

Amendment to the Notice of Motion

Women and girls in Lancashire are suffering from misogyny manifested in sexual harassment domestic abuse and death. This type of misogyny affects a wider circle than the women involved and the impact on children can be considerable. 62% of children living in an abusive household are harmed directly, with 90% being witness to the abuse between parents.

There is no excuse for misogyny or indeed misandry or gender based sexual harassment or abuse of any sort.

South Ribble Borough Council offers its wholehearted support to the victims of such harassment, abuse and violence, as well as to the police officers who protect and support our communities and resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to Andrew Snowden, Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, to request he make personal representation on the following:

1. That legislation regarding domestic violence and coercive control be strictly and robustly applied by all police forces across England and Wales and be prosecuted by the Crown Prosecution Service whenever there is sufficient evidence to make a conviction likely, even if the prosecution is not supported by the victim.
2. That he liaises with the Secretary of State, Kit Malthouse MP, to direct police forces to include in their Annual Report details of all cases where a person of one sex commits an offence of homicide against a person of another sex and for Government to consider defining misogyny and misandry as a hate crime.
3. That a task force be set up before the end of the year to assess the extent and impact of online threats (including by so called "incels") and the effect on the behaviour of women and girls, and to work with voluntary groups and experts who have experience in this field.
4. That all incidents of domestic violence be treated as offences against the person and prosecuted in a form commensurate with the harm or injury caused.
5. That policing resources be put into training in the recognition and victim support in cases of suspected domestic abuse and / or suspected coercive control.
6. That resources be made available to further study the links between domestic abuse and the perpetrators of terrorist actions.