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Summary

Research projects

- Justice, inequality and gender based violence
- [Re-Provide](#)
- Drive, evaluation of intervention with high risk domestic abuse perpetrators
- Impact Toolkit
- Global Challenges - Gender, Violence and Displacement

Completed

- [Exploring the service and support needs of male, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered, black and other ethnic victims of domestic and sexual violence](#)
- [Knowledge transfer partnership with Northern Rock Foundation](#)
- [PROVIDE - Programme of Research On Violence in Diverse domestic Environments](#)
- [Rape and the criminal justice system](#)
- [WOSAFEJUS: Why doesn't she press charges?](#)
- [Domestic violence perpetrator services evaluation](#) (2009)
- [Review of tackling perpetrators of violence against women](#) (2009)
- [Evaluation of the measures to support victims of domestic violence in the Domestic Violence Crime and Victims Act \(2004\) and the proposed Croydon Integrated Domestic Violence Court](#) (2008)
- [Gender of domestic abuse perpetrators](#) (2008)
- [Time for change: Domestic abuse perpetrator research in Bristol](#) (2006)
- [Identifying and assessing the practical needs of domestic violence offenders to inform early intervention](#) (2006)
- [Making an impact](#) (2006)
- [Bristol Community Safety and Drugs Partnership](#) (2005)
- [Domestic abuse in Bristol: Findings from a 24-hour snapshot](#) (2005)
- [CRP violence against women overview reports](#) (2004)
- [Developing routine "asking about domestic violence" within general practices](#) (2004)
- [Mapping services and assessing need regarding children and young people living with domestic violence](#) (2004)
- [Attrition in domestic violence cases entering the criminal justice system](#) (2003)
- [Violence against women initiative: Multi-service project initiative evaluation](#) (2003)
- [Young people's experiences and perceptions of violence in the family](#) (2000)

Biography

Professor Marianne Hester OBE FAcSS (MA Oxon, PhD Leeds) holds the Chair in Gender, Violence and International Policy in the Centre for Gender and Violence Research at the School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol. She is Patron of Devon Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services.

She is a leading researcher of gender-based violence and has directed groundbreaking research on many aspects of violence, abuse and gender relations, including child contact and domestic violence, and progression of domestic violence and rape cases through the criminal justice system. Her work has directly influenced health, criminal justice and family policy and practice in the UK, Europe and other countries. Much of her research is comparative, focusing on the UK, Europe and Scandinavia. She is currently researching: interventions with high risk male perpetrators; progression of rape and domestic violence cases through the criminal justice system; and meanings of justice for victims/survivors of gender based violence.

She has worked closely with a range of government departments and NGOs, e.g. as elected Board Member on the Work With Perpetrators European Network (WWP EN) expert advisor to the NICE Programme Development Group (PDG) for guidance on Preventing and Reducing Domestic Violence between Intimate Partners, as Research Director to the Department of Health & National Institute for Mental Health 'Victims of Violence and Abuse Prevention Programme', as specialist advisor to the Home Affairs Select Committee on 'Domestic Violence, Forced Marriage and 'Honour'-based violence', and as NSPCC Professor of Child Sexual Exploitation. She has been visiting Professor at the Universities of Uppsala and Gothenburg in Sweden, the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing and the Nordic Institute of East Asian Studies, Copenhagen, and the University of Winnipeg, Canada.

She was for a long period involved in the Rape Crisis Movement in the UK, and has worked in close collaboration with organisations such as Women's Aid that provide services to women and children experiencing domestic violence. She teaches on the BSc programmes in Social Policy and early Childhood Studies, and on Masters Programmes in Public Policy, Policy Research, Social Work and Security, Conflict and Human Rights. She supervises a large group of PhD students.

Teaching

International and comparative perspectives on gender violence; children and domestic violence; contradictions and compromises in interventions to counter violence and abuse.

Keywords

- Comparative and transnational research on gender and violence; violence against women and children in the UK
- Denmark and China; Domestic violence perpetrators; domestic violence in same sex relationships; Child contact and domestic violence; Prostitution.

Expertise

I have directed groundbreaking research on many aspects of violence, abuse and gender relations, including recent work on: children and domestic violence, discipline and punishment of children in China and UK, male and female domestic violence perpetrators, abuse in same-sex relationships, and sexual exploitation. My research is often comparative, focusing on the UK, China and Scandinavia. My work has directly influenced national health, criminal justice and family policy and practice. I am NSPCC Fresh Start Professor of Child Sexual Exploitation. I served on the Home Affairs Select Committee on 'Domestic violence, Forced Marriage and "Honour"-based Violence', and was Research Director to the Department of Health 'Victims of Violence and Abuse Prevention Programme'.

- violence against women
- violence against women and children in China; Denmark and UK
- domestic violence
- Street prostitution
- Criminal justice approaches
- child contact and domestic violence
- Child sexual exploitation

Memberships

Organisations

[School for Policy Studies](#)

Research centres

- [The Centre for Gender and Violence Research](#)

Recent publications

- Gangoli, G, Bates, L & Hester, M, 2019, '[What does justice mean to black and minority ethnic \(BME\) victims/survivors of gender-based violence?](#)'. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.
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Projects

- [Programme of Research on Violence in Diverse Domestic Environments \(PROVIDE\)](#)