

## Beating Crime Plan

This can be found here: [Crime plan to protect victims and make streets safer - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/crime-plan-to-protect-victims-and-make-streets-safer) Teams across the Home Office and Ministry of Defence have worked on the new Beating Crime Plan announced this week to reduce crime, protect victims and make the country safer. The measures build on progress to date including the delivery of almost 10,000 of the 20,000 extra police officers promised by 2023. The plan aims to ensure the public are better protected across all parts of the country, with each neighbourhood having contactable, named police officers, who know their area and are best placed to ensure that persistent crime and anti-social behaviour is tackled. It spans work across the police, courts, prison and probation service. A particular focus is given to early intervention, prevention and practical measures to deliver results across communities, and to tackle serious violence.

## Tackling violence against women and girls Strategy

The Home Office is pleased to announce the publication of the new 'Tackling Violence against Women and Girls' strategy, which aims to tackle crimes which disproportionately affect women and girls, such as rape, female genital mutilation, stalking, harassment, and digital crimes such as cyber-flashing, 'revenge porn' and 'up-skirting'. The strategy was informed by a two month call for evidence in which victims/survivors, people involved in preventative activity and communities and organisations affected by these crimes shared their views and experiences.

The strategy aims to prioritise prevention, support victims, pursue perpetrators and strengthening the system by building connection between professionals and agencies to create better joint working and more effective interventions. If you would like further information, contact the team on: [VAWGPolyTeam@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:VAWGPolyTeam@homeoffice.gov.uk)

**Details of the strategy can be found here:**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1005630/Tackling\\_Violence\\_Against\\_Women\\_and\\_Girls\\_Strategy-July\\_2021-FINAL.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1005630/Tackling_Violence_Against_Women_and_Girls_Strategy-July_2021-FINAL.pdf)

## Safety of Women at Night Fund:

The Neighbourhood Crime Unit are responsible for the Safety of Women at Night fund which launched on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. The £5 million Safety of Women at Night Fund focuses on the prevention of violence against women and girls in public spaces at night including in the night-time economy. The fund will support initiatives that target potential perpetrators, seek to protect potential victims, or deliver programmes intended to address offending behaviour. The funding will be made available to PCCs, Local Authorities, the British Transport Police (BTP) and civil society organisations.

**Further information on the fund can be found here:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safety-of-women-at-night-fund-application-process>

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