

Dame Karen Bradley MP
Home Affairs Committee
House of Commons
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Dear Dame Karen Bradley,

I am writing to you as the Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee to highlight some of the measures the Home Office have taken forward to halve violence against women and girls in a decade and help make our communities safer.

In December 2025, we announced that all police forces in England and Wales had been instructed to implement specialist rape and sexual offences teams by the end of this parliament. The Prime Minister has announced that these teams will now be in place by December 2027, a year and a half earlier than planned. These teams are dedicated to investigating rape and sexual offences, supporting victims and bringing sex offenders to justice.

We are also announcing new funding to pilot VAWG Protection Order teams in select police forces. These will be specialist teams focused on increasing the use, management and enforcement of VAWG protective orders, such as Domestic Abuse Protection Orders, Sexual Harm Prevention Orders, and Stalking Protection Orders, to safeguard victims and intervene early to disrupt perpetrator behaviours. This activity will provide opportunities to test innovative approaches to improve use of VAWG protective orders, enforce conditions, and monitor breaches, which could be adopted nationwide.

A core part of our VAWG Strategy focuses on the response to perpetrators, both within and outside of the criminal justice system. A key commitment in our ambition to halve VAWG is rollout the Drive Project across England and Wales, ensuring a proven response to the highest risk, highest harm, serial perpetrators of domestic abuse is expanded. One year on from our announcement of the rollout, ten new areas have been onboarded. We will continue to work with Police and Crime Commissioners on delivery, and planning for more areas to be part of this important work to tackle the behaviour of perpetrators in the community.

Our ambition requires us to take a transformative approach to the way we work across Government, public services, the private sector and charities. Over the Summer, we therefore worked with policing and the music industry to showcase the Government's ENOUGH campaign at concerts and live music events, including Reading and Leeds Festival and Latitude Festival. The campaign, was displayed on screens across the festival sites, reaching hundreds of thousands of attendees and highlighting examples of abusive behaviours that often go unrecognised, while encouraging those whose actions may cause harm to reflect on their own behaviour.

I will arrange for a copy of this letter to be placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Kaur' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Satvir Kaur MP
Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls