

Scope for Violence against Women & Girls review in East Staffordshire Scrutiny (Environment Health and Well Being) Committee

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Background / Context:

Violence against women and girls (VAWG) remains a challenge for communities in the UK. At a recent Council meeting a motion was presented to examine the extent of VAWG in East Staffordshire, and for East Staffordshire Borough Council (ESBC) to consider becoming an accredited organisation within the White Ribbon campaign. The mission of the White Ribbon campaign is set out below:

Our mission is to prevent violence against women and girls by addressing its root causes. Our aim is to change long established, and harmful, attitudes, systems and behaviours around masculinity that perpetuate gender inequality and men's violence against women. White Ribbon UK's work is preventative, we want to end violence before it starts.

Consequently, this review seeks to understand VAWG and the positive advantages of joining the White Ribbon campaign.

What are the core questions (no more than 3) the review is seeking to answer?

What are the benefits of the White Ribbon Campaign and what would joining entail for East Staffordshire?

What is the purpose of the Review (in one sentence)?

To understand the extent of VAWG in East Staffordshire and the requirements of the White Ribbon campaign.

Scrutiny approach

In scope

What will be included in the review?

A local at available data to establish the level of VAWG in East Staffordshire and potential opportunities that ESBC can exploit to reduce this and/or raise awareness of the issues.

Out of scope

What will not be included?

Review of wider Domestic abuse services

What is the timescale?

February 28th 2023

What evidence / data do you need?

National and local VAWG data

Information from the White Ribbon campaign

Resources

Officer time

Stakeholders to interview

White Ribbon representatives and other organisations that are White Ribbon accredited (if appropriate)