

Women's views on the policing of rape, domestic violence and stalking within the Cleveland Police area.

Research Methods:

A sample of 64 women living within the Cleveland Police area were asked their views in an online survey. They were asked how serious rape by a stranger, rape by someone known to them, domestic violence, and staking were; whether they would report these crimes to the police (and why); what priority they think the police should give these crimes; how seriously they think these crimes are taken by the police; and how seriously they think they should be taken.

Most women said these crimes were extremely/very serious



Not all women said they would definitely report these crimes if they happened to them



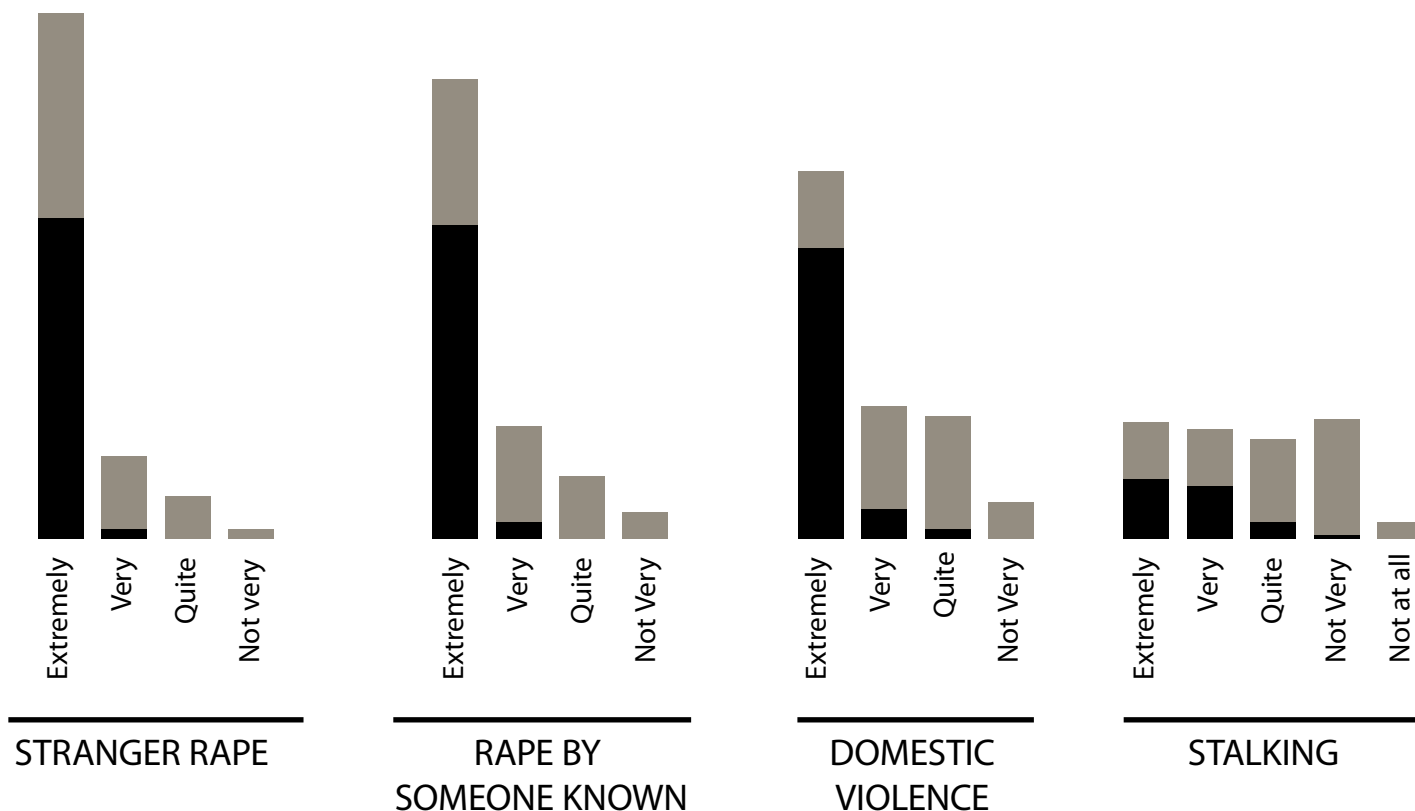
Women explained why they said they would or would not report

Women from Black and other Minority Ethnic backgrounds may be even less likely to make a police report and to access generic (not specialist BME) services.

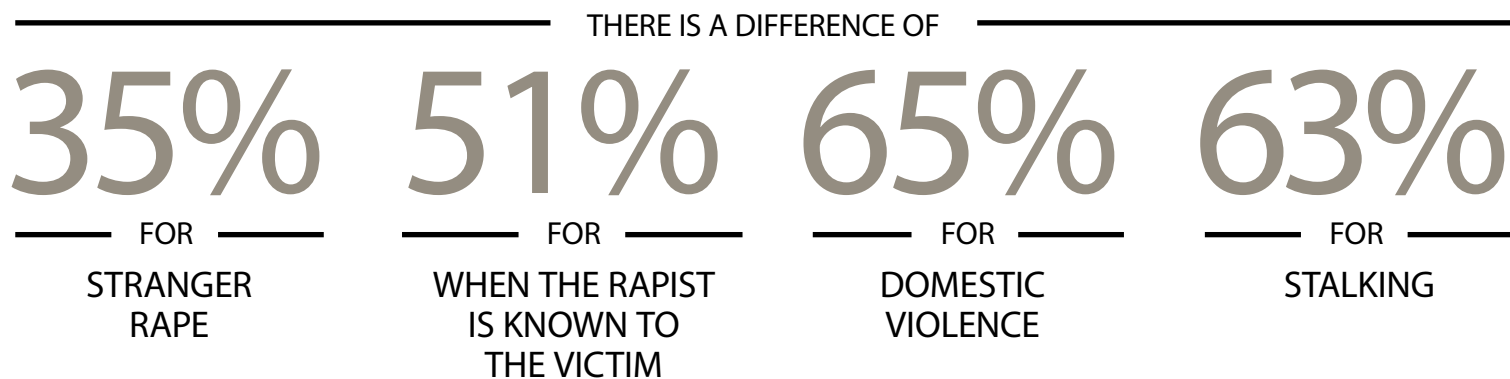
RAPE BY STRANGER	RAPE BY SOMEONE KNOWN	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	STALKING
<p>WOULD REPORT</p> <p>'Although I believe it would be traumatic, it needs to be reported so it doesn't happen to someone else if possible.'</p>	<p>WOULD REPORT</p> <p>'You trust people you know and this needs to be stopped immediately.'</p>	<p>WOULD REPORT</p> <p>'Because this is a very serious crime and the person could attack again and the attacks could get worse.'</p>	<p>WOULD REPORT</p> <p>'Very scary offence, I would report it in the hope the police could offer me protection and catch the offender.'</p>
<p>MIGHT NOT REPORT</p> <p>'Would be scared to tell people in case they didn't believe you.'</p>	<p>WOULD NOT REPORT</p> <p>'I would have doubts as to how seriously it would be taken.'</p>	<p>WOULD NOT REPORT</p> <p>'I have been a victim of domestic violence in the past, and blamed myself.'</p>	<p>WOULD NOT REPORT</p> <p>'I don't know if the police would take it seriously.'</p>

Women do not think the police take rape, domestic violence and stalking as seriously as they should do.

How seriously they THOUGHT they were taken and how seriously they SHOULD be taken:



There is a gap between what people say the police should take extremely seriously, and their view of what the police actually take extremely seriously:



Most women said that these crimes should be given a very high priority, even when considering all the other demands on the police

