

Creating Change that Lasts:

Welsh Women's Aid manifesto summary document

In October 2020 we published our manifesto calls for Welsh political parties: Creating Change that Lasts. In the lead up to Senedd elections in May, it is vital, now as much as ever to continue conversations around Violence Against Women, Domestic abuse and sexual violence (VAWDASV) and ensure ending VAWDASV is a political priority for the next Welsh Government.

Recentring Violence Against Women as a priority

There is an opportunity for renewed cross-government and cross-party commitment to ending Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence, which is in itself an 'epidemic'.¹ It is coming up six years since the landmark VAWDASV (Wales) Act 2015 was introduced in Wales. With the introduction of the Domestic Abuse Bill in Westminster, we need to ensure Wales remains ambitious in its commitment to end all forms of violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

The COVID-19 pandemic and recent public conversations around women's safety has shown that violence and misogyny are still very much a part of our society. We need strong leadership and cross-party commitment to protection and prevention, to see tangible progress in ending VAWDASV in Wales. Our manifesto calls set out the action that is needed.

13 Key Asks

We have developed 13 key priorities we would like all parties to commit to. You can read detailed actions for each priority in the full document: [\[ENG\]](#) [\[CYM\]](#)

-  Commitment to ensuring a cross government National VAWDASV Strategy
-  Working with an intersectional approach, recognising the needs of all survivors
-  Secure and sustainable funding for the whole VAWDASV specialist sector across Wales
-  Well informed, collaborative and effective commissioning
-  Sustainable funding for children and young people services and support
-  Survivor voices as key partners in the development and delivery of policy and practice
-  Prioritise prevention, early intervention and education
-  Commitment to support women exploited by the sex industry
-  Commitment to supporting survivors with No Recourse to Public Funds
-  Investment in perpetrator interventions which have robust quality assurance and address all perpetrators of VAWDASV
-  Supporting the role of Health in supporting survivors and monitoring duties under the Act
-  Ensuring there is safe, affordable, suitable housing and support for all survivors
-  Recognition that sexual harassment harms women across Wales and support for campaigns to end it