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| **TITLE** | **Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence – Local Strategies Guidance** |
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### I am pleased to announce that the Local Strategies Guidance, as required by the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 (“the Act”) has been published today.

The duty on Local Authorities and Local Health Boards to prepare, publish and implement local strategies is set out in sections 5 to 8 of the Act. These provisions place a duty on Local Authorities and Local Health Boards to prepare and publish joint local strategies for tackling gender-based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

This Guidance has been produced to inform the development of local strategies required under the Act.

The Guidance can be found here: <http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/communities/safety/domesticabuse/publications/local-strategies-guidance/?lang=en>

On International Women’s day the Welsh Government launched a consultation document and survey on a National Survivor Engagement Framework.

The consultation document outlines the Welsh Government’s plan to develop a National Survivor Engagement Framework. It presents the background for this policy initiative, the learning and evidence on which the development is based and a series of options, a combination of which will inform the framework.

The consultation document and survey can be found here: [http://livefearfree.gov.wales/policies-and-guidance/national-survivor-engagement-framework;lang=en](http://livefearfree.gov.wales/policies-and-guidance/national-survivor-engagement-framework?lang=en)