

NHS ENGLAND PARTNERSHIP

The Emergency Care Dataset (ECDS) is the national dataset for urgent and emergency care, allowing for more consistent and standardised identification of key injury groups (through injury intent fields) as well as supporting the collection of Information Sharing to Tackle Violence (ISTV) data items. The North West team at NHS England and NHS improvement, and NHS Digital Data Liaison Service (DLS) have been working with trusts to improve understanding of ECDS, data collection and quality.

This work led to a collaboration between the NHS teams and TIIG to host two workshops with NHS Trusts to improve ECDS collection, but also provide information to Trusts on why ECDS and ISTV data collection is important. Whilst this data is pivotal in improving patient care and hospital planning, it also supports wider work taking place by Local Authorities, Public Health, Community Safety Partnerships and police to reduce injuries and violence.

Workshop attendees were asked to rate their knowledge of ECDS, and their understanding of its importance at the start and end of the session. Only 38% of attendees felt extremely or very confident in their knowledge of ECDS pre session, with 40% rating that they understood its importance. These figures jumped to 83% (knowledge) and 86% (understanding) post session. Similarly, those who were not very or not all confident pre session dropped from 35% (knowledge) and 31% (understanding) to 0% for both post session.

We are now planning more workshops with NHS England to expand on this work. If you feel this would be useful for your Trust or you would like to know more about ECDS, please email DLS

TIIG IS EXPANDING

In January 2022, TIIG started a new piece of work with Northumbria Violence Reduction Unit (VRU). This work will follow the TIIG model for data sharing and development of a violence specific data hub for the Northumbria area. Work has started to identify key dataset for inclusion and establishing data sharing agreements. We would like to welcome Northumbria to TIIG and hope to launch their data hub later in 2022.



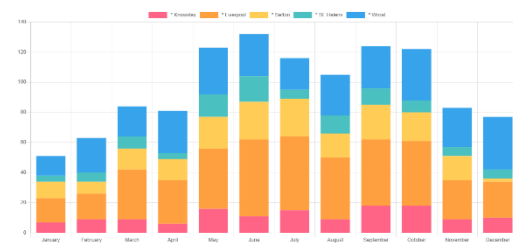
A LOOK AT VAWG

Since 2008 the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women has taken place on 25th November each year. This campaign seeks to raise awareness & eliminate Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) worldwide.

Domestic abuse is often referred to as a hidden crime that occurs primarily at home. Victims may be afraid to report or disclose domestic abuse, particularly during face-to-face interviews. Furthermore, any figures that are reported often do not consider the full impact of the abuse, beyond physical violence, often not considering, financial, emotional or psychological abuse. For example, statistics on domestic violence rarely consider if coercive and/or controlling behaviour was involved, the levels of fear inflicted, or whether multiple incidents occurred.

We are now into our third year of the COVID-19 pandemic and in times of crisis, domestic abuse cases rise. Data shows that calls to charities such as Refuge increased by 60% between April 2020 and February 2021 in comparison to previous years. Lockdown measures have exacerbated many women's situations, due to being confined and isolated and exposure to physical, emotional and sexual abuse has escalated. This is reflected and highlighted in the increases in women seeking emergency accommodation post lockdown.

In the wake of the shocking murder of Sarah Everard in March 2021, along with other high-profile attacks on women, the Government published 'Tackling Violence Against Women & Girls' in July 2021. This strategy highlights that crimes such as rape, stalking, domestic violence and harassment disproportionately affect women and girls, and seeks to bring about real and lasting change.



Data from TIIG can be used to support with this change by monitoring trends over time, identifying risk factors for VAWG and conducting spatial analysis. If you would like more information, or to access our [data hubs](#) please email Jen.Germain.

£130 MILLION FOR VRUS

The Government have announced a further £130 million to tackle serious violence across England and Wales. In 2019, 18 VRUs were set up in areas with high levels of violence. VRUs are multi-agency organisations bringing together police, education, health and local councils which take a public health approach to violence and tackle its root causes.

VRU areas have seen 8,000 fewer incidents of violence with injury and 41,000 fewer incidents of violence without injury in comparison to non VRU areas. It is estimated that this has saved £385 million in victim and society related costs.

The government have confirmed funding for VRUs for the next three years. Funding will also include £30 million into the Grip police enforcement programme (high-visibility police foot patrols in areas at serious risk of violence) and additional funding for two new VRU areas: Cleveland and Humberside.

Finally, the government have pledged their support for a new Serious Violence Duty, which will require police, health, local councils and justice bodies to collaborate locally.

For more information, please click [here](#)

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