

WOMEN'S LIVES LEEDS

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Why do we need Women Friendly Leeds? – Statistics

Violence against Women and Girls

- Across Leeds 77% of those reporting domestic violence are female and 21% male and where a suspect was identified 26% were female and 74% were male. (The State of Women's Health in Leeds report, 2019)
- [31% of young women report having experiences sexual abuse in childhood.](#)
- 20% of women have experienced some type of sexual assault since the age of 16.
- [In 2016-2017, the Hazlehurst Centre Sexual Assault Referral Centre received 1,381 referrals from across West Yorkshire – 92% of these were female.](#)
- 52% of Women's Counselling and Therapy Service Clients have experienced child sexual abuse (CSA), 47% have experienced sexual assault / rape as an adult, and 72% experienced CSA and/or sexual violence as an adult. (The State of Women's Health in Leeds Report)
- According to the West Yorkshire Police Performance Unit, there were 20,434 domestic incidents in Leeds during 2017/2018, of which 18,770 had a victim identified; 77% of incident victims were female, 21% were male. Of the 21,830 where a suspect was identified 26% of incident suspects were female, 74% were male. (The State of Women's Health in Leeds Report)
- Within Leeds there are 1787 estimated to be survivors of female genital mutilation. (The State of Women's Health in Leeds Report)
- 152 cases within Yorkshire and The Humber were reported to the Forced Marriage Unit in 2018 (The State of Women's Health in Leeds Report)
- The table below shows the number of rapes and sexual assaults reported in Leeds, 2018 (The State of Women's Health in Leeds Report)

	Female	Male
Sexual assault (aged 13 years and over)	679	117
Sexual assault (under 13 years)	120	38
Rape (aged 16 years and over)	615	53
Rape (under 16 years)	130	8
Rape (under 13 years)	113	34

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Health & Wellbeing

- [Women often don't feel safe walking alone, which leads to them taking fewer steps than men.](#)
- Women over 65 years have twice as many emergency admissions due to a fall as men (The State of Women's Health in Leeds report, 2019)
- Women have higher rates of sexually transmitted disease, but there is improved effectiveness in targeting those most at risk (The State of Women's Health in Leeds report, 2019)
- Dementia is the single highest recorded reason for women dying (The State of Women's Health in Leeds report, 2019)
- Over 3,000 females have Type 1 and over 16,000 Type 2 diabetes (The State of Women's Health in Leeds report, 2019)

Mental Health

- Twice as many women as men are recorded as having a common mental health disorder. (The State of Women's Health in Leeds report, 2019)
- Self-harm and eating disorders are more common in girls and women. Around one in four young girls, report having self-harmed nationally, equating to almost 16,000 women in Leeds aged 16-24 years old. (The State of Women's Health in Leeds report, 2019)
- Locally, twice as many women are recorded as having a common mental health disorder in Primary Care as men. (The State of Women's Health in Leeds report, 2019)
- 31% of women referred to Forward Leeds have a dual diagnosis (A severe mental illness with simultaneous substance misuse) (The State of Women's Health in Leeds report, 2019)
- It is estimated there are 13,000 young women with a possible eating disorder in the city (The State of Women's Health in Leeds report, 2019)

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- It is estimated 16,000 16-24 year old women in Leeds have self-harmed (The State of Women's Health in Leeds report, 2019)

Sex Work

- A health needs assessment of sex workers (commissioned by BASIS in Leeds), found that over 85% of the 63 women involved had a mental health disorder (The State of Women's Health in Leeds Report).
- [Some women are pushed into sex work through austerity and the current laws in place do not keep them safe](#)

Employment

- Despite a levelling part-time work pay gap, median female full-time pay of £24,072 contrasts with £30,315 male pay, showing significant disparity
- Almost [8 in 10 UK companies pay men more than women](#). Men in fulltime employment [earn 8.9% more than women in fulltime employment](#). The Office for National Statistics found that [women earn £380,000 on average over their lifetimes compared with £643,000 for men](#).
- Women are underrepresented in various career fields:
 - [Less than 1/3 of MPs are women](#).
 - [Women are underrepresented in the film industry, both onscreen and behind the scenes](#).
 - [Women make up only 2.1% of the music industry's producers](#).
 - [Women presenters experience threats, abuse and intimidation, just for being women such as footballer Alex Scott](#).
 - Less than [30% of scientific and technological researchers are women](#)
 - [The Nobel Prize has been awarded to 52 women, compared with 856 men](#). This makes women 5.7% of all winners
 - [No FTSE 100 CEOs are BAME women](#)
- [Women also make up:](#)
 - 42% of Science professionals
 - 8% of those in skilled trade occupations

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- 11% of those in engineering
- 17% of ICT technicians
- 15% of SET managers

Environment

- Worldwide, climate change affects women more than men – [more than 80% of people displaced by climate change are women](#)

Austerity / Poverty

- A House of Commons report showed 86% of the burden for austerity has fallen on women.
- In Leeds the mortality rate in more deprived Leeds areas is 40% higher than the wealthiest areas. In-work poverty is rising and more people live in poverty overall. (The State of Women's Health in Leeds report, 2019)
- 23% (98,500) of women live in the most deprived areas of Leeds, 8% in the wealthiest. Women from ethnic minority backgrounds are more likely to be living in the poorest areas (nearly 74% of all Bangladeshi women and 68% of all Black Africans) (The State of Women's Health in Leeds report, 2019)
- Women are nearly 60% of council tenants and more older women than men live in sheltered accommodation. (The State of Women's Health in Leeds report, 2019)