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Welsh Government

# Spiking Workshop

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# Some Key messages

- Spiking is an insidious crime and is about power and control
- Welsh Government is clear that we want an end to violence against Women and Girls
- We are committed to strengthening the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy which will include a focus on the street and workplace as well as at home
- We are currently consulting on the next 5 year VAWDASV strategy

# Our Communications

- Launched the 'Call out only' campaign – asking the public to challenge assumptions about harassment against women
- The campaign highlights how seemingly innocuous actions can be more sinister when prefaced with 'only'
- Campaign is designed to empower bystanders to call out abusive and sexist behaviour
- The campaign website [www.gov.wales/calloutonly](http://www.gov.wales/calloutonly) contains more information on bystander programmes, how to safely help, support and take a stand, information on changing your own behaviour and the support available for those who may be experiencing, or have experienced, sexual harassment, stalking or abuse.

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- We know that this issue needs to be dealt with through a partnership approach
- Welsh Government officials have met with representatives of the night time economy and will continue this engagement in order to work together to tackle issues of misogyny and male violence that lead to acts like spiking
- The Minister for Social Justice has also met with policing leads to understand how they are tackling the issues
- The most recent Policing and Partnership Board included a discussion on Improving the Safety of Women and Girls in Wales
- The Minister for Social Justice responded to an opposition debate on 10 November <https://record.assembly.wales/Plenary/12494#A67896>