



Online Safety for Schools

UK VAWG strategy developments (Dec 2025)

Overall Government Aim

- Ambition to halve violence against women and girls within a decade and treat VAWG as a national emergency.



Core Strategic & Legislative Measures

1. New Cross-Government VAWG Strategy

- Launch of a **comprehensive, long-awaited VAWG strategy** addressing violence, abuse and misogyny across society (online and offline).



Enhanced Police & Justice Response

- **Dedicated Rape & Sexual Offence Investigation Teams** in every police force by 2029.
- **Domestic Abuse Protection Orders** expanded:
 - Longer/stronger conditions, e.g., tagging, curfews, exclusion zones.
 - Breach becomes a **criminal offence** with up to 5 years' imprisonment.
- **Domestic abuse specialists embedded in 999 call centres** to prioritise specialist support from first contact.
- **Special police squads to target online abusers.**



Education & Prevention

- **Healthy relationship & consent education** offered to every student in England; early intervention to challenge misogyny and prevent relationship abuse.
- **Anti-misogyny and behaviour change programmes** aimed at boys from age ~11 (pilots in schools).
- New **teen relationship abuse helpline** to support young people concerned about harmful behaviour.



📱 Technology & Online Safety

- **Action on tech-facilitated VAWG:**
 - Plans to tackle online abuse, stalking and harassment and harmful content.
 - Government pushing for **nudity-detecting / blocking tools on devices** to protect children from explicit content.
 - Crackdown on **deepfake abuse & AI nudification tools** as part of the strategy.

🏡 Support for Victims

- **£500m+ funding uplift** for local authorities to provide safe accommodation and support to domestic abuse victims and their children.
- **NHS specialist referral pathways** to help survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence access timely care and trauma-informed support.

🧠 Cultural Change & Misogyny

- Strategy explicitly aims to **tackle misogyny, harmful attitudes and behaviours** as key drivers of VAWG — not just treat symptoms with criminal justice responses.

👤 Perpetrator Management

- Requirements for **convicted sex offenders to notify police of social media/dating accounts** to assist monitoring and prevention (reported in summaries).

🤝 Cross-Agency & Specialist Collaboration

- Multi-agency focus on harder-to-reach crime types such as '*honour*'-based abuse with coordinated CPS, police and third-sector work.
- Support for specialist training and understanding across justice system and law enforcement.

👶 Child-Focused Work

- VAWG strategy includes actions against **technology-facilitated abuse affecting children**.



- Government linked separate actions to independent child sexual abuse inquiry recommendations (e.g. mandatory reporting, grooming sentencing enhancements and data improvements).

📋 Summary in Short

Prevention, justice, support, education, technology safeguards and cultural change are the five pillars underpinning the current strategy Jess Phillips has outlined — backed by new laws, funding, policing reforms and a decade-long target.

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