

Empower Women Toolkit

A resource for agencies seeking to improve outcomes for women from new migrant communities affected by gender based violence

Community groups wanting to develop services accessible to, and able to meet the needs of, women and children affected by gender based violence should consider:

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Is there a safe, women only space within your services where women would be able to talk about their experiences in leaving their country of origin, their journey to the UK and their life in this country?

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Is there information in a woman's mother tongue about her rights and about where she can seek help in relation to gender based violence?

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Are you able to refer women to skilled immigration advisors with an understanding of the impact of gender based violence on women's immigration status and claim for asylum or application for leave to remain?

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Are you able to signpost women with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) to services which can help ensure that their basic needs are met?

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Do you raise and address issues of gender based violence with girls and boys within your community? Do girls and boys have positive role models and support in thinking through issues relating to gender based violence and healthy relationships?

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Do you have support in place for staff seeking to address stigmatised issues within the community?

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Do you undertake regular risk assessments for staff, volunteers and service users?

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Are you developing, or do you have in place, robust partnerships with mainstream providers of services for those affected by gender based violence?