

# THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM & RAPE

**END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

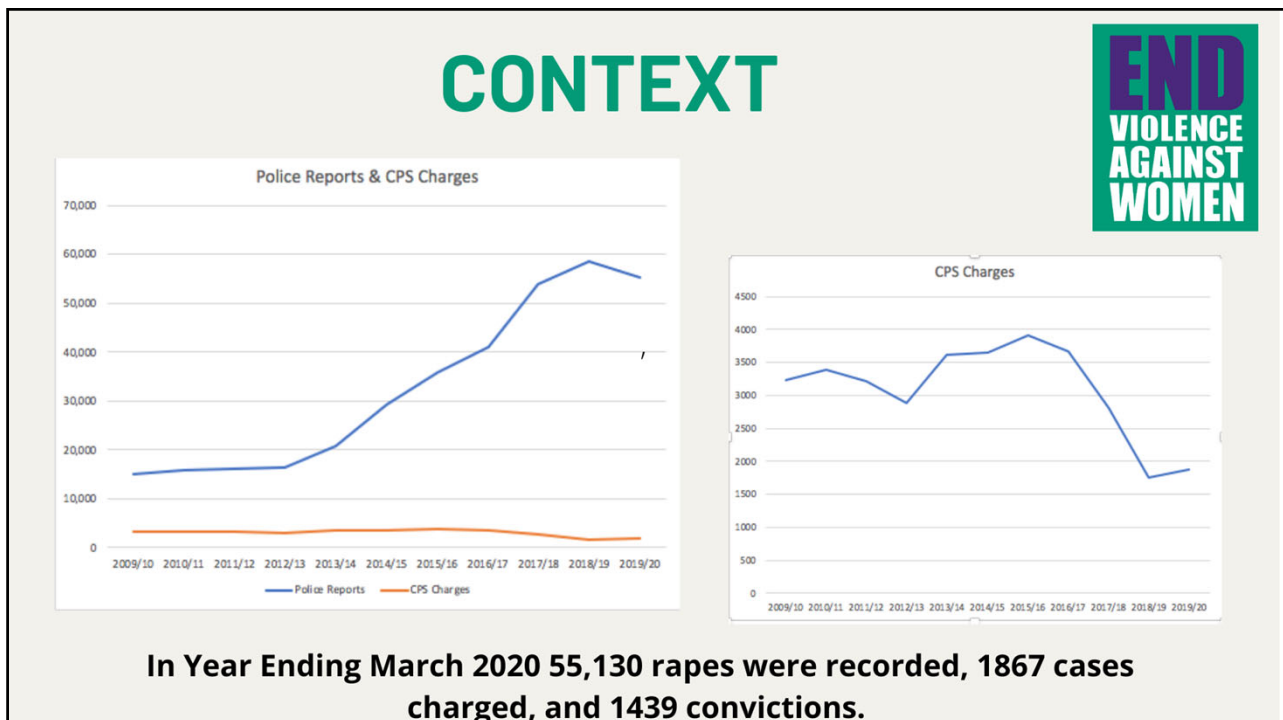
**Rape convictions fall to record low in England and Wales**  
By Danny Shaw  
Home affairs correspondent  
30 July 2020

**Police extracting 'excessive amounts of personal data' from victims' phones, watchdog finds**  
Information Commissioner calls for change amid warnings that rape victims are deterred by intrusive demands  
Lizzie Dearden Home Affairs Correspondent

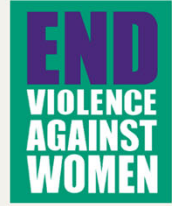
**'Justice' fury follows 27% drop in rape prosecutions**  
by KIAN HOOPER

**Law 'Inept CPS is in denial over rape'**  
There is no excuse for sharp fall in convictions, the victims commissioner tells Catherine Bebel

**1 in 7**  
**1 in 65**  
**35,817**  
**57,882**



# JUDICIAL REVIEW OF CPS



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
ADMINISTRATIVE COURT  
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

BETWEEN

THE QUEEN

(on the application of

END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN COALITION)

Claimant

- and -

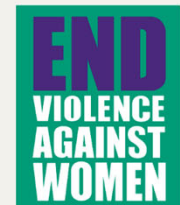
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Defendant

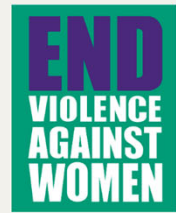
In June 2020 we released our evidence into the public domain

In July 2020 the Court of Appeal overturned the High Court decision and granted a Judicial Review

# CONVICTION RATE

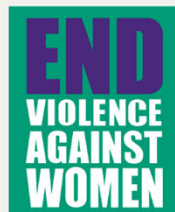


## GOVERNMENT RAPE REVIEW



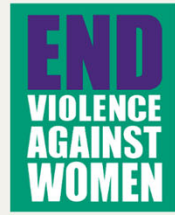
- Announced in March 2019, set to release report and recommendations in Autumn
- 4 priority areas - increase in victim withdrawal, police geographical disparities, changes in CPS charging outcomes and low convictions
- One of many reviews which have been commissioned and carried out, where recommendations still outstanding - see Stern, Angiolini, Gillen

## VAWG SECTOR "SHADOW REPORT"



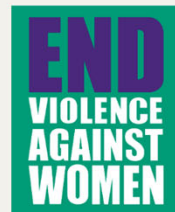
- An opportunity to set out the asks and recommendations we want to see
- From a basis of specialism, frontline work and decades of experience
- A benchmark of what is needed and expected

## KEY ASKS



- **Leadership and accountability** – Who is taking responsibility for justice outcomes on rape?
- **Access to justice for all** - Who tries to access justice & who doesn't? What do survivors actually want? What might really deter and prevent rape?

## KEY ASKS CONT.



- **Victim advocacy & support at every stage** - ISVAs, independent legal representation, institutional advocacy, counselling
- **Management, Resourcing, Specialism, Supervision** of Police CPS, Advocates, Judiciary
- **Inevitable failure at 'beyond reasonable doubt' threshold combined with public attitudes to rape:** Explore & pilot alternatives