

STANDING together

against domestic violence

Speaking Up

Survivors' experience of policing as part of a coordinated response to domestic violence



Standing Together has delivered a coordinated response to domestic violence in the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for seven years. Since 2001, Standing Together has carried out detailed face-to-face and telephone consultations with survivors of domestic violence in the borough. In our partnership work with statutory and voluntary sector agencies we have always aimed to put the survivor's experience of those agencies, and what they need from them, at the centre of our work. In order to share this valuable information with others across the country, we have published reports each year on what the women have told us.

Speaking Up, published in March 2006, covers discussions from two consultations held at the end of 2005. The report focuses on the police and the role of the ADVANCE advocacy service in Hammersmith and Fulham.

Speaking Up:

- gives first-hand feedback from survivors on their experience of policing in Hammersmith & Fulham
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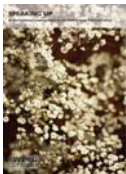

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