

Outcomes and Learning Report

The information provided in this document provides the key learning and outcomes from the **Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)** External Advisory Panel (EAP).

Each panel consists of a range of themed case studies that are reviewed, with feedback provided within the meeting by each panel member.

The details in this report are based on the panel meetings that took place between July 2024 to December 2024:

Panel Overview

Two panel meetings took place during this period. The themes for these were as follows:

- Stranger and Domestic Stalking
- Black and Minoritised victims' experiences of domestic abuse.

Learning Outcomes

The panel identified the following learning points for the force:

- 1. Consideration of using an evidence-led approach where a prosecution could be sought without the victim's support.
- 2. For Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) to have an understanding of local support organisations within their area(s).
- 3. Ensure good use of communication and language in providing frequent updates.
- 4. Take an accumulative approach to isolated incidents.

Some positive policing approaches were highlighted by the panel in relation to some complex cases reviewed, connecting multiple incidences and an understanding of victim and perpetrator mental health needs.