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## Information or recent articles on domestic abuse of pregnant women during COVID 19 lockdown

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**Sources searched**  
End Violence Against Women (1)  
Google (4)  
Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) (1)  
United Nations Population Fund (1)  
Women's Aid (2)  
World Economic Forum (1)

**Date range used** (5 years, 10 years): recent   
**Limits used** (gender, article/study type, etc.): pregnant women, women   
**Search terms and notes** (full search strategy for database searches below):

Safe Lives

Google

HDAS EMBASE, CINAHL, Psychinf

RCOG

NHS website

Domestic violence support organisations

Women's Refuge [https://www.refuge.org.uk](https://www.refuge.org.uk/) with links to general info on COVID19

Domestic abuse and COVID19 <https://safelives.org.uk/news-views/domestic-abuse-and-covid-19>

Women's Aid <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/>

Respect <http://respect.uk.net/>

End Violence against Women <https://www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk/>

[**Refuge responds to COVID-19.**](https://www.refuge.org.uk/refuge-responds-to-covid-19/)  
Refuge; 2020.  
<https://www.refuge.org.uk/refuge-responds-to-covid-19/>  
[Refuge wants to reassure those experiencing abuse that they are not alone. Our services remain open and we have contingency plans in place for all of our services, including refuges, community-based services and the National Domestic Abuse Helpline, run by Refuge.]  
Freely available online

Domestic abuse in Pregnancy  <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/domestic-abuse-pregnant/> includes video with factual info by a midwife.

Woman's Hour podcasts

**DV during COVID** 14min in [https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000gtm3](https://owa.hhft.nhs.uk/owa/redir.aspx?C=yJEYYqZYa-sjO21uAUojG0yXJqiVqqXHz0EWroUkJttZyOkvsuLXCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2fwww.bbc.co.uk%2fprogrammes%2fm000gtm3)

Victims of violence in the home are being reassured that there's still help available for them despite what's happening. Sarah Green from End Violence Against Women describes how dangerous the lock-down is for victims of domestic abuse.

**Dv perpetrators** 1st 10 min <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000h7x0>

Jo Todd from the organisation RESPECT talks to us about perpetrators of domestic violence and what her charity

End Violence against Women is doing to help them stop their behaviour.

For more information about the resources please go to: [www.hantshealthcarelibrary.nhs.uk](file:///C:\Users\elain\Downloads\www.hantshealthcarelibrary.nhs.uk) .

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## A. National and International Guidance

#### Home Office

**Coronavirus (COVID-19): support for victims of domestic abuse** (2020)

[Available online at this link](https://www.knowledgeshare.nhs.uk/index.php?PageID=link_resolver&link=d73eb617a383a21eb86d7b3fb1d2baa0)

## B. Institutional Publications

#### End Violence Against Women

**COVID-19 Response** (2020)

[Available online at this link](https://www.knowledgeshare.nhs.uk/index.php?PageID=link_resolver&link=690b40e2d5ffc8f185f6c6ca6a603fe7)

News, updates and reports of violence on women during COVID-19

#### Royal College of Midwives (RCM)

**Domestic abuse** (2019)

[Available online at this link](https://www.knowledgeshare.nhs.uk/index.php?PageID=link_resolver&link=e58f5c17e3cd81cd35a3e42a5b23d8dd)

e-learning on domestic abuse in pregnancy. Pre-COVID 19

#### Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG)

**Domestic violence during pregnancy doubles risk of preterm birth and low birth weight** (2016)

[Available online at this link](https://www.knowledgeshare.nhs.uk/index.php?PageID=link_resolver&link=a39991b7fc9dcebe1fbbf8d9f2022bdf)

Press release with link to published research Links to ONS crime statistics

#### Telford and Wrekin Council

**Domestic abuse during pregnancy** (2019)

[Available online at this link](https://www.knowledgeshare.nhs.uk/index.php?PageID=link_resolver&link=5c115760bbc4166dd38601a594e73bfa)

List of physical affects of abuse during pregnancy.

#### UNFPA

**When quarantine is unsafe: Domestic violence survivors seek help in Ukraine** (2020)

[Available online at this link](https://www.knowledgeshare.nhs.uk/index.php?PageID=link_resolver&link=3a2b001a062664f0909bc4881f6ccb29)

One by one, countries facing lockdowns and movement restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic are reporting alarming increases in domestic abuse. For too many women, safety from the virus is not safety from violence.

#### United Nations Population Fund

**Gender-based violence spikes amid pandemic, shelters need support** (2020)

[Available online at this link](https://www.knowledgeshare.nhs.uk/index.php?PageID=link_resolver&link=f1e68e4d9a1997a72864c3d90e156c84)

Case study in Kosova

#### Women's Aid

**COVID-19: Resource hub: practical support and advice** (2020)

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Link to report at https://www.womensaid.org.uk/research-and-publications/the-domestic-abuse-report

#### World Economic Forum

**The COVID-19 pandemic could have huge knock-on effects on women's health, says the UN** (2020)

[Available online at this link](https://www.knowledgeshare.nhs.uk/index.php?PageID=link_resolver&link=0e7299255aeb00182d378bd57b2118fa)

Consequences for women's health during COVID-19, including pregnant women. Links to statements and global case studies

### Opening Internet Links

The links to internet sites in this document are 'live' and can be opened by holding down the CTRL key on your keyboard while clicking on the web address with your mouse

### Full text papers

Links are given to full text resources where available. For some of the papers, you will need an **NHS OpenAthens Account**. If you do not have an account you can [register online](https://openathens.nice.org.uk/).

You can then access the papers by simply entering your username and password. If you do not have easy access to the internet to gain access, please let us know and we can download the papers for you.

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**Portable Document Format / pdf / Adobe**  
Click on the Search button (illustrated with binoculars). This will open up a search window. Type in the term you need to find and links to all of the references to that term within the document will be displayed in the window. You can jump to each reference by clicking it.

**Word documents**  
Select Edit from the menu, the Find and type in your term in the search box which is presented. The search function will locate the first use of the term in the document. By pressing 'next' you will jump to further references.

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