

Domestic violence/ Violence Against Women

Domestic Violence murders

Geeta Aulakh case

Six arrested over murder and mutilation of woman

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/nov/19/geeta-aulakh-murder>

Six bailed over mutilation murder

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/8367648.stm>

Husband charged in hand mutilation murder case

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/8409855.stm>

Claire Howarth case

PC given life for fiancée murder

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/manchester/8374095.stm>

Policeman jailed for murdering constable fiancée

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/nov/23/policeman-admits-murdering-fiancee>

Vicky Roberts case

Husband charged with strangling wife of six months

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/merseyside/8400791.stm>

Francesca Bimpson case

Arsonist jailed for Liverpool girl's murder

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/merseyside/8401415.stm>

Arsonist who killed three-year-old girl jailed for life

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/dec/08/arsonist-graham-heaps-murder-jailed>

Paul Otieno case

Boy, 4, stabbed to death at flat

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/8376359.stm>

Man held in hospital after his son, aged 3, is stabbed to death
<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/crime/article6929607.ece>

Other domestic murders

In 2003, despite numerous attempts to get help from the police, Julia Pemberton and her son William were murdered by his father Alan Pemberton, who then turned the gun on himself

<http://www.guardianweekly.co.uk/?page=editorial&id=1360&catID=6>

Kitchen knife killer given life <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/8377315.stm>

Sex abuser McElhill killed his family in Omagh fire

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/foyle_and_west/8401435.stm

Devoted husband who strangled wife in his sleep walks free from court

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/nov/20/brian-thomas-dream-strangler-tragedy>

Other domestic violence offences

Man jailed for 12 years for eyeball gouging attack

<http://news.stv.tv/scotland/138733-man-jailed-for-12-years-for-eyeball-gouging-attack/>

Ronnie Wood arrested on suspicion of assault

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/music/2009/dec/03/ronnie-wood-arrested-suspicion-assault>

Rise in Scottish domestic abuse <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/8375966.stm>

Domestic abuse cases near 19,000

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/devon/8374031.stm>

DV and young people

One in four girls face attack by boyfriend

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/nov/23/teenage-domestic-violence>

Labour cracks down on teenage violence

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/nov/22/teenage-domestic-violence-crackdown>

Violence Against Women Strategy

Together We Can End Violence Against Women and Girls: a Strategy

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/vawg-strategy-2009/>

Statement on violence against women and girls

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/Page21439>

Together we can end violence against women and girls strategy outlined
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news/violence-against-women-and-girls>

A good news day for women
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/nov/25/violence-against-women-strategy>

YWCA welcomes Government's 'End Violence Against Women' strategy
http://www.ywca.org.uk/news/YWCA_welcomes_Government's_'End_Violence_Against_Women'_strategy

Domestic violence victims need targeted support
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/nov/25/domestic-violence-victim-support>

Postcode lottery of support for women and child victims
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/joepublic/2009/nov/25/domestic-violence-charity-campaign>

Domestic Violence awareness lessons in schools

Classroom drive to curb violence in relationships
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/nov/25/violence-prevention-classes>

Domestic violence lessons planned <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8376943.stm>

'I hid the abuse from everyone' <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8376432.stm>

What role should teachers have in preventing domestic violence?
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/mortarboard/2009/nov/25/role-teachers-domestic-violence>

Why we need to teach our children about domestic violence
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/top-stories/2009/11/26/why-we-need-to-teach-our-children-about-domestic-violence-115875-21850882/>

The madness of lessons in wife-beating
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-1231295/JAN-MOIR-The-madness-lessons-wife-beating.html>

Jan Moir on Pol Pot tactics to end violence against women
http://blogs.amnesty.org.uk/blogs_entry.asp?eid=4902

So many weird lessons, yet so little time for proper teaching
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/nov/29/education-domestic-violence>

Awareness raising

Rihanna's leadership on domestic abuse

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/nov/22/rihanna-domestic-abuse-helplines>

Why launch a domestic violence campaign?

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8377836.stm>

Reese Witherspoon backs UK domestic violence campaign

<http://www.24dash.com/news/Housing/2009-12-02-Reese-Witherspoon-backs-UK-domestic-violence-campaign>

Letters: More dialogue needed on domestic violence

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/dec/01/domestic-violence-education-boys-dialogue>

Patrick Stewart: the legacy of domestic violence

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/nov/27/patrick-stewart-domestic-violence>

Reader responses to Patrick Stewart on domestic violence

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/dec/04/patrick-stewart-readers-responses>

Services

Domestic abuse helpline reopens

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/cornwall/8373757.stm>

Scheme to support abuse victims

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/nottinghamshire/8373745.stm>

Tackling serial perpetrators of violence against women

http://www.acpo.police.uk/pressrelease.asp?PR_GUID={A84B6E76-0776-4A9C-A71A-CAB62583C4C3}

Police chief on domestic violence

http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/wiltshire/hi/people_and_places/newsid_8376000/8376727.stm

Turning violence into t-shirt art

http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/suffolk/hi/people_and_places/newsid_8376000/8376342.stm

International issues

UN list aims to fight women abuse

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/8377837.stm>

France to ban domestic violence via law

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-11/26/content_12539914.htm

HIV: both the cause and the consequence of violence against women

<http://www.opendemocracy.net/5050/silvia-petretti/hiv-both-cause-and-consequence-of-violence-against-women>

Forced Marriage, FGM and 'Honour' based violence (HBV)

Forced Marriage

Bridget Prentice speaks at forced marriage conference

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/speech251109a.htm>

More forced marriage protection orders than expected issued in first year

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsrelease251109a.htm>

The tribulations of child-bearing children

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=87396>

FGM

Female genital mutilation culture: *December is an important month in Christian calendar, the birth of Jesus Christ, but in some Kenyan communities, it is a month when Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is performed*

<http://www.guardianweekly.co.uk/?page=viewcomment&comID=1847>

New 1 million pound initiative launched to strengthen community based prevention work on female genital mutilation (FGM)

<http://www.rosauk.org/UserFiles/file/FGM%20Initiative%20Press%20Release%2009%2012%2009.pdf>

HBV

'Honour' crimes - an abuse of human rights

http://www.cps.gov.uk/london/chief_comment/forced_marriage_and_honour_crime/

Father believes Tulay 'is alive'

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/8370839.stm>

Rape & Sexual Abuse/ Trafficking

Cases

Delroy Grant in court accused of 'night stalker' sex attacks

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/nov/19/delroy-grant-court>

Schoolgirl, 13, 'gang-raped by boys who filmed ordeal on mobile phone'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1229173/Schoolgirl-13-gang-raped-boys-filmed-ordeal-mobile-phone.html>

Baby P killer seeks rape appeal

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/8376741.stm>

Sex attacker groomed girl online

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/north_yorkshire/8376451.stm

Rape accused named by alleged victim after she was rescued from suicide spot

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/2009/11/25/rape-accused-named-by-alleged-victim-after-she-was-rescued-from-suicide-spot-91466-25246515/>

Rape review (Baroness Stern/ Sara Payne)

Review of rape review victims' experiences welcomed

<http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/review-rape-victims-experiences>

Police ignore rape allegations if victim has been drinking, says Sara Payne

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/nov/25/rape-police-payne-victims>

Police 'sceptical of rape victims from poor areas'

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8379258.stm>

Expert view on rape cases: 'Victims are judged and often not believed'

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/dec/01/expert-view-rape-police>

Drunk women are not 'fair game' for sex, says rape review peer Baroness Stern

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/6810428/Drunk-women-are-not-fair-game-for-sex-says-rape-review-peer-Baroness-Stern.html>

Drunk men who demand sex from partner should be 'treated as rapists'

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/dec/14/stern-review-rape-laws-alcohol>

Policing

Rape warning over festive drinks <http://www.metro.co.uk/news/802223-rape-warning-over-festive-drinks>

Rape warning on Christmas drinks <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8385532.stm>

Failed by police – the woman whose rape complaint was lost in pile of

paperwork <http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/dec/01/rape-case-cctv-footage-destroyed>

Rape investigations unit launched as Met aims to target serial attackers
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/dec/01/met-launches-rape-investigations-unit>

Policing rape http://blogs.amnesty.org.uk/blogs_entry.asp?eid=4971

These videogames are not art. They are extreme pornography
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/dec/16/adult-videogames-sexual-violence-women>

Trafficking

'Women have a hard time accepting that I spend my life looking for underage sex slaves' <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/nov/22/aaron-cohen-sex-slaves-prostitution>

How You Can Help Trafficking Victims Free Themselves
http://humantrafficking.change.org/blog/view/how_you_can_help_trafficking_victims_free_themselves

Sheffield sex trafficking gang jailed <http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/sex-trafficking-gang-jailed>

Children & Young People

Children & Domestic Violence

40,000 Birmingham children at risk of violence at home
<http://www.birminghammail.net/news/top-stories/2009/11/27/40-000-birmingham-children-at-risk-of-violence-at-home-97319-25267717/>

Family Courts

Openness and accountability in family courts: new legislation proposed
<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsrelease191109a.htm>

New family court reporting rules are unclear and will put privacy of vulnerable children at risk http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/go/print/news/news_1954.html

The Media and the Family Courts – key information and questions about the Children, Schools and Families Bill
<http://www.spsw.ox.ac.uk/fileadmin/documents/pdf/fpb6-11.pdf>

Ofsted/ Children's Services

Ofsted under fresh attack over child protection policy

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2009/nov/24/ofsted-child-protection-policy>

Children's services on a knife-edge in Birmingham

<http://www.birminghampost.net/news/newsaggregator/2009/12/04/children-s-services-on-a-knife-edge-in-birmingham-65233-25322810/>

Ofsted rates nine children's services as 'poor'

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/8402573.stm>

Women's issues

Women in prison

Gender and sentencing

http://www.thefword.org.uk/features/2009/11/gender_and_sent

Harriet Harman seeks better solutions for non-violent women offenders

http://www.fmwf.com/media-type/news/2009/11/harriet-harman-seeks-better-solutions-for-non-violent-women-offenders/?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Women prison places reduced to fund community services

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsrelease141209a.htm>

Voluntary Sector

The Compact

Campaigning about campaigning

http://www.thecompact.org.uk/s/blog/102350/140390/campaigning_about_campaigning/

Compact Voice calls for an independent investigation into OTS Compact breach

http://www.compactvoice.org.uk/information/101583/compact_voice_calls_for_an_independent_investigati/

VAT

VAT Rate Increase

http://cvdfk.com/documents/CVDFK_VAT_Rate_Increase_FINAL.pdf

Q&A: Charity tax and VAT

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/dec/15/charities-tax-vat>

Cabinet Committee on the Third Sector aims to create 25,000 jobs

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/DailyBulletin/965193/Cabinet-Committee-Third-Sector-aims-create-25000-jobs/3BBD5522A38E79D2E9B91DC7FF2FF60B/?DCMP=EMC-DailyBulletin>

Development of a bursary scheme for volunteer managers

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/091125_volunteermanagersfunding.aspx

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http://www.bvsc.org/files/downloads/pdf/update-editions/update_192_final.pdf

Statutory Sector

Major social work reform announced

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/dec/01/baby-p-social-work-reform-standards>

More rewards for social workers <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8387677.stm>

New homelessness statistics show 130,000 saved from homelessness

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1394480>

Oneplace: the CAA reporting website [http://www.audit-](http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/localgov/audit/CAA/Pages/oneplace.aspx)

[commission.gov.uk/localgov/audit/CAA/Pages/oneplace.aspx](http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/localgov/audit/CAA/Pages/oneplace.aspx)

Social policy in the noughties: 10 years of change and controversy

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/dec/16/public-services-policy-review-decade>

Criminal Justice

New phase of policing pledge campaign makes clear what the public can

expect from the police <http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/policing-pledge-campaign-phase2>

Outdated Crown Prosecution Service should be modernised, says DPP
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/nov/30/keir-starmer-prosecution-service>

Government unveils plans for smarter working to help Police fight crime and tackle antisocial behaviour <http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/government-plans-antisocial>

Jack Straw: criminals cannot hide from the consequences of their crimes
<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsrelease031209a.htm>

Asylum/ Immigration

We need a gender-sensitive asylum system
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/libertycentral/2009/nov/30/gender-women-asylum>

Women's Asylum News Issue 88
http://www.asylumaid.org.uk/data/files/publications/116/WAN_novdec_09_issue_88amended.pdf

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