

UK's Implications to HK: Strategies and Measures in Combating Domestic Violence

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Comparison of UK & HK's strategies in combating domestic violence

Themes	UK	Hong Kong
Clear domestic violence policy		
Central coordinating mechanism	Home Office	SWD, Working group on combating violence
Specialized domestic violence Court		
Legal advocates		
victim / witness support		
Pro-arrest policy		
Injunction orders		
Legislation in court-mandated BIP		
Court-ordered programme for batterers		
Child fatality review		

Framework in making strategies in tackling domestic violence

Critical Issues	Roles of legal actors	Roles of social service practitioners	Role of health professional
Social services for victims		Victim Support (National alliance) Interagency collaboration Professional Practice Standards	Screening
Public legal knowledge	Legal education Interfacing with social service practitioners	Legal education Interfacing with legal actors	

Reporting of domestic violence	Investigation and Enhanced Evidence Gathering	Mandatory reporting	Mandatory reporting
Arrest	Mandatory arrest	Referral & support	Professional witness
Prosecution	No-drop prosecution policy	Victim / Witness Support Service (legal)	
DV court	Understanding of DV thro' training	Victim/Witness Support Service (legal) Court-ordered BIPs	
Knowledge building	Evaluation on the Court-ordered BIPs Serious Case Review to Domestic Violence Homicide Review		

Thank you!