

Summary of key local documents, policies, and strategies that contribute to Warwickshire's response to VAWG

Document	Brief Summary
Strategy to tackle Violence, Abuse and Intimidation against Women and Girls (VAIWG) in Warwickshire 2021-2024 <i>(Warwickshire Police)</i>	Aims to focus on priority areas that have limited attention to date or require more focus on emerging issues. The strategy includes five themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety in public • Criminal justice/suspect and offender management • Recording of crimes and incidents • Internal culture • Communications and engagement Underpinning the VAIWG strategy will be a delivery plan that will form the basis of the changes the force will make to improve the service and outcomes for women and girls.
Safer Warwickshire Serious Violence Prevention Strategy 2022-2027 <i>(Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board)</i>	Sets out a long-term partnership approach to address the causes of violence, highlighting the importance of adopting an approach whereby, "preventing serious violence is everyone's responsibility".
Warwickshire Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025 <i>(Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire)</i>	Will direct the Police and Crime Commissioner's work for the next 3 years and shows how he will work with the police and partner agencies to keep Warwickshire safe. The plan sets out five priority areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fight crime and reduce reoffending (focusing on violent crimes, organised crime, re-offending) • Deliver visible and effective policing (focusing on more officers, neighbourhood policing, transforming the force with better IT and buildings) • Keep people safe and reduce harm (focusing on road safety, VAWG, vulnerabilities like mental health, hate crime, and homelessness) • Strengthen communities (focusing on involving communities, crime prevention, partnership working) • Deliver better justice for all (focusing on victims and witnesses, improved communication, justice outcomes of better investigations and timelier results)
Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement 2022-2026 <i>(Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board)</i>	The vision is for the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board to create safer communities through the reduction of crime and promotion of safety, with a focus on three key strategic ambitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address the causes of violence • Tackle discrimination in all its forms • Safe, healthy and empowered communities
Warwickshire Domestic Violence and Abuse	A summary of the key findings and themes are as follows:

<p>Needs Assessment (2016)</p> <p><i>(Warwickshire County Council Community Safety Team)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current specialist community-based support and Refuge services are not meeting the estimated domestic abuse need in Warwickshire. • Existing specialist commissioned provision offers the right service elements but capacity needs increasing to improve quality and meet need. • The Identification and Referral to Improve Safety programme has proved to be an effective addition to the service provision. • Particular gaps are evident in support for children affected by parental domestic abuse and in programmes for perpetrators. • More and improved (coordinated) training in domestic abuse awareness, identification, and safe referral is a common theme. • An improved and more consistent response to domestic abuse victim-survivors and their families is required in relation to access to housing and move-on accommodation. • More education for children and young people is needed alongside support for the teachers delivering it.
<p>Warwickshire Domestic Abuse Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (2021)</p> <p><i>(Warwickshire County Council Domestic Abuse Commissioner)</i></p>	<p>38 recommendations were grouped under the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships • Children, young people, and families • Communication • Training • Criminal justice • Housing • Health • Service specific • National
<p>Published Domestic Homicide Reviews 2015-2022</p> <p><i>(Warwickshire Community Safety Partnerships)</i></p>	<p>TONIC reviewed four published domestic homicide reviews from Warwickshire between 2015-2017¹, within these key learning points as well as recommendations are outlined.</p> <p>These highlighted the need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better communication between agencies • Greater awareness of the complexity of domestic abuse • Greater training around domestic abuse and violence for statutory services, to ensure victims are appropriately cared for and have their needs met
<p>Independent Review of the Warwickshire MARAC (2021)</p> <p><i>(SafeLives commissioned by Warwickshire County Council)</i></p>	<p>An overview of the extent to which the MARAC model in Warwickshire meets the 10 principles of an effective MARAC. The report considers what Warwickshire are doing well, and where there are areas for improvement.</p> <p>Some of the key themes within the areas for improvements included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A need for more referrals to IDVAs

¹ The recently released 'W03 Trish - February 2022' was not available at the time of TONIC writing the literature review.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More attendance at MARAC meetings by probation who are a common referrer and also housing agencies who are a vital stakeholder • A need for professionals to have a better understanding of what constitutes an appropriate referral • Victims' voices being consistently considered; agencies holding one another to account; improved information sharing • More creativity in action planning and these should do more to hold perpetrators to account • More identification for disabled and LGBTQ+ victims <p>There was also a reflection that South MARAC was not performing as well as North and Rugby MARACs.</p> <p>Recommendations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving flagging and tagging policies • Refresh practitioner awareness of referral processes, Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) provision, and include myth busting as well as some targeted training • Better data collection and information sharing, which will help to monitor diversity • Attendance from all key agencies • Enhanced quality assurance • Updated protocols • Inviting LGBTQ+ community organisations to attend where appropriate
<p>Independent Review of Warwickshire's Response to Perpetrators (2021)</p> <p><i>(SafeLives commissioned by Warwickshire County Council)</i></p>	<p>It was found that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic abuse support for perpetrators is extremely limited with only one programme in the community with a small capacity of individuals it can support • Domestic abuse perpetrator support is focused on the escalation end of the spectrum and there are no opportunities to intervene early • The use of disruption and managing perpetrator behaviour is limited. There were some good examples of this observed at MARACs, but it was not consistent and one of the main gaps in the model <p>A 3-fold model was recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upskilling the workforce in identifying perpetrators, being confident discussing abuse, conducting risk assessments, understanding local support pathways, and training domestic abuse perpetrator champions within all agencies • Intervening earlier by commissioning an immediate offer of support for first time standard risk perpetrators and offering support to young people engaging in harmful behaviours within the context of a relationship • Creating a pathway for perpetrator support when court mandated programmes have not been accessed, to help promote behaviour change and encourage accountability

<p>Warwickshire Safe Accommodation Strategy 2021-2024</p> <p><i>(Warwickshire County Council)</i></p>	<p>A statutory duty; it outlines how all agencies will work collaboratively to provide a range of options to remain safe at home or access suitable alternative safe accommodation and support.</p> <p>The Strategy outlines the following five objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early intervention and prevention: that victim-survivors (adults and children) are supported at an early stage and provided with options to remain safe at home to prevent homelessness. This includes holding perpetrators to account for their behaviour • Accessible services: that victim-survivors and professionals know how to access safe accommodation options, both within and outside of Warwickshire • Appropriate safe accommodation: that accommodation options and appropriate support is in place for all victim-survivors who need it • Multiagency delivery: that the needs of victim-survivors will be met by effective, collaborative multi-agency support • Support to return home or move on: that victim-survivors are supported to return home safely and/or move into alternative permanent accommodation
<p>Warwickshire Children and Young People Strategy 2021-2030</p> <p><i>(Warwickshire County Council)</i></p>	<p>The strategy sets out three 'performance obsessions' to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve school attendance • Reduce the number of young people not in education, training, or employment • Safely reduce the number of children in care.
<p>Warwickshire Safeguarding Exploitation Strategy 2020-2023</p> <p><i>(Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership)</i></p>	<p>The scope crosses the domains of sexual exploitation, missing children, gangs, criminal exploitation, organised crime, cuckooing, trafficking, hate crime and prevent/extremism. It sets out the ambition, strategic objectives, approach, and outlines how success will be measured.</p> <p>Warwickshire aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a trauma-informed approach • Utilise contextual safeguarding models • Adopt restorative practice to resolve problems with the least intrusive interventions. <p>There is a pledge to develop shared datasets that build on the data that is already collated and plugs any perceived gaps in knowledge and understanding of the problem.</p>
<p>Warwickshire Modern Slavery Steering Group Action Plan 2021-2023</p> <p><i>(Warwickshire Modern Slavery Steering Group)</i></p>	<p>Themes from the actions set out include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A better partnership pathway from all key agencies • Improved communication and coordination • Development of Warwickshire-specific resources • Raising awareness; monitoring local data to generate a profile

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • better support for victims (particularly concerning housing) as well as the professionals involved • More engagement with local people • Identifying, disrupting, and prosecuting perpetrators.
<p>Spreading Opportunity, Embedding Aspiration and Tackling Disparities: A Countywide Approach to Levelling Up in Warwickshire 2022</p> <p><i>(Warwickshire County Council)</i></p>	<p>Sets out a countywide approach to Levelling Up in Warwickshire aiming to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translate the national Levelling Up missions and policy for Warwickshire • Focus on the specific challenges and opportunities for Warwickshire • Share Warwickshire’s commitment to Levelling Up with communities • Complement and influence existing activity and future ways of working • Recognise and build on the power of all our communities, partnerships, networks, and forums