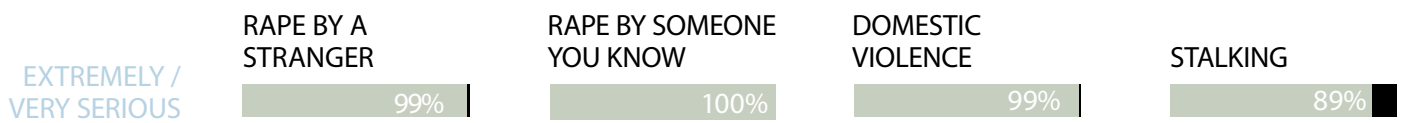


Women's views on the policing of rape, domestic violence and stalking within the Northumbria Police area.

Research Methods:

A sample of 148 women living within the Northumbria 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



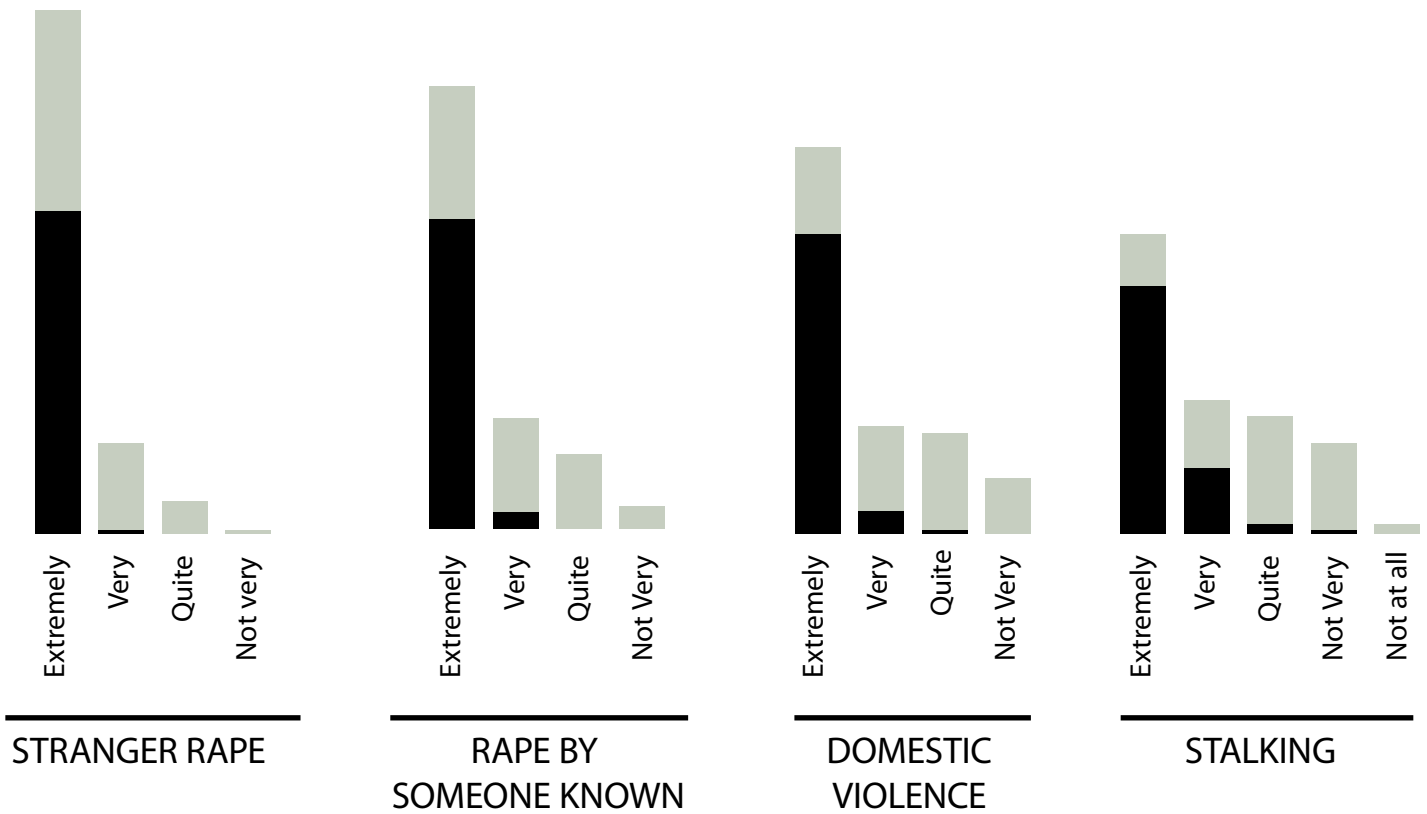
Women explained why they said they would or would not report

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.

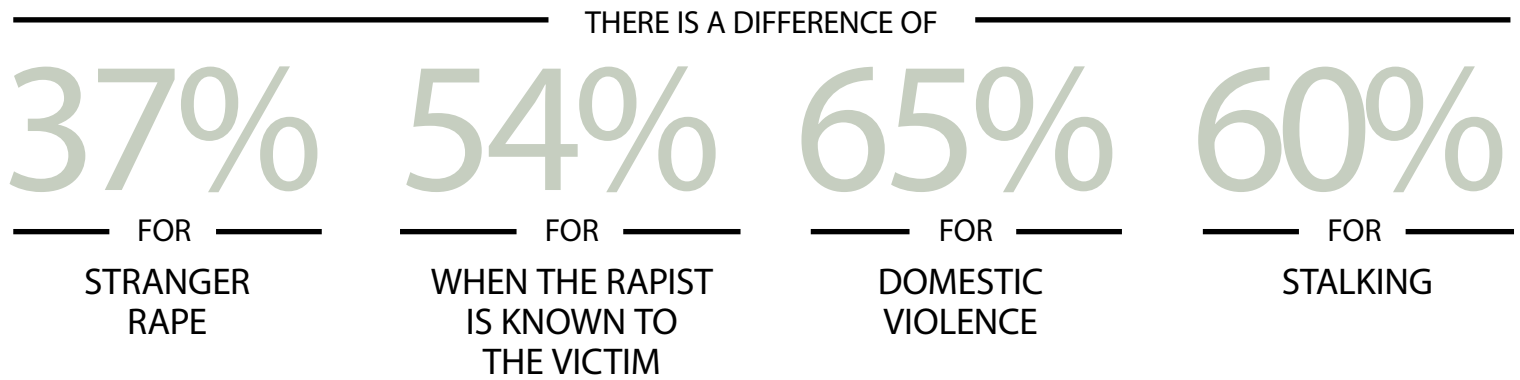
RAPE BY STRANGER	RAPE BY SOMEONE KNOWN	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	STALKING
<p>WOULD REPORT</p> <p>'No one should go unpunished for such a serious offence and be allowed to perhaps do it again.'</p>	<p>WOULD REPORT</p> <p>'Think this would be worse if you knew them! They need to be stopped from repeating it. They need to be punished.'</p>	<p>WOULD REPORT</p> <p>'I believe that no one has the right to be beaten within their own homes. Even though they may be a loved one of mine, I would have to stand up for myself and report them.'</p>	<p>WOULD REPORT</p> <p>'Stalking is frightening and someone should not have the power to terrorise someone in this way.'</p>
<p>WOULD NOT REPORT</p> <p>'Because of the way its treated by the police and courts.'</p>	<p>WOULD NOT REPORT</p> <p>'I feel the criminal justice system revictimises people who experience this type of crime and they rarely see justice.'</p>	<p>WOULD NOT REPORT</p> <p>'I do not trust the police to follow it up or protect me.'</p>	<p>WOULD NOT REPORT</p> <p>'The police attitude is they can't do anything unless you're harmed.' - 'Not sure it would be seen as priority until something physical happened.'</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

