

International Women's Day Statement on behalf of the Helena Kennedy Centre

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On 3rd March 2021, Sarah Everard was abducted, raped and murdered by a serving police officer.¹ Largely due to the nature of the offender's occupation, this crime was at the forefront of the news, and Sarah Everard's name became the most familiar name of the 141 women killed by male violence in 2021. Her murder enabled public scrutiny and insecurity around who offenders of violence against women and girls (VAWG) are. There tends to be a generalised perception that VAWG is caused by singular, violent men, and particularly not men in positions of 'trust' or 'responsibility'.

Whilst individuals are the perpetrators of each individual crime, state institutions can perpetuate the discrimination and disadvantage women are subjected to.² This International Women's Day the Helena Kennedy Centre at Sheffield Hallam University is calling for greater accountability from State institutions to end discrimination against women and effectively address violence against women and girls (VAWG).

State institutions have consistently failed to adequately address VAWG and there is evidence of institutional victim-blaming, misogyny, and a failure to recognise and respond to gender-based-violence with the professionalism it demands. Instances of direct and indirect discrimination against women is taking place within the judiciary and the police force throughout Britain. For gender equality to be prioritised more action must be taken to ensure State institutions are operating in a transparent, rights-based, gender-sensitive, and accountable manner.

In recent years family court judges have failed to recognise marital rape, courts have failed to ensure complainants/witnesses have access to special measures including the use of a video links or a screen to shield them from the defendant and public gallery where their supporters may be. The police have both failed to apply powers available to them to protect women at risk from domestic abuse, and been found to have perpetrated violence against women whilst on and off duty. The government does not yet have an official data collection tool for the number of women who commit suicide every year who experience domestic abuse, and domestic abuse related sudden death is not recorded as a homicide.³ In addition, the government recently voted to not make misogyny a hate crime.⁴ The Law Commission, in rejecting this, stated that it would be too difficult to convict and that

¹ Becky Morton, 'Sarah Everard: How Wayne Couzens planned her murder' (*BBC News*, 30 September 2021) <<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-58746108>> accessed 8 March 2022.

² World Health Organisation, 'Violence against Women' (9 March 2021) <<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/violence-against-women>> accessed 8 March 2022.

³ Jane Monkton-Smith, '#NotJustAnother Campaign Letter' <<https://not-just-another.co.uk/campaign-letter/>> accessed 1 March 2022

⁴ Home Office, *Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill 2021: making misogyny a hate crime factsheet* (28 February 2022) <<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-2021-factsheets/police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-2021-making-misogyny-a-hate-crime-factsheet>> accessed 8 March 2022

it would be more “harmful than helpful”.⁵ We are therefore issuing this statement calling for greater accountability of State institutions in their roles to end VAWG.

This statement is therefore issued to contribute to demands for greater accountability of State institutions in recognising and appropriately responding to violence against women and girls. This statement recognises and fights for the women who’ve lost their lives and been affected by gender-based violence, discrimination and misogyny and aims to stand with other campaigns in the human rights and women’s rights sectors.

Police perpetrated violence:

In the last year women have been increasingly speaking out against police violence and discrimination and calling for increased transparency and accountability for gender-based violence perpetrated and enabled State institutions. The murder of Sarah Everard by a serving police officer, the subsequent protests against violence against women, and increased media attention have all contributed to greater awareness of attention to a culture of abuse, harassment, and violence against women that can be found both in society and in State institutions.⁶

Between 2012-2018, the Metropolitan Police Service alone received almost 600 complaints about their employees allegedly perpetrating offences such as rape and domestic abuse.⁷ Of the 600 complaints received 116 were upheld and 63 resignations arose.⁸

According to a freedom of information request by File on Four, they found that of 829 allegations of domestic abuse against police officers, only 5% resulted in prosecution and 15% in disciplinary action.⁹ Further, there have been 750 allegations of sexual misconduct against serving officer’s in the past 5 years.¹⁰ Recent reports and complaints against the police have not only highlighted the lack of trust, but the lack of accountability in the service. This relationship between the public and the police force is crucial due to the principle of policing by consent.

⁵ Law Commission, *Hate crime laws: Final report* (Law Com No 402, 2021) para 1.51.

⁶ Kevin Rawlinson ‘Officers ‘failed to help’ woman flashed at after the Sarah Everard vigil’ (*The Guardian*, March 2021) <<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/mar/15/officers-allegedly-failed-to-help-woman-flashed-at-way-home-sarah-everard-vigil>> accessed 3 March 2020

⁷ Mark Townsend and Chaminda Jayanetti ‘Revealed: The grim list of sex abuse claims against Metropolitan police’ (*The Guardian*, March 2021) <<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/mar/20/revealed-the-grim-list-of-sex-abuse-claims-against-metropolitan-police>> accessed 3 March 2022

⁸ Mark Townsend and Chaminda Jayanetti ‘Revealed: The grim list of sex abuse claims against Metropolitan police’ (*The Guardian*, March 2021) <<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/mar/20/revealed-the-grim-list-of-sex-abuse-claims-against-metropolitan-police>> accessed 3 March 2022

⁹ Anna Adams and Steve Swann ‘Victims of police domestic abuse feel silenced’ (*BBC*, June 2021) <<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-57432300>> accessed 3 March 2021

¹⁰ Maya Wolfe-Robinson ‘At least 750 sexual misconduct claims against UK police officers in five years’ (*The Guardian*, October 2021) <<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/oct/11/sexual-misconduct-claims-against-uk-police-officers-greater-manchester>> accessed 4 March 2022

To the relief of many, Wayne Couzens received a whole-life order for murdering Sarah Everard in September.¹¹ However, despite this conviction and long sentence the police force is still battling to restore women's trust in the police. In 2021 alone, 141 women have been killed by a man/men, and media coverage has highlighted the discriminatory attitudes towards women some members of the Police force have which has been manifested in the police's failure to adequately investigate reports of missing women, the taking and sharing of photographs of murdered women's bodies on social media chats, and the exchange of offensive messages between serving officers.¹² There is therefore a great need to address the trust deficit between women, particularly minoritised women, and the police.

In efforts to increase transparency the Metropolitan Police Service has released data stating that in 2021 there were approximately 150 serving police officers with criminal convictions. Most convictions were for drinking and driving related offences, and some convictions were for assault.¹³ There is also evidence to support the argument that violence against women is present in the police. One of the most famous cases relating to sexual assault in the force was Stephen Mitchell, a police constable was jailed for life in January 2011 for several sexual assaults committed against his female colleagues.¹⁴ As a result of Stephen Mitchell's convictions, IPCC highlighted the need for further investigations into sexual assault in the police service. However, it is not yet clear how many officers have abused their power, and committed acts of violence against women, and little data can be found on any individuals who have committed such acts..

¹¹ Vikram Dodd and Haroon Siddique 'Sarah Everard murder: Wayne Couzens given whole-life sentence' (*The Guardian*, September 2021) < <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/sep/30/sarah-everard-murder-wayne-couzens-whole-life-sentence> > accessed 3 March 2022

¹² Karen Ingala Smith, 'Counting Dead Women' Last updated 5 February 2022 <https://kareningalasmith.com/2021/02/08/2021/> > accessed 7 March 2022; Independent Office for Police Conduct, 'Failings identified in how the MPS handled missing persons reports for murdered sisters' (IOPC, 25 Oct 2021) < <https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/news/failings-identified-how-mps-handled-missing-persons-reports-murdered-sisters> > accessed 7 March 2022; Independent Office for Police Conduct, 'Operation Hotten Learning Report' (IOPC, 27 Jan 2022) < <https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Operation%20Hotten%20Learning%20report%20-%20January%202022.pdf> > accessed 15 Feb 2022; Vikram Dodd, 'Two Met police officers jailed over photos of murdered sisters' *The Guardian*, (London, 6 Dec 2021) < <https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Operation%20Hotten%20Learning%20report%20-%20January%202022.pdf> > accessed 15 Feb 2022

¹³ 'MPS serving officers with criminal records' (Metropolitan Police) < <https://www.met.police.uk/foi-ai/metropolitan-police/disclosure-2021/march-2021/mps-serving-officers-criminal-convictions.docx/> > accessed 4 March 2022

¹⁴ IPCC 'The abuse of police powers to perpetrate sexual violence' (September 2012)

Gender-Based Discrimination within the Police

A report published by the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) earlier this year, found multiple examples of sex-discrimination, race discrimination, and discrimination against disabled people by serving police officers in London. The Operation Hutton Learning Report investigated allegations of bullying and discrimination involving officers within the Metropolitan Police Service and predominantly based at Charing Cross Police Station.

The Hutton Learning Report identified several alarming behaviours, including, but are not limited to: inappropriate sexual activity whilst on duty; bullying, sexual harassment and harassment of a female officer by a serving officer; a police officer assaulting his partner; officers deliberately deleting material that was relevant to an ongoing criminal investigation;; and, inappropriate conduct.¹⁵ As a result of the report some officers were found guilty of gross misconduct/misconduct, and were dismissed and often placed on a barred list or placed under Management Action.¹⁶ Most significantly, this report identified underlying cultural issues in the police force which has enabled unprofessional and inappropriate actions to go unchallenged.¹⁷ It is this culture of the normalisation of discrimination against women and minoritised groups and disabled people that perpetuates inequality within policing.

The Hutton Learning Report demonstrates the important role of investigations into police conduct to identify unprofessional and unacceptable forms of misogyny and discrimination and to hold those responsible to account. Investigations are however severely limited; they can only respond to specific allegations at a time and do not focus on broader institutional reform. The Hutton Report aimed to address this limitation by making 15 recommendations to the Metropolitan Police Service as a whole, aimed at changing current policing practice.¹⁸ Given the use of social media platforms that was uncovered during the investigations the IOPC also asked the National Police Chiefs Council to reinforce officers and police forces to behave 'professionally' and comply with obligations under the police Standards of Professional Behaviour.¹⁹

Misogyny, violence against women, and domestic abuse has been present in the police force for many years. Despite the efforts of the IOPC to build trust and confidence in the police force, threats

¹⁵ Independent Office for Police Conduct, 'Operation Hutton' (January 2022) <<https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Operation%20Hutton%20Learning%20report%20-%20January%202022.pdf>> accessed 3 March 2022

¹⁶ Independent Office for Police Conduct, 'Operation Hutton' (January 2022) <<https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Operation%20Hutton%20Learning%20report%20-%20January%202022.pdf>> accessed 3 March 2022

¹⁷ Independent Office for Police Conduct, 'Operation Hutton' (January 2022) <<https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Operation%20Hutton%20Learning%20report%20-%20January%202022.pdf>> accessed 3 March 2022

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¹⁹ Independent Office for Police Conduct 'IOPC recommendations to tackle Met culture after investigation uncovers bullying and harassment in the ranks' (February 2022) <<https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/news/iopc-recommendations-tackle-met-culture-after-investigation-uncovers-bullying-and-harassment>> accessed 3 March 2022

to its integrity persist. The Home Affairs Select Committee published a report in February 2022 examining police conduct and complaints. Whilst the report acknowledged some improvements it also recognised some forces treat complaints against them as ‘challenges to their authority or matters to be sidestepped’.²⁰ The Committee stressed their concerns that 9 years after their first report, inconsistencies in how complaints are responded to against the police are still arising. They have highlighted the need for a more transparent complaints system which takes appropriate sanctions against officers.²¹ Even so, Inquest, an independent charity feels the committee have fallen short, and have called for inclusion of a recommendation requiring the police force to take more responsibility for rooting out bad behaviour.²² It is therefore clear that whilst there is recognition that robust complaint systems are essential to maintain trust between the public and the police and attempts have been made to strengthen and improve police conduct and complaint hearing mechanisms more needs to be done. Without increased transparency in how gendered crimes and conduct are responded to significant levels of distrust between the police and members of the public will continue to affect the integrity and quality of policing in the UK.

Policing and failure to use available tools and powers

The Centre for Women’s Justice (CWJ) have uncovered additional issues in the police force in England and Wales. A police super-complaint submitted in March 2019 has highlighted serious failures by the police to use their powers to protect victims of domestic violence.²³ The most significant failures identified are: domestic abuse prosecutions have collapsed by 50% from 18% of reported cases in 2017 to 9% in 2020, Domestic Violence Protection Orders are only obtained in roughly 1% of domestic abuse cases and restraining orders are granted in less than a quarter of cases of domestic abuse prosecutions.²⁴ The figures identified highlight the failure by the police to support female victims of abuse. Harriet Wistrich, Director of the CWJ provided a statement which

²⁰ House of Commons Home Affairs Committee, *Police Conduct and Complaints: Sixth Report of Session 2021-2022* (February 2022) < <https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/9006/documents/159114/default/>> accessed 3 March 2022

²¹ House of Commons Home Affairs Committee, *Police Conduct and Complaints: Sixth Report of Session 2021-2022* (February 2022) < <https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/9006/documents/159114/default/>> accessed 3 March 2022

²² ‘INQUEST responds to a new report on the police conduct system from home affairs committee’ (INQUEST Truth, Justice and Accountability, March 2022) < <https://www.inquest.org.uk/home-affairs-committee-report>> accessed 3 March 2022

²³ Centre for Women’s Justice ‘Police super-complaint report shines a light on police failure to protect domestic abuse victims as prosecutions collapse by 50% in just three years’ (August 2021) < <https://www.centreforwomensjustice.org.uk/news/2021/8/23/police-super-complaint-report-shines-a-light-on-police-failure-to-protect-domestic-abuse-victims-as-prosecutions-collapse-by-50-in-just-three-years>> accessed 4 March 2022

²⁴ Centre for Women’s Justice ‘Police super-complaint report shines a light on police failure to protect domestic abuse victims as prosecutions collapse by 50% in just three years’ (August 2021) < <https://www.centreforwomensjustice.org.uk/news/2021/8/23/police-super-complaint-report-shines-a-light-on-police-failure-to-protect-domestic-abuse-victims-as-prosecutions-collapse-by-50-in-just-three-years>> accessed 4 March 2022

summarised the findings perfectly, stating: ‘this report highlights some of the reasons why so few women feel confidence in the system... until the police and other agencies are held accountable for failures, many victims will continue to be at unnecessary risk of harm.’²⁵

The failure by the police to deliver justice relating to violence against women stems from the low priority these offences are given. In discussions which focused on classifying misogyny as a hate crime, a former chairwoman of the National Police Chiefs Council, Sara Thompson argued that the police are too stretched as it is, and they should instead revert to “core policing” focussing on solving burglaries²⁶, rather than offences against women. The recent refusal to classify misogyny as a hate crime²⁷, only reinforces the suspicion that the police force, and government, do not see violence against women as a priority.

Women deserve more. More must be done to improve accountability for failures and to address gender-based discrimination perpetrated both by individual officers and by the institution as a whole.

Relying on the work on Karen Ingala Smith and her Counting Dead Women website we are repeating here the names 141 women and girls who were murdered by men in 2021 to recognise the suffering they and their family members experienced and to fight for change to end the preventable murder of women.²⁸

1. 4 January 2021: **Eileen Dean**, 93, was found badly injured on her bed in a care home in South London. She had suffered injuries to her head and neck, some of which, it is reported, were inflicted with her walking stick. Fellow care home resident Alexander Rawson, 62, was found responsible after a trial of facts as he was deemed unfit to stand trial.
2. 7 January 2021: **Sue Addis**, 69, died after being stabbed in her home near Brighton. Her 17-year-old grandson, Pietro Addis has been charged with her murder.
3. 11 January 2021: **Carol Hart**, 77, was found dead in a house in Devon. She was killed by a ‘carer’ Michael Robinson, 35, after she discovered that her had used her bank card to withdraw £5,650 from her account. He attacked her in her bed, punched and kicked her in the face and strangled her.

²⁵ Harriet Wistrich, Centre for Women’s Justice ‘Police super-complaint report shines a light on police failure to protect domestic abuse victims as prosecutions collapse by 50% in just three years’ (August 2021) < <https://www.centreforwomensjustice.org.uk/news/2021/8/23/police-super-complaint-report-shines-a-light-on-police-failure-to-protect-domestic-abuse-victims-as-prosecutions-collapse-by-50-in-just-three-years> > accessed 4 March 2022

²⁶ Jennifer Scott ‘Misogyny: Why is it not a hate crime?’ (BBC, October 2021) < <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-56399862> > accessed 4 March 2022

²⁷ ‘Crime bill: MPs reject proposal to make misogyny a hate crime’ (BBC, March 2022) < <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-60565216> > accessed 4 March 2022

²⁸ Karen Ingala Smith, ‘2021’ (Counting Dead Women, 8 February 2021) < <https://kareningalasmith.com/2021/02/08/2021/> > accessed 8 March 2021.

4. 17 January 2021: **Jacqueline Price**, who was in her late 50s, was found unconscious and later died at her home in Andreas, on the Isle of Man Her son, James Price, 21, has been charged with her murder and the attempted murder of his father, her husband.
5. 17 January 2021: Mary Wells, 21, was stabbed to death in Colchester, Essex. Adam Butt, 21, has admitted killing her and is due to stand trial.
6. 24 January 2021: **Tiparat Argatu**, 43, was found dead with head and neck injuries in a property in Whitechapel, London by police responding to calls of concern for her welfare. David Cheres, 19, has been charged with her murder.
7. 27 January 2021: **Christie Frewin**, 25, was found with fatal injuries at her home in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. Her ex-partner Alex Staines, 30, stabbed her at least 17 times, and has admitted to her murder.
8. 28 January 2021: **Souad Bellaha**, 62, was found dead in a house in Maidstone, Kent. Abdelaziz El Msseyah, 57, has been charged with her murder.
9. 29 January 2021: **Ann Turner**, 82, was found dead in her home in Herefordshire. A 56-year-old man, arrested on suspicion of murder, has been detained under the Mental Health Act. The police are not looking for anyone else in connection to the incident.
10. 29 January 2021: **N'Taya Elliott-Cleverley**, 20, was found dead in a property in Liverpool. 19-year-old Mohammed Diakite, also known as Nigel Diakite, has been charged with her murder.
11. 29 January 2021: **Rose Marie Tinton**, 77, known as Marie, was found dead at her home in Southport who were following enquiries after a man was hit by a train some hours earlier. He was her son, Andrew Tinton, 54. And has now been charged with her murder.
12. 31 January 2021: **Ranjit Gill**, 43, was found dead at home in Milton Keynes, she had been stabbed 18 times by her husband Anil Gill, 46.
13. 1 February 2021: **Helen Joy**, 54, was found dead in Wirral, she died of multiple injuries with terminal hypothermia. She had been killed by her partner Kevin Ashton, 45.
14. 4 February 2021: **Emma Robertson**, 39, was stabbed to death, shortly before her daughter Nicole Anderson, 24, was also killed. Her estranged husband, Steven Robertson, 40, is thought to have killed them both before killing himself.
15. 4 February 2021: **Nicole Anderson**, 24, was stabbed to death, shortly after her mother, Emma Robertson, 29, had also been killed. Steven Robertson, 40, her mother's estranged husband, is thought to have killed them both before killing himself.
16. 6 February 2021: **Linda Maggs**, 74, was found unresponsive and declared dead by ambulance staff in Pontypool. Her husband, David Maggs, 70, has been charged with her murder.
17. 6 February 2021: **Carol Smith**, 75, was found dead by police who had been called to a home in Bexhill, Sussex. She had been shot. A 78-year-old man who was found with a serious injury, remains arrested on suspicion of murder.
18. 7 February 2021: **Sophie Moss**, 33, was found in a critical condition but pronounced dead shortly later, in a house in Darlington, County Durham. Sam Pybus, 31, strangled her to death during sex.
19. 11 February 2021: **Christina Rowe**, 28, was found dead in the River Severn in Worcester. Charles Byrne, 24, has been charged with her murder and the attempted murder of another person.

20. 11 February 2021: **Susan Hannaby**, 69, was found dead by emergency services attending a house fire in Wrexham, Wales. Her grandson, Kyle Ellis, 25, has been charged with her murder.
21. 13 February 2021: **Michelle Lizanec**, 44, was found dead by police, in a house in Dundee after what has been described as a day-long stand-off. Her husband John Lizanec, 46, has been charged with murder.
22. 15 February 2021: **Wiesława Mierzejewska**, 59, was found dead in a house in Cambridgeshire. She was killed and then dismembered by her son, Ernest Grusza, 40. He was found not guilty of murder by reason of insanity.
23. 16 February 2021: **Christina Arnold**, 71, was found dead at home in Pembrokeshire, Wales. She had been suffocated by her husband of 50-years, David Arnold, 81, before he killed himself.
24. 17 February 2021: **Bennylyn Burke**, 25, and her 2-year-old daughter Jellica, were last seen at their home in Gloucestershire. They were reported missing on 1 March, with her other child who has since been found alive. Their bodies were found on 17 March, concealed in a house in Dundee. Andrew Innes, 50, has been charged with their murders.
25. 20 February 2021: **Judith Rhead**, 68, was found dead in a property in Pembrokeshire, Wales. She had been dead since December 2020. Her son, Dale Morgan, 43, had carried out a 'sustained and Brutal' attack using a hammer and has been found guilty of her murder.
26. 22 February 2021: **Anna Ovsyannikova**, 48, was found dead in a house in Ealing, W. London. Curtis Brown, 48, has been charged with her murder.
27. February 2021: **Tina Eyre**, 62, is said to have been beaten to death with a shovel. She was from Gloucester but had retired to Bulgaria, where she was killed. Neighbours who were worried that they hadn't seen her discovered her boyfriend Denislav Runevski, digging a grave. He has since admitted to police that he killed her.
28. 2 March 2020: **Samantha Heap**, 45, was found dead in a house in Congleton, Cheshire. Her neighbour David Mottram, 47, strangled her with a ligature, stabbed her and inflicted multiple blunt force injuries upon her.
29. 3 March 2021: **Sarah Everard**, 33, was abducted, raped and murdered by servicing police officer, Wayne Couzens, 48.
30. 4 March 2021: **Geetika Goyal**, 29, was found stabbed 19 times in the neck and chest, wrapped in plastic and dumped in a street in Leicestershire by her husband Kashish Aggarwal, 29.
31. 4 March 2021: **Imogen Bohajczuk**, 29, was found dead in a house in Oldham by police responding to a call of concern about her welfare. Her boyfriend Daniel Smith, 41, stabbed her multiple times and wrote 'It was me' on her leg.
32. 5 March 2021: **Wenjing Lin**, 16, was strangled to death in Wales by Chun Xu, 31 in what was said to be an act of revenge against her mother for a gambling debt.
33. 19 March 2021: **Karen McClean**, 50, was stabbed to death in Newtownabbey, N. Ireland, identifying her son Ken Flanagan, 26, as the assailant as she was dying. Flanagan also killed his partner, Stacey Knell, 30.
34. 19 March 2021: **Stacey Knell**, 30, was stabbed to death by her partner Ken Flanagan, 26, in Newtownabbey, N. Ireland. Flanagan had also stabbed and killed his mother Karen McClean, 50.

35. 23 March 2021: *** (also known as ****), 32, was found dead in house in ***. ***, 36, has been charged with her murder.
36. 23 March 2021: **Samantha (Sammy) Mills**, 31, died in a house fire in Huddersfield, in which a man was also killed, and 4 other people injured. Craig Collier, 34, has been charged with arson with intent to endanger life.
37. 24 March 2021: **Dyanne Mansfield**, 71, was found fatally injured at a house in Hale, Greater Manchester. In January 2022, her husband, Graham Mansfield, 73, was charged with her murder.
38. 25 March 2021: **Patricia Audsley**, 66, was found dead in a house in Mirfield, W. Yorkshire. Nigel Audsley, 66, has been charged with her murder.
39. 26 March 2021: **Phyllis Nelson**, 76, was found dead in her home in East London. Donovan Miller, 30, reported to be her grandson, has been charged with her murder.
40. 27 March 2021: **Klaudia Soltys**, 30, was killed by her housemate Amadeusz Sekula, 20, in Hull.
41. 29 March 2021: **Simone Ambler**, 49, was found dead with multiple stab wounds in a house in Blackpool. Donald Payne, 62, has been charged with her murder.
42. 1 April 2021: **Emma McArthur**, 49, died from her injuries after being found lying at a road junction near her home in Berkshire. She had been stabbed in the neck and chest by her former partner Christopher Minards, 35.
43. 1 April 2021: **Sherrie Milnes**, 51, was found dead in a house of Weymouth with multiple stab wounds and having suffered compression to the neck. Steven Doughty, 54, is believed to have killed her before killing himself.
44. 4 April 2021: **Constanta Bunea**, 50, was found dead in the bathroom on a flat in Plumstead, S.E. London. Her husband Vasile Bratu, 39, stabbed her to death with scissors.
45. 6 April 2021: **Jacqueline Grant**, 54, was found dead in her home in Glasgow with multiple knife wounds to her head and body. Michael Dorey, 46, has been charged with her murder.
46. 9 April 2021: **Loretta Herman**, 85, was found dead in the bathtub of her home in East London. She had been strangled by her son, Mark Herman, 54.
47. 10 April 2021: **Sally Metcalf**, 68, died of compression to her neck. Her husband, Jonathan Metcalf, 72, was found hanged. The police said Sally's death was being treated as murder.
48. 13 April 2020: **Sarah Keith**, 26, was found dead in a flat in Leeds. After he had strangled and stabbed her, her partner Carl Chadwick 35, watched pornography and took cocaine.
49. 18 April 2021: **Peggy Wright**, 83, died after jumping out of a window to escape a fire started in an arson attack on her home in Birmingham. Mark O'Brien, 46, has been charged in relation to her death.
50. 23 April 2021: **Charmaine O'Donnell**, 25, died after being pulled from the water at Helensburgh Pier, Scotland. A 28-year-old man has been charged in relation to her death.
51. 23 April 2021: **Michelle Cooper**, 40, died in hospital due to head injuries, after being attacked in Jaywick, Essex. Jordan Stanley, 20, has been charged with her murder.
52. 25 April 2021: **Kerry Bradford**, 57, was found dead at home in Newport, Wales, by police investigating the death of her husband, Nicholas Bradford, 57. Police believe he killed her before killing himself.
53. 27 April 2021: **Julia James**, 53, was found dead with serious head injuries, in woodland in Kent, where she had taken her dog for a walk. On 10 May, Callum Wheeler, 21, was charged with her murder.

54. 30 April 2021; **Beth Aspey**, 34, was found dead by police at her home in Reading, she had suffered blunt force injury to her head. Her boyfriend Ben Shand, 45, has been charged with her murder.
55. 2 May 2021: **Susan Booth**, 62, was found with severe injuries outside a house in Oldham, Lancashire. Stephen Booth, 63, has been charged with her murder.
56. 3 May 2021: **Maya Zulfiquar**, 26, from London, was strangled and shot in Lahore, Pakistan. It is alleged that she had been threatened by men who wanted to marry her. No charges have yet been made.
57. 4 May 2021: **Maria Rawlings**, 45, was found dead and naked in bushes near Romford, Essex. She had head injuries, had been strangled and stabbed by Valentin Lazar, 20, as she travelled home from hospital.
58. 4 May 2021: **Chenise Gregory**, 29, from London, was found stabbed to death in a hotel in Harrogate, N. Yorkshire. It is believed she was killed by her partner, Michael McGibbon, 29, before he killed himself.
59. 7 May 2021: **Leah Ware** disappeared from Hastings, Sussex. Mark Brown was charged with the murder of another woman, Alexandra Morgan in November 2021; in February 2022, he was also charged with the murder of Leah.
60. 9 May 2021: **Agnes Akom**, 20, also known as Dora, was last seen in Cricklewood, London. Neculai Paizan, 63, has been charged with her murder. Human remains, identified as those of Agnes, were found on 14 June.
61. 10 May 2021: **Wendy Cole**, 70, was stabbed to death in her home in Cambridgeshire. Her son, John Cole, 35, has been charged with her murder.
62. 11 May 2021: **Caroline Crouch**, 20, a British woman who lived in Athens, was strangled and tortured. Her husband Babis Anagnostopoulos, 33, claimed that three robbers had broken into their apartment and tied him up before killing her. On 17 June, he was questioned by police and confessed to her murder.
63. 12 May 2021: **Svetlana Mihalachi**, 53, died in hospital, five weeks after being attacked in a house in Ilford, London. Nicolae Virtosu, 47, had already been charged with attempted murder.
64. 12 May 2021: **Nicola Kirk**, 45, died in hospital in Dumfries, Scotland after allegedly being deliberately driven at. Ian Edwards, 35, has been charged with murder.
65. 13 May 2021: A 32-year-old woman who **has not been named**, was found dead in a home in Ilford, London. Muhammad Ilyas, 40, said to be known to her, has been charged with her murder.
66. 25 May 2021: **Agita Geslere**, 61, died in hospital after being found with multiple stab wounds in a house in Barnsley, S. Yorkshire. Her son Renars Geslers, 31, has been charged with her murder.
67. 25 May 2021: **Alison Stevenson**, 62, was found dead at a house in Helston, Cornwall. Six months later, Cameron Dancey-Stevenson, 25, described as a close family member, was charged with her murder.
68. 26 May 2021: **Lauren Wilson**, 34, was stabbed to death in Renfrew, Scotland. Craig Walker, 39, has been charged with her murder.
69. 27 May 2021: **Peninah Kabeba**, known as Penny, 42, was found dead at home in South London, with multiple stab wounds. Mohsen Saadi, 56, has been charged with her murder.

70. 29 May 2021: **Jill Hickery** was stabbed to death at home in Cornwall by her husband Donald Hickery, 84.
71. 31 May 2021: **Bethany Vincent**, 26, and her 9-year-old son, Darren, were stabbed to death at their home in Louth, Lincolnshire. Her ex-partner, Daniel Boulton, 29, has been charged with their murders.
72. 1 June 2021: **Esther Brown**, 67, was found dead in her flat in Glasgow. Jason Graham, 30, has been charged with her murder and rape.
73. 1 June 2021: **Michaela Hall**, 49, was found dead in a house in Truro, Cornwall. Lee Kendall, 42, has been charged with her murder.
74. 1 June 2021: **Mildred Whitmore**, 84, was found dead in her home in Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Chase Kelly, 31, has been charged with her murder and burglary.
75. 2 June 2021: **Stacey Clay**, 39, died in hospital after being found seriously injured in her garden in Nottingham on 19 May. Matthew Farmer, 42, had been charged with attempted murder and police are not looking for anyone else.
76. 11 June 2021: **Linda Hood**, 68, was discovered dead at her home in Norfolk by fire crews. A post-mortem found she had died before the fire from compression to the neck. Paul Kelly-Bridle, 58, has been charged with her murder.
77. 16 June 2021: **Marlene Coleman**, 53, was found with stab wounds by paramedics attending a house in S. London. She was declared dead on the scene. Franklin McLeod, 54, has been charged with her murder.
78. 18 June 2021: **Sophie Cartlidge**, 39, was found dead in a property in North Lincolnshire. Police said the no weapons had been used but that she had suffered significant injuries. Her partner Andrew Grimes, 37, has been charged with her murder and rape.
79. 18 June 2021: **Gracie Spinks**, 23, was killed in a paddock in Derbyshire as she tended her horse. Michael Sellars, 35, suspected of killing her was a former colleague who had been stalking her and against whom she had taken out a restraining order. He was found dead nearby.
80. 19 June 2021: **Kim Dearden**, 63, was discovered by police in a house in Hertfordshire but died of stab wounds shortly afterwards. Her son, Charles Dearden, 31, has been charged with her murder.
81. 19 June 2021: **Michelle Hibbert**, 29, and her husband were found dead in their home in Basingstoke. Stanley Elliot, 52, has been charged with their murders.
82. 22 June 2021: **Sally Poynton**, 44, was found dead from knife wounds in a house in Cornwall. Jacob Poynton-Whiting, 22, has been charged with her murder.
83. 23 June 2021: **Catherine Wardleworth**, who was in her 70s, was shot dead in Merseyside. Police believe she was killed by her husband Leslie Wardleworth before he killed himself.
84. 29 June 2021: **Sukhjot Badial**, 73, and her husband, were found dead in their home in Warwickshire. She died from 'a number of injuries'. Police believe he killed her before killing himself.
85. 3 July 2021: **Elsie Pinder**, 66, died after a house fire in Southend, Essex. Andrew Wilding, 41, has been charged with her murder and arson with intent to endanger life.
86. 4 July 2021: **Catherine Stewart**, 54, was found dead in her home in Airdrie, Scotland. Colin Kennedy, 60, has been charged with her murder.

87. 4 July 2021: **Ishrat Ahmed**, 52, was beaten to death and her husband was also seriously injured at their home in Lancashire. Mohammad Yaqub Malik, 58, has been charged with her murder.
88. 7 July 2021: **Tamara Padi**, 45, was stabbed multiple times in her home in Greater Manchester by her ex-partner. Aubrey Padi, 41.
89. **Katie (Kathleen) Brankin**, 37, was stabbed to death at a glamping site on the coast at Limavady, N. Ireland. Thomas Davidson, 53, was charged with her murder and later died in prison.
90. 13 July 2021: **Sandra Hughes**, 63, died in a house fire in Gorton, Manchester. Mark See, 34, has been charged with her murder.
91. 23 July 2021: **Beatrice Stoica**, 36, was stabbed to death in S. London. Her ex-husband Stony Stoica, 44, has been charged with her murder.
92. 24 July 2021: **Pat (Patricia) Holland**, 83, was found dead at her home in Norfolk. Alan Scott, 41, who had been her lodger, has been charged with her murder.
93. 26 July 2021: **Louise Kam**, 71, was last seen alive by a family member in Barnet, London. Her body was found on 1st August. Mohamed El Abboud (26) & Kusai Al Jundi (23) have been charged with her murder.
94. 31 July 2021: **Yordanos Brhane**, 19, was found with multiple stab wounds in a house in Birmingham. Halefom Weldyohannes, 25, has been charged in relation to her death.
95. 31 July 2021: **Amanda Selby**, 15, from Greater Manchester was stabbed to death in a holiday park in Wales. Her brother, Matthew Selby, 19, has been charged with her murder.
96. 1 August 2021: **Malgorzata Lechanska**, 37, was found dead with a severe head injury at her home in Norfolk. Her husband Rafal Winiarski, 39, has been charged with her murder.
97. 7 August 2021: **Megan Newborough**, 23, is thought to have been killed before being found dead the following day in a country lane in Leicestershire. Ross Macullam, 29, has been charged with rape and murder.
98. 9 August 2021: **Diana Nichols**, 57, was found dead in flat in Hawick, Scotland. A54-year-old man has been charged in relation to her death.
99. 12 August 2021: **Maxine Davison** (Chapman), 51, was shot dead by her son, Jake Davison, 22, who killed four other people (Sophie Martyn, Kate Shepherd, Lee Martyn, Stephen Washington) in Plymouth, before killing himself.
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101. 14 August 2021: **Bella Nicandro**, 76, was stabbed to death in her home in London. Aaron Cook, 23, has been charged with her murder.
102. 15 August 2021: **Eileen Barrott**, 50, was found seriously injured in her home in Leeds but died at the scene. Her husband, Mark Barrott, 54, has been charged with her murder.
103. 19 August 2021: **Sharron Pickles**, 45, was found dead with an incised wound to her throat in a home in North London. Lee Peacock, 49, has been charged with her murder and that of and Clinton Ashmore, 59.
104. 23 August 2021: **Helen Anderson**, 41, from London, was found dead in undergrown beside a slip road in Surrey. Dane Messam, 52, has been charged with her murder.
105. 26 August 2021: **Jade Ward**, 27, was found dead in a house in North Wales. Her ex-husband, Russell Marsh, 29, has been charged with her murder.

106. 27 August 2021: **Maddie Durdant-Hollamby**, 22, was stabbed to death in Kettering, Northamptonshire by her partner Ben Green, 41, who also killed himself. Whilst police were quick to state there was no evidence of a history of domestic abuse, friends have described Green as a misogynist who had sexual relationships with multiple women at the same time and showed them no respect.
107. 2 September 2021: **Fawziyah Javed**, 31, from West Yorkshire ‘fell’ to her death from Arthur’s Seat in Edinburgh. Her husband Kashif Anwar, 27, has been charged with her murder.
108. 11 September 2021: **Ingrid Matthew**, 54, was found dead in a house in Leicester. Her son Aaron Matthew, 18, was charged with her murder.
109. 17 September 2021: **An as yet unnamed woman** was found dead in a house in Welwyn Garden City after the suicide of a man, her partner, in the town centre. Police are treating her death as murder.
110. 17 September 2021: **Sabina Nessa**, 28, was killed in Kidbrooke, south-east London. 10 days later, Koci Selamaj, 36, was charged with her murder.
111. 19 September 2021: **Terri Harris**, 35, was found dead in Derbyshire with her children John Paul Bennett, 13 and Lacey Bennett, 11 and a friend Connie Gent, 11. A man reported as her partner, Damien Bendall, 31, has been charged with their murders.
112. 19 September 2021: **Sukhjeet Uppal**, 40, was stabbed multiple times and died in her home in Wolverhampton. Jai Singh, 50, has been charged with her murder.
113. 20 September 2021: **Norma Girolami**, 70, was reported missing from her home in North London, she hadn’t been seen since mid-August. Serkan Kaygusuz, 41, has been charged with her murder. Her body still has not been found.
114. 2 October 2021: **Jekouki Jaboa**, 31, who lived in Telford, was stabbed to death in Albania. Her boyfriend, Kliton Pira, 26, is thought to have killed her before killing himself.
115. 9 October 2021: **Nicole Hurley**, 37, was stabbed to death in a flat in North London. Jason Bell, 40, who lived in the property, has been charged with her murder and false imprisonment.
116. 10 October 2021: **Bonnie Harwood**, 47, was stabbed to death at her home in Alton, Hampshire. Matthew Reynolds, 31, has been charged with her murder.
117. 12 October 2021: **Katrina (Trina) Rainey**, in her 50s, died with 95% burns after being trapped alive in a burning car, in County Londonderry, Northern Ireland. Her husband, Thomas Rainey, has been charged with her murder.
118. 18 October 2021 **Marta Chmielecka**, 31, was stabbed in the neck and found dead in a house in Kettering. Pawel Chmielecki, 38, has been charged with her murder.
119. 28 October 2021: **Ruth Dent**, 79, was found dead with knife injuries in Desford, Leicestershire. Her 69-year-old husband, Ian Dent, was also found dead. Police are not looking for anyone else.
120. 28 October 2021: **Josephine Smith**, 88, died due to smoke inhalation following a fire at her home on East London. Kai Cooper, 18 and a 15-year-old boy who cannot be named due to his age, have been charged with manslaughter and arson with recklessness as to whether life was endangered. It has been reported that a firework was found at the scene.
121. 31 October 2021: **Dawn Walker**, 52, was found dead near Halifax, West Yorkshire. Her husband Thomas Nutt, 45, has been charged with her murder.

122. 5 November 2021: **Yvonne Barr**, 47, was taken to hospital by emergency services after calls reporting concern, in Dundee. Kenneth Melville, 58, has been charged with her murder.
123. 7 November 2021: **Sarah Ashwell**, 47, was found dead at home in Wells, Somerset. Antanas Jankauskas, 38, has been charged with her murder.
124. 8 November 2021: **Tamby Dowling**, 36, was fatally stabbed in Oldham, Lancashire. A man is being detained under the Mental Health Act.
125. 9 November 2021: **Pauline Quinn**, 73, was found dead in Nottinghamshire. Lawrence Berton, 61, has been charged with her murder and robbery.
126. 9 November 2021: **Ilona Golabek**, 27, was last seen alive. Kamil Ranoszek, 40, has been charged with her murder. Her body has not yet been found, police are focussing their search on Boston, Lincolnshire.
127. 20 November 2021: **Tricia Livesey**, 57, and her partner Antony Tipping, 60, were both found dead with multiple stab wounds in a house in Preston, Lancashire. A 35-year-old man arrested on suspicion of murder has now been detained under the Mental Health Act.
128. 14 November 2021: **Alexandra Morgan**, 34, was last seen alive. Mark Brown, 40, has been charged with her murder. Alexandra's car has been found but police are still searching for her body.
129. 20 November 2021: **Bobbi-Anne McLeod**, 18, was reported missing after failing to arrive to meet friends in Plymouth. Her body was found on 23 Nov. Cody Ackland, 24, has been charged with her murder.
130. 21 November 2021: **Bori Benko**, 24, was found dead in her flat in Bradford. She had been stabbed. Zbigniew Soj, 23, has been charged with her murder.
131. 21 November: **Jennifer Chapple**, 33, and her husband Stephen, were stabbed to death in their home in Somerset. Their next-door neighbour, Collin Reeves, 34, has been charged with their murders.
132. 21 November 2021: **June Fox-Roberts**, 65, was killed in her home in Wales. He injuries have been described as extreme. Luke Deeley, 25, has been charged with her murder.
133. 25 November 2021: **Malak Adabzadeh**, 47, was found dead in a house in Liverpool. Her husband, Mohammad Ureza Azizi, 57, has been charged with her murder. The cause of her death has been confirmed as head trauma.
134. 28 November 2021: **A woman only so far identified as Fernanda**, 31 and her 61-year-old father were stabbed to death in Wood Green, North London. Achilleas Costa, 52, described as her boyfriend, has been charged with their murders.
135. 28 November 2021: **Amber Gibson**, 16, went missing after leaving home in Hamilton, Scotland on a Friday evening, her body was found two days later. Her brother, Connor Gibson, 19, has been charged with sexual assault and murder.
136. 17 December 2021: **Lily Sullivan**, 17, did not return home after a night out with friends. Her body was found dumped in Pembroke, Wales, the next day. Lewis Haines, 31, has been charged with her murder.
137. 18 December 2021: **Caoimhe Morgan**, 30, was found dead and with serious injuries in a house in Belfast. Taylor McIlvenna, 30 has been charged with her murder.
138. 18 December 2021: **Julia Howse**, 61, was stabbed to death in her home in Hertfordshire. Her son, Ashley Howse, 35, has been charged with her murder.

139. 21 December 2021: **Beverley Taylor**, 66, and her husband John, were killed in the home in Skipton, N. Yorkshire. Their son, David Michael Taylor, 35, has been charged with their murders.
140. 26 December 2021: **Mary Fell**, 73, and her husband Denis, were found dead in their home in Livingstone, Scotland. Their grandson, Toby Salvatore also known as Jay Fell, 19, has been charged in relation to their deaths.
141. 26 December 2021: **Kirsty Ashley**, 29, originally from Scunthorpe, was found dead in a house in Newham, East London. The cause of her death has been given as blunt force trauma. Yahya Aboukar, 26, said to be known to Kirsty, has been charged with her murder.