

Wednesday 6th May 2026



Dear Party Leader,

### **Will your party commit to ending all forms of violence against women and girls?**

In advance of the upcoming local elections in England, and the Senedd and Holyrood elections in Wales and Scotland, the End Violence Against Women Coalition (EVAW) is writing to all party leaders and LGA Group Chairs **with 5 key asks for you to commit to ending violence against women and girls (VAWG).**

One in four women experience domestic abuse in their lifetimes, and a woman is killed every three days in the UK - with even higher figures for those who die by suicide following abuse. Black and minoritised, migrant, disabled and LGBT+ survivors also face disproportionate levels of violence and abuse. This violence is preventable, not inevitable, but it will [require action](#) from leaders across the UK to prevent it and support survivors, both nationally and locally.

This election offers a crucial opportunity to move us closer to ending VAWG. The government has committed to halve VAWG in a decade, however greater investment at a local level is vital to this mission, and no victim-survivor can be left behind.

[Drawing on our 5 key asks](#), we call on all parties to commit to the following:

1. Prioritise the prevention of VAWG locally, with investment in educational settings and public campaigns to shift harmful attitudes and behaviours.
2. Tackle all forms of violence against women and girls, including domestic abuse, sexual violence, online VAWG, stalking, harassment, economic abuse and 'honour'-based abuse.
3. Advocate for the rights of all women and girls to live free from violence and abuse, including Black and minoritised, migrant and asylum-seeking, disabled and LGBT+ survivors. This also means challenging disinformation about violence against women and girls, especially when it is exploited to stoke fear and division in communities by scapegoating people seeking safety in the UK. [Use this guide to help counter disinformation in public discourse.](#)
4. Invest in local specialist VAWG services, with ring-fenced funding for services led 'by and for' marginalised survivors and specialist sexual violence services, and greater transparency about funding decisions.

5. Ensure that all local statutory services collaborate to tackle VAWG, incorporating bodies across health, housing, children's social care.

Thank you in advance for supporting our efforts to end VAWG. We look forward to receiving your response. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or would like to discuss our work more broadly.

*The End Violence Against Women Coalition (EVAW) is a registered charity with a membership of over 170+ specialist violence against women and girls (VAWG) services, NGOs, academics and survivors working to end VAWG.*

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Walker', written in a cursive style.

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