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Domestic violence is defined as an intimate relationship between partners, where one individual wants to assert power and gain control over the other person. Mostly the abuser asserts power in different ways of abuse, which may include physical, psychological, economic and sexual abuse. In certain circumstances the abuser might try to manipulate the victim through the use of his or her children. Domestic violence is not restricted towards only one gender; in fact it is gender neutral. 1 Although according to Crime Survey for England and Wales, women are more prone to domestic violence than men. 1 out of 4 women and 1 out of 6 men have faced domestic abuse in their lifetime. 2 Estimates of 1.9 million adults aged between 16 to 59 years have faced domestic violence in the year ending March 2017.

3 From the above facts presented above, it is clear that United Kingdom and Wales is dealing with a serious problem of domestic violence and the CPS is trying to eradicate the problem and tackle it by introducing new acts and strategies. Firstly, in this plan I will be looking into the recent developments of law undertaken by CPS and analyse how it is contributing towards the betterment of the victims and the witnesses. Secondly, if the new act addresses the any inconsistency of the previous acts, which make the laws, work better for victims now. Thirdly, as the police are the first form of contact for the victim and they work closely in regards to case. I would look into any advancements made by the police and if any failure in this aspect. As reportedly a number of domestic violence cases are going unattended by the police and the percentage is soaring high 4 Fourthly, my arguments for or against the developments made by the laws. Specifically looking if it is effective enough to bring a positive change in this sphere.

It is required by CPS to take greater care while considering all the facts of the offending behaviour and the relevant background history before any action could be taken against the offender. There should not be any stereotypical assumptions made against the victim or the abuser. As all the cases must be judged by their own merits by the police and the CPS. CPS Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy is an overarching framework for crimes, which mainly looks into the offences, which is committed by power and control. It mainly looks into the protection of women and girls, but they also recognize that some victims will be men too. This is appreciable as male victims are often failed by the system.

VAWG tackles domestic-violence, child-abuse, forced marriages, prostitution, and pornography. ¹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-violence-and-abuse> ² <https://www.ons.gov>.

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