

Gender-Based Violence Research Publications in Scotland, 2021 - 2025

This resource list details Scottish GBV-related research articles and reports published in the past five years. It is prepared annually by the [University of Glasgow GBV Research Forum](#) to help improve access to research publications and share knowledge within and beyond academia. The publications listed have been divided into thematic categories, though some are relevant to more than one category. Where resources are available online, hyperlinks have been included. Some journal articles require a subscription, but a free pre-publication version of the article may be found on the homepages of academic authors.

Children and young people

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Houghton C., Mazur J., Kansour-Sinclair L. and Tisdall, E.K.M. (2023) 'Being a young political actor: Reflections with young domestic abuse survivors from the frontline of transformative participation' in Percy-Smith B., Patrick Thomas N., O'Kane C. and Twum-Dansoh Imoh A. (eds) *A Handbook of Children and Young people's Participation; Conversations for Transformative Change. Second Edition*. London: Routledge.

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Morrison, F. and Houghton, C (2022) Children's human rights in the contexts of domestic abuse and COVID-19. *International Journal of Human Rights*.

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McCarry, M., Radford, L. and Baker, V. (2021) 'What helps? Mothers' and children's experiences of community-based domestic violence early intervention services' *Child Abuse Review*, 30(2): 114-129.

Child contact

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Burman, M., Friskney, R., Mair, R. and Whitecross, R. (2022) *Domestic Abuse and Child Contact: the interface between criminal and civil proceedings*. Glasgow: Civil Justice Hub.

Domestic abuse and stalking

Mirza, N., Bradley, L. & Dickson, N. (2025) *Research Briefing 1: Understandings and Experiences of 'Domestic Abuse'* [Revealing Domestic Abuse Realities and Viable Help-Seeking Pathways for South Asian Women in Scotland]. Policy Briefing.

Mirza, N., Bradley, L. & Dickson, N. (2025) *Research Briefing 2: Domestic Living Arrangements and Kinship Structures* [Revealing Domestic Abuse Realities and Viable Helpseeking Pathways for South Asian Women in Scotland]. Policy Briefing.

Mirza, N., Bradley, L. & Dickson, N. (2025) *Research Briefing 3: Marriage Patterns and Migration Realities* [Revealing Domestic Abuse Realities and Viable Helpseeking Pathways for South Asian Women in Scotland]. Policy Briefing.

Mirza, N., Bradley, L. & Dickson, N. (2025) *Research Briefing 4: Cultural and Community Dynamics* [Revealing Domestic Abuse Realities and Viable Helpseeking Pathways for South Asian Women in Scotland]. Policy Briefing.

Mirza, N., Bradley, L. & Dickson, N. (2025) *Research Briefing 5: Help-Seeking and 'Justice'* [Revealing Domestic Abuse Realities and Viable Helpseeking Pathways for South Asian Women in Scotland]. Policy Briefing.

Butterby, K. and Lombard, N. (2024) Developing a chatbot to support victim-survivors of domestic abuse: considerations and ethical dilemmas. *Journal of Gender Based Violence*.

Lombard, N. and Proctor, K. (2024) Justice Work: Sisters (having to) do it for themselves. Women's experiences of the criminal justice system when reporting domestic abuse and stalking. *British Journal of Criminology*.

Lombard, N. and Whiting, N. (2024) Scotland and the feminist framing of domestic abuse. *Scottish Affairs*, 33(1), pp. 54 - 71.

Lombard, N. and Rennie, E. (2024) *Exploring Views on Sentencing for Domestic Abuse in Scotland* Scottish Sentencing Council.

McPherson, R., Burgess, N. and Gormley, J. (2024) *The sentencing of offences involving stalking in Scotland. Literature review*. Documentation. Scottish Sentencing Council, Edinburgh.

Burman, M., Brooks-Hay, O. and Friskney, R. (2023) 'Operationalizing Coercive Control: Early Insights on the Policing of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018' in Douglas, H., Fitz-Gibbon, K., Goodmark, L. and Walklate, S. (eds.), *The Criminalization of Violence Against Women: Comparative Perspectives*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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Lombard, N. and Proctor, K. (2023) *The Lived Experiences of Victims of Coercive Control, Stalking and Related Crimes, as they progress through the Criminal Justice System*: Scottish Government Final Report, SCCJR.

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McPherson, R. (2023) 'Prosecuting and sentencing domestic abuse in Scotland'. In: Bettinson, V., Speed, A., Richardson, K. and Burton, M. (eds.) *Research Handbook on Domestic Violence and Abuse*. Edward Elgar.

McPherson, R. (2023) Fit for purpose in today's society? Reflecting on provocation pleas in modern Scotland. *Journal of Criminal Law*, 87(2), pp. 97-108. DOI:10.1177/00220183231165813

Scottish Government (2023) *Justice, Safety and Support: What children and adults told researchers about the new law on domestic abuse*. Edinburgh.

Brooks-Hay, O., Saunders, K. and Burman, M. (2022) A toxic mix: the impact of COVID-19 lockdown measures on the post-separation experiences of domestic abuse survivors. *Journal of Gender-Based Violence*, 6(3): 426-441.

Chantler, K., Mirza, N. and Mackenzie, M. (2022) Policy and professional responses to forced marriage in Scotland. *British Journal of Social Work*. 52 (2): 833-849.

Houghton, C., Morrison, F., Warrington, C. and Tisdall, E.K.M. (2022) *Domestic Abuse Court Experiences Research: the perspectives of victims and witnesses in Scotland*. Edinburgh: Scottish Government.

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McPherson, R. (2021) Legal change and legal inertia: understanding and contextualising Scottish cases in which women kill their abusers. *Journal of Gender-Based Violence*, 5(2): 289-306.

Domestic/intimate partner homicide

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GBV and inequalities

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McCarry, M. Boyle, K. and House, M. (2025). Gender-based Violence and Safety Work in Higher Education. *Feminist Theory*.

Mitchell, K.R., Purvis, A., Blake, C., Taylor, R.S., Moore, L. and The Equally Safe at School Evaluation Team. (2025). Is a 'crisis of masculinity' evident in UK secondary student attitudes towards gender equality, gender stereotypes and sexual harassment?. *J Epidemiol Community Health*, 79(12), pp.960-961.

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