keep it up-to-date.

Recommendation 77.1

CYPES should consider rolling out a 'whole-of-school' approach across schools.

Owner	Children, Young People, Education and Skills
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Status	In Progress
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Key Developments

Whole School Approach (WSA) is the key focus of the VAWG Guidance for schools Toolkit

(<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Education/VAWG%20Guidance%20for%20schools.pdf>) which has been shared with all schools. Training for DSLs and Mental Health Leads has taken place with the focus on supporting the WSA. Headteachers have been encouraged to assign an VAWG lead.

Early adopters are leading the way in this area, and capturing implementation tools and helpful ideas to support colleagues in other schools.

Next Steps

This will continue to be part of the annual cycle of training for DSLs, with a focus on sharing good practice.

PREVENTION

Education

Recommendation 77.2

Professionals working with young people in educational settings should receive Bystander training to develop a culture of vigilance, challenge and high standards of gender equality and safety.

Owner	Children, Young People, Education and Skills
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Status	Complete (ongoing)
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Key Developments

Bystander training has been discussed and delivered through CYPES led DSL cluster meetings. However, good internal practice has been shared and a combination of resources for staff training, student assemblies and rights respecting work. PHSE programmes such as no outsiders, Jigsaw and SCARF have specific lessons about not being a bystander.

Currently, we don't have resources to secure any externally accredited bystander training packages that are on offer by various outside agencies.

Next Steps

CYPES have raised awareness of bystander training internally using the systems and resources available during this period of restructuring for the Education Department. If in future a specific outside accredited provider for bystander training is required/desired, then we would require funding and resources to be able to commission it.

Recommendation 77.3

Schools should work with students to develop a Bill of Rights which is explicit in describing what is not acceptable behaviour.

Owner	Individual schools
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

Jersey College for Girls and Victoria College Jersey have developed a Joint Student's Charter which outlines what types of behaviour are expected and what is considered inappropriate. It is hoped that other schools will replicate this approach.

RESPONSE

Education

Recommendations 65 and 67

- *The Children and Young People Education and Skills (CYPES) department should work closely with Dewberry House Sexual Assault Referral Centre, Jersey Action Against Rape and Jersey Domestic Abuse Support to promote better awareness of these services within schools and other sites for young people.*
- *Schools should ensure that all students are aware of the provision of school counsellors on site, and how to access this service.*

Owner	Children, Young People, Education and Skills
Status	Complete (ongoing commitment)

Key Developments

Last year, the regular update training for school's Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) was revised to incorporate and address the VAWG recommendations. This includes training from Dewberry House, Jersey Domestic Abuse Support Service and FREEDA.

The VAWG Taskforce's education subgroup also developed guidance for schools in the form of a VAWG toolkit. The guidance outlines a whole school approach to addressing VAWG, incorporating and extending beyond signposting to services, strategies for engaging families, parents and carers, and on-site support for pupils – including access to on-site counsellors).

The VAWG toolkit can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Education/VAWG%20Guidance%20for%20schools.pdf>

All VAWG and DA training for education staff continues to include updated information about the key services that can be used for signposting and the differences in their services how they support people.

Further Research

Overview

No.	Recommendation	Category	Status
2.1	Apply an intersectional approach to all VAWG work	Prevention	Complete
2.2	Conduct further research with marginalised groups	Prevention	In Progress
6	Conduct further research on sexual and commercial exploitation	Prevention	In Progress
9.1	Conduct further research into honour-based abuse	Prevention	Complete
48	Conduct further research into VAWG experiences of health and social workers	Prevention	In Progress
62	Consider investment into “by-and-for” services for marginalised groups	Response	In Progress

PREVENTION

Further Research

Recommendations 2.1, 2.2, 6, 62

- *Government of Jersey should apply an intersectional approach to all future strategies and other work to address VAWG.*
- *Such an approach should include further research with women from marginalised groups in Jersey and the development of specific solutions to improve their safety.*
- *The Government of Jersey should undertake further victim-survivor centred research on experiences of sexual and commercial exploitation on the island.*
- *The Government of Jersey should consider investment into the establishment of by-and-for services for victim-survivors from marginalised groups.*

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	Complete (Ongoing)
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Anticipated Deadline	March 2027
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Key Developments

All work delivered through the Building a Safer Community (BASC) framework an intersectional and multi-disciplinary approach, recognising that people from different backgrounds may face distinct experiences, needs, risks and challenges.

A new Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms Partnership has been established under the BASC Framework to coordinate work to address domestic abuse and all forms of sexual harm on the island. As part of this work, this group has agreed to take forward both of the VAWG Taskforce recommendations relating to further research.

For further information on the BASC Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms Partnership see the “[Moving Forward](#)” section of this report (see p.91).

Recommendation 9.1

The Government of Jersey should undertake further research to understand the prevalence and experiences of ‘so-called’ honour-based abuse, FGM and other harmful practices such as forced marriage and force sterilisation, in Jersey.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

Research was undertaken across criminal justice and victim-survivor support services to understand the prevalence of honour-based abuse in Jersey.

Next Steps

While no crimes have been recorded to date, services will continue to monitor the prevalence of honour-based abuse.

PREVENTION

Further Research

Recommendation 48

Further research should be undertaken to understand the experiences of health and social care workers in Jersey in relation to VAWG behaviours and crimes. The findings of this research should be published alongside recommendations to safeguard health and social care workers from harassment and abuse.

Owner	Health and Care Jersey
Status	In Progress
Anticipated deadline	December 2026

Key Developments

Research from the UK and elsewhere indicates that health and social care workers are at a higher risk of experiencing forms of abuse that are associated with violence against women and girls. The risk of experiencing these forms of abuse is increased for these workers because they often work in high-risk environments or with vulnerable patients.

The purpose of this recommendation is therefore to understand whether health and social care workers in Jersey are adequately safeguarded from these forms of abuse in their workplaces.

Next Steps

- Officers from the BASC Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms Partnership will work with Health and Care Jersey to agree exactly how to implement this recommendation

Data Development

Overview

No.	Recommendation	Category	Status
3.1	Review existing VAWG data collection	Response	Complete
3.2	Develop a centralised dataset on VAWG	Response	In Progress
14	Collect data on prevalence of online and technology-facilitated abuse	Response	Complete
18	Review data on how police respond to reports according to sex	Response	Complete
23.1	Publish sex-disaggregated data on criminal justice outcomes	Response	In Progress
64	Develop a centralised dataset on Harmful Sexual Behaviour	Response	Complete

RESPONSE

Data Development

Recommendations 3.1

The Government of Jersey should undertake a review of all the data collected on VAWG across services, in order to measure the prevalence of VAWG on the island.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

Building a Safer Community (BASC), in partnership with the Government of Jersey Criminal Justice Working Group, undertook a comprehensive mapping and data collection exercise to understand the data held across key criminal justice and victim-survivor support services, translating this into real-world insight into the prevalence of VAWG on the island, highlighting the service-wide impact of increasing demand across criminal justice and victim-survivor support services.

Next Steps

Though the initial review is complete, data will continue to be collected and monitored as part of the centralised dataset project.

Recommendation 3.2

Following this work, further work should be undertaken to produce a future VAWG data development agenda and a centralised data set on VAWG that acts as a single source of truth for statutory, commissioned and third sector services.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	In Progress
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Anticipated deadline	Phase 1 – Quarter 3, 2026
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Key Developments

Progress on this recommendation was impacted by resource limitations, as the VAWG analyst post was not funded in 2025. In mid-2025, the secondment of the JHA/BASC Analytics Manager for one day per week enabled the project to restart. To combat the limited reporting resource available at the States of Jersey Police (SoJP), who hold the largest volume of VAWG data, a new collaborative cross-service way of working was adopted. The JHA/BASC Analytics Manager was onboarded with the SoJP Analysis Service to work with the team and lead the development of the anonymised SoJP VAWG dataset, which will feed into the wider centralised dataset.

RESPONSE

Data Development

Progress has been strong, however, from Quarter 4 2025 and into 2026, BASC analytical resource was temporarily redirected to support the introduction of a suite of legislation designed to strengthen the ability of the criminal justice system to address crimes associated with VAWG. This essential project provided service demand and financial impact analysis forecasts to inform funding requirements needed to ensure the successful implementation of the new legislation. From this analysis, the Government of Jersey agreed a demand-led funding model with funding available as required from the government's central reserves to resource increased predicted service demand across the police, courts, prison, probation and aftercare service, and victim-survivor support organisations.

Next Steps

The dataset project is continuing, with the first phase of the anonymised dataset earmarked to be available internally for relevant services and departments in Quarter 3, 2026. Once this dataset is in place, insights and trends can begin to be collated for public publication.

The data development agenda is ongoing, with updates to data collection and reporting processes occurring as the project matures and data gaps are highlighted. Resource limitations will be the key challenge, though plans are underway to expand the SoJP/BASC collaborative analysis function through increased co-working with analysts from other key areas, such as Safeguarding Partnership Jersey and victim-survivor support services. The objective of this collaborative analysis team will be to support deeper cross-service insight into VAWG, domestic abuse and sexual harm, and to deliver high-level public data publications.

Recommendation 14

The Government of Jersey and the States of Jersey Police should collect data on online and tech facilitated VAWG and track trends in the prevalence of this violence.

Owner	Justice and Home Affairs
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

The States of Jersey Police and Jersey Domestic Abuse Service have implemented an online or tech-facilitated flag within their data collection processes to improve monitoring and reporting of online and tech-facilitated VAWG.

Next Steps

Trend monitoring to continue.

RESPONSE

Data Development

Recommendation 18

States of Jersey Police data on number of calls, who makes reports and what actions are taken should be reviewed to identify if there any differences in how the police service responds to reports made by men and women.

Owner	States of Jersey Police
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

Analysis was undertaken by the States of Jersey Police to establish whether any disproportionality existed in respect of the type of action taken when women or men report incidents. No disproportionality of action against or in support of men or women was detected.

Recommendation 23.1

Sex disaggregated data on prosecution rates, acquittal rates and sentencing length should be published in one place.

Owner	Law Officers' Department
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Status	In Progress
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Anticipated deadline	September 2026
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Key Developments

Work is ongoing to ensure accurate collection of data and agree with partners:

- The best method for securing agreed data in a single format; and
- The best forum for publication of that data.

Next Steps

Capabilities to utilise a new case management system to capture more accurate data are being explored by the Judicial Greffier to expand on the initial data mapping work across the criminal justice system that has already been started.

Following this, there will need to be agreement across agencies relating to what data is being collected at each stage of the criminal justice process. Joint presentation of the data can then be finalised.

RESPONSE

Data Development

Recommendation 64

An accurate and centralised dataset on Harmful Sexual Behaviour should be developed.

Owner	Children, Young People, Educations and Skills
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Status	Complete
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Key Developments

CYPES has confirmed that the existing data collection process conducted via the Children and Families Hub meets the required standards for the Harmful Sexual Behaviour dataset.

In addition to the Children and Families Hub data, education hold data on MyConcern and have unified all the concern categories so it will be easier to compare this data. The DPIA has been completed for Clarity which is a product to draw together the data from across the schools and look at island wide patterns and trends.

Next Steps

Include MyConcern (clarity) data in the Education safeguarding annual report.

Moving Forward

Establishing a long-term workstream

Following the publication of the VAWG Taskforce report in November 2023, and the Government's commitment to implementing the recommendations in March 2024, this report has demonstrated that significant work has been undertaken to address the issue of violence against women and girls in Jersey.

Commendable work has taken place to implement the Taskforce recommendations but work to address domestic abuse and sexual harms in Jersey needs to extend beyond the implementation of these recommendations. It is imperative that a long-term and coordinated workstream is established to address these issues on an ongoing basis.

As a result, two new groups have been established under the Building a Safer Community (BASC) Framework²⁵:

1. The BASC Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms Partnership

The purpose of the partnership is to coordinate and oversee work relating to domestic abuse and sexual harms in Jersey. The partnership serves as a central forum within government to identify the trends and challenges our island is facing in relation to domestic abuse and sexual harms, and coordinate preventative work and action to address these issues as they emerge.

It also holds responsibility for implementing the outstanding actions from the previous Safeguarding Partnership Board Domestic Abuse Strategy and overseeing the remaining VAWG Taskforce recommendations.

Membership of the partnership is made up of a range of public sector agencies across education, health, the criminal justice system, specialist support services, social services, safeguarding and policy.

2. The BASC Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms Community Network

The purpose of this network is to retain the vital connection between government and those providing support in the community. This network will bring together charities, community groups, faith organisations, and other community partners to share their experiences, identify emerging issues and contribute directly to the work of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms Partnership. This network will provide a direct link between the voices of those working on the ground within the community and government, so that their valuable insights can shape government priorities in this area.

²⁵ <https://www.gov.je/StayingSafe/Community/Projects/pages/bascframework.aspx#anchor-1>

In order to represent this transition into a long-term workstream, the VAWG Annual Progress report will be published under the BASC Framework through the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms Partnership going forward.

Domestic abuse and sexual harms: the key challenges in Jersey

Significant progress has been made over the past three years to implement the VAWG Taskforce recommendations. This work has improved the lives of Islanders across Jersey, offering victim-survivors the protections they need, and supporting our justice system to hold perpetrators accountable.

Although work to complete many of the recommendations has already taken place, it is important that work to address domestic abuse and sexual harms on our Island continues. Lasting change will require an ongoing commitment to tackling the issues and challenges that emerge in this space as and when they arise.

It is a matter for the next Council of Ministers to determine their priorities, but it is hoped that the next Council will feel in a position to continue to build on the strong foundations that have already been laid.. The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs has worked with members of the BASC Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms Partnership to identify the key issues and challenges we are facing in these areas. It is hoped that the next Government will take these issues into consideration when determining the priorities for their term ahead.

- ***Resourcing the system to effectively cope with demand***

Following the publication of the VAWG Taskforce report, there has been a significant increase in the number of reported VAWG-related crimes and the number of victim-survivors reaching out to specialist services for advice and support. This is an extremely positive development. Rather than indicating that the rate of VAWG crime has increased in Jersey, it suggests that awareness of these issues has improved on the Island, that more victim-survivors are feeling empowered to access support, and that public confidence in our criminal justice system has increased.

However, this increase in reporting has led to a significant increase in demand on both our criminal justice system and our support services. This is expected to further increase through the introduction of the new package of five laws aimed at addressing the crimes associated with violence against women and girls, which the States Assembly adopted on 11th March 2026. It is therefore important that these services are appropriately resourced and funded to cope with the existing demand and the introduction of new legislation, building on the commitments made in support of the debate on the laws and support from the Treasury.

- ***Improving our response to victim-survivors***

The specialist support services Jersey Domestic Abuse Support (JDAS), Dewberry House Sexual Assault Referral Centre and FREEDA provide valuable and meaningful support to victim-survivors in Jersey. However, further work is needed to ensure that victim-survivors can receive longer-term support outside of these specialist services. Certain elements of the response to victim-survivors in the criminal justice system and the health and care sector would benefit from development. In particular, the following areas have been identified as needing further focus:

- Increasing the provision of long-term specialist counselling for victim-survivors
- Developing a self-referral pathway for victims of non-fatal strangulation
- Developing a forensic medical pathway for responding to victims of non-fatal strangulation
- Increasing victim engagement and reducing victim attrition in the criminal justice process

- ***Engaging with under-represented communities***

The research undertaken by the VAWG Taskforce shone a light on the issues of domestic abuse and sexual harms in Jersey, but further work is needed to understand the unique concerns and challenges experienced by under-represented communities on the island and:

- Whether some communities are uniquely vulnerable to experiencing domestic abuse or sexual harm in Jersey, and if additional protections need to be put in place for them.
- The extent to which sexual and/or commercial exploitation is taking place on the island.
- Whether further investment is needed for “by-and-for” or independent advocacy services to support individuals from under-represented communities.

- ***Understanding the impact of domestic abuse on children***

Further work to understand the impact of domestic abuse on children in Jersey is needed. Children who experience or witness abuse are at greater risk of emotional trauma, poor mental and physical health, educational difficulties, and involvement with the criminal justice system later in life. Recognising these impacts early helps professionals respond more effectively, tailor interventions to children’s needs, and break cycles of harm. Improving our understanding of domestic abuse on children will help us to ensure that children are seen not just as witnesses to abuse, but as victims in their own right who need protection, support, and stability to thrive.

- ***Coordinating our response to perpetrators***

There are a number of workstreams within and outside of the criminal justice system that relate to responding to perpetrators of domestic abuse and sexual harms. This work takes many different forms. From a criminal justice perspective, this work includes the way the States of Jersey Police and the Courts respond to these crimes and the work done by the States of Jersey Prison Service and the Jersey Probation and Aftercare Service to rehabilitate offenders after a conviction. Outside of the criminal justice system, professionals working across many different services have received training on domestic abuse and sexual harms so that they can recognise indicators of these behaviours, support the safety of victims who are at risk, avoid colluding with perpetrator narratives, and de-escalate unsafe situations. In order to make the response to perpetrators more effective, the following areas have been identified as requiring further focus:

- Updating the Building Healthy Relationships domestic abuse intervention programme.
- Introducing specific interventions for perpetrators of harassment and stalking behaviours.
- Improving coordinated multi-agency working, training and information sharing.
- Introducing new “up-stream” interventions for perpetrators of domestic abuse and sexual harms.

- ***Improving data collection***

Data collection is a crucial element of any effective response to domestic abuse and sexual harms. Collecting high quality data allows us to understand the nature and extent of the issue on the island, helping to identify emerging trends and challenges. It also allows us to assess whether the actions we are taking to tackle these issues are having the desired impact and to ensure that we are making evidence-based decisions. In particular, the following areas relating to data collection have been identified as requiring further development:

- Developing a centralised dataset on violence against women and girls reports in Jersey.
- Capturing reports of domestic abuse that are not processed through the criminal justice system.
- Standardising data, recording and quality assurance for domestic abuse and sexual harms.
- Improving data collection on reoffending and reconviction including a specific study to understand this further on the island.

- ***Coordinating training provision***

Regular training to improve understanding and awareness, empower professionals, and ensure services are operating in line with best practice is a crucial part of our work to address domestic abuse and sexual harms in Jersey. The VAWG Taskforce made a variety of recommendations related to training for a variety of groups and professionals, and, as this report has demonstrated, significant progress has been made towards implementing these recommendations. However, further work is needed to coordinate training provision in this space to ensure that professionals are operating from the same knowledge base, using a shared language, and are able to provide a consistent level of sensitivity and support. In particular, the following areas of focus have been identified:

- Finish mapping existing training provision and finalise training needs analysis across public and third sector.
- Provide a training framework which enables public and third sector to identify and address ongoing training needs?
- Ensuring that specialist support services, criminal justice agencies and other relevant stakeholders receive appropriate training before the new package of VAWG legislation comes into force.

VAWG Recommendation Overview

No.	Recommendation	Owned by	Status	Anticipated Deadline
1	Extend the Istanbul Convention to Jersey	Justice and Home Affairs	In Progress	May 2027
2.1	Apply an intersectional approach to all VAWG work	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
2.2	Conduct further research with marginalised groups	Justice and Home Affairs	In Progress	March 2027
3.1	Review existing VAWG data collection	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
3.2	Build a centralised VAWG dataset	Justice and Home Affairs	In Progress	Q3 2026
4.1	Issue guidance on the application of the domestic abuse offence	Law Officers' Department	Complete	N/A
4.2	Conduct training needs analysis for support services	Justice and Home Affairs	In Progress	September 2026
5	Introduce training on economic abuse to support services	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
6	Conduct further research on sexual and commercial exploitation	Justice and Home Affairs	In Progress	March 2027
7.1	Introduce campaign to address street harassment	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
7.2	Introduce a stronger police presence in areas of St Helier	States of Jersey Police	Complete	N/A
7.3	Ensure support is available for rough sleepers	Justice and Home Affairs	No further action	N/A
7.4	Improve street lighting in Snow Hill area	Infrastructure and Environment	Not Started	2027
8	Introduce legislation to tackle public sexual harassment	Justice and Home Affairs	In Progress	January 2028
9.1	Conduct further research into honour-based abuse	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A

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No.	Recommendation	Owned by	Status	Anticipated Deadline
9.2	Increase awareness of FGM mandatory reporting duty	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
10	Introduce legislation to regulate online platforms	Department for the Economy	In Progress	2027
11	Introduce legislation to address online and technology-facilitated abuse	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
12	Introduce training on online and technology-facilitated abuse	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
13.1	Introduce short-term support for online and technology-facilitated abuse	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
13.2	Publish information on online and technology-facilitated abuse	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
14	Collect data on prevalence of online and technology-facilitated abuse	States of Jersey Police	Complete	N/A
15	Commission an independent review of the criminal justice system in relation to domestic abuse, rape and other sexual offences	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
16	Publish procedure for managing concerns about police behaviour	States of Jersey Police	Complete	N/A
17.1	Train police officers on how to manage conflicts of interest	States of Jersey Police	Complete	N/A
17.2	Publish policy for managing conflicts of interest	States of Jersey Police	Complete	N/A
18	Review data on how police respond to reports according to sex	States of Jersey Police	Complete	N/A
19.1	Undertake review of structure and resourcing of Jersey Domestic Abuse Support	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
19.2	Improve publicity of IDVA service offering	Jersey Domestic Abuse Support	In Progress	January 2027

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No.	Recommendation	Owned by	Status	Anticipated Deadline
20.1	Improve signposting to the Code on the decision to prosecute	Law Officers' Department	Complete	N/A
20.2	Publish a simplified version of the guiding principles used to make prosecutorial decisions	Law Officers' Department	Complete	N/A
21	Review determination process for special measures applications	Royal Court	Complete	N/A
22	Introduce training on the criminal justice system for support services	Law Officers' Department	Complete	N/A
23.1	Publish sex disaggregated data	Law Officers' Department	In Progress	September 2026
23.2	Publish information on the guiding principles and rationale used to make sentencing decisions in Jersey	Royal Court	Complete	N/A
24.1	Introduce emergency barring orders into Domestic Abuse Law	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
24.2	Build accountability into design of emergency barring orders	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
25.1	Introduce an offence of non-fatal strangulation	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
25.2	Issue guidance on the evidentiary basis for proving non-fatal strangulation	Law Officers' Department	In Progress	July 2026
26	Issue guidance that makes it clear economic abuse is captured within the offence of domestic abuse	Law Officers' Department	Complete	N/A
27.1	Undertake a review of domestic abuse convictions involving economic abuse	Justice and Home Affairs	Not Started	December 2028
27.2	Amend the Domestic Abuse Law if the review finds that economic abuse is not suitably captured within the domestic abuse offence	Justice and Home Affairs	Not Started	December 2028

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No.	Recommendation	Owned by	Status	Anticipated Deadline
28	Introduce an offence of stalking	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
29.1	Commission an independent review of the Family Courts system in relation to domestic abuse cases	Justice and Home Affairs	In Progress	June 2026
29.2	Monitor the progress in implementing the recommendations of the review	Justice and Home Affairs	Not Started	June 2027
30	Introduce training on domestic abuse for Family Court professionals	Family Courts	Complete	N/A
31	Develop a specific pathway for domestic abuse cases in the Family Courts system	Jersey Family Court Advisory Service	In Progress	July 2026
32	Review judicial training on domestic abuse and parental alienation allegations	Family Courts	In Progress	Q4 2026
33	Liaise with UK Harm Panel report authors during development of Jersey practice guidance	Family Courts	In Progress	Q3/Q4 2026
34	Review case outcomes according to the gender of the part over the past 5-years	Jersey Family Court Advisory Service	Complete	N/A
35	Undertake review of case decisions to assess if the presumption of parental involvement has undermined children's safety	Family Courts	No further action	N/A
36	Regularly review the safety of child arrangement orders in domestic abuse cases	Family Courts	No further action	N/A
37	Consider the way work is coordinated across the Family Courts, JFCAS and Children's Services in domestic abuse cases	Jersey Family Justice Council	In Progress	Q3 2026 – Q2 2027
38.1	Introduce perpetrator management training for JFCAS officers	Jersey Family Court Advisory Service	Complete	N/A

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No.	Recommendation	Owned by	Status	Anticipated Deadline
38.2	Introduce a perpetrator referral process into the Building Health Relationships programme within the domestic abuse pathway	Jersey Family Court Advisory Service	Complete	N/A
38.3	Introduce training on post-separation abuse for Family Court professionals	Jersey Family Court Advisory Service	In Progress	Q4 2026
39	Introduce training on IDVAs for Family Court Professionals	Family Courts	In Progress	Q2 2026
40	Introduce mandatory IRIS training for GPs	Health and Care	Complete	N/A
41	Implement routine enquiry in sexual health services	Health and Care	In Progress	December 2026
42	Implement routine enquiry when a patient requests an abortion	Health and Care	In Progress	December 2026
43.1	Implement routine enquiry in mental health services	Health and Care	In Progress	December 2026
43.2	Introduce training on the relationship between VAWG experiences and poor mental health for mental health services	Health and Care	In Progress	December 2026
44.1	Introduce training on the relationship between VAWG experiences and substance misuse for the Alcohol and Drug Service	Health and Care	In Progress	December 2026
44.2	Implement routine enquiry in the Alcohol and Drug Service	Health and Care	In Progress	December 2026
45.1	Introduce training on how to identify and appropriately respond to patients experiencing VAWG for all health professionals	Health and Care	In Progress	December 2026
45.2	Implement targeted enquiry across Health and Care	Health and Care	In Progress	December 2026

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No.	Recommendation	Owned by	Status	Anticipated Deadline
46.1	Introduce training on identifying non-fatal strangulation for frontline health workers	Health and Care	In Progress	December 2026
46.2	Introduce a self-referral pathway for victims of non-fatal strangulation	Health and Care/Victim's First	In Progress	December 2026
47	Introduce training on the link between animal abuse and domestic abuse	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
48	Conduct further research into VAWG experiences of health and social workers	Health and Care	In Progress	December 2026
49	Introduce a financial concession for migrant victim-survivors	Employment, Social Security and Housing	Complete	N/A
50.1	Improve information available on the immigration system	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service	Complete	N/A
50.2	Ensure migrants receive information on specialist VAWG support services	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service	Complete	N/A
51	Define "immigration abuse" in guidance on scope and application of domestic abuse offence	Law Officers' Department	Complete	N/A
52.1	Review data sharing policy across JCIS and SoJP	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service and States of Jersey Police	Complete	N/A
52.2	Publish data sharing policy across JCIS and SoJP	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service and States of Jersey Police	Complete	N/A
53	Establish additional advocacy services to support marginalised communities to navigate public services	Justice and Home Affairs	In Progress	March 2027
54.1	Review process around communicating immigration decisions to ensure rationale is clear to applicants	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service	Complete	N/A

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No.	Recommendation	Owned by	Status	Anticipated Deadline
54.2	Improve signposting to complaints and appeals processes for challenging immigration decisions	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service	Complete	N/A
55.1	Introduce training for immigration officers on VAWG and risk factors	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service	Complete	N/A
55.2	Implement targeted enquiry processes and consistent safeguarding processes for domestic abuse	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service	Complete	N/A
56	Review evidential thresholds for proving domestic abuse in ILR (DV) applications	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service	Complete	N/A
57	Develop and publish practice guidance for responding to migrant workers who are abused by their employer	Jersey Customs and Immigration Service	Complete	N/A
58	Introduce legal aid provision for migrant workers who have been abused at work	Justice and Home Affairs	No further action	N/A
59	Review provision of follow-on accommodation for victims leaving emergency accommodation	Employment, Social Security and Housing	In Progress	January 2027
60	Review provision of specialist counselling support for victims	Health and Care	In Progress	TBC
61	Review training programmes for support services to ensure staff receive training on VAWG and using a trauma-informed approach	Justice and Home Affairs	In Progress	September 2026
62	Consider investment into “by-and-for” services for marginalised groups	Justice and Home Affairs	In Progress	March 2027
63	Introduce an online support provision for victims	Justice and Home Affairs	No Further Action	N/A
64	Develop a centralised dataset on Harmful Sexual Behaviour	Children, Young People, Education and Skills	Complete	N/A

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No.	Recommendation	Owned by	Status	Anticipated Deadline
65	Work with Dewberry House, JAAR and JDAS to promote better awareness of services within schools	Children, Young People, Education and Skills	Complete	N/A
66	Develop a VAWG education programme for parents	BASC Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harms Partnership	In Progress	March 2027
67	Ensure all students are aware of on-site school counsellor provision	Individual schools	Complete	N/A
68	Introduce perpetrator management training for public services	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
69	Assess Building Healthy Relationships programme for RESPECT accreditation	Probation and Aftercare Service	In Progress	Q2 2027
70	Introduce mandatory post-custodial supervision	Justice and Home Affairs	In Progress	2027
71	Increase awareness of Domestic Abuse Disclosure Scheme	States of Jersey Police	Complete	N/A
72	Develop a VAWG action plan	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
73	Introduce a campaign to raise awareness and change attitudes about VAWG	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
74	Use VAWG media reporting toolkit to ensure responsible reporting	Jersey Media	Complete	N/A
75	Engagement of men and boys as part of efforts to reduce and prevent VAWG	Justice and Home Affairs	Complete	N/A
76.1	Develop PSHE curriculum on sex and healthy relationships	Children, Young People, Education and Skills	Complete	N/A
76.2	Ensure PSHE curriculum includes links between gender inequality, misogyny, victim blaming and VAWG	Children, Young People, Education and Skills	Complete	N/A
76.3	Introduce mandatory training for PSHE teachers	Children, Young People, Education and Skills	Complete	N/A

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No.	Recommendation	Owned by	Status	Anticipated Deadline
76.4	Schools should utilise skills and knowledge of Brook	Children, Young People, Education and Skills	Complete	N/A
76.5	Include explicit audit of VAWG in the Jersey Schools Review Framework	Children, Young People, Education and Skills	Complete	N/A
76.6	Include explicit assessment of VAWG in schools' annual safeguarding audit	Children, Young People, Education and Skills	Complete	N/A
77.1	Consider rolling out a "whole-of-school" approach to VAWG across schools	Children, Young People, Education and Skills	In Progress	TBC
77.2	Introduce bystander training for professionals working in educational settings	Children, Young People, Education and Skills	Complete	N/A
77.3	Work with students to develop a bill of rights of what behaviours are acceptable and unacceptable	Individual schools	Complete	N/A