

Dear [MP's name],

My name is [your name], and I am one of your constituents living in [your constituency].

I am writing to urge you to support the [Invisible Women Campaign](#), recently launched by [Killed Women](#) and [Southall Black Sisters](#), which confronts the systemic failures that leave Black, minoritised and migrant (BMM) women experiencing abuse without protection or justice.

As part of this campaign, Killed Women are calling on the Government to urgently and specifically **include BMM women within the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy**. Given the Government's pledge to halve violence against women and girls, it is unacceptable that those most at risk have not been explicitly recognised in such a vital strategy.

A Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy that excludes the women most at risk is not fit for purpose!

As my elected representative, I am asking you to:

- **Write to the Home Office** to call for the explicit inclusion of BMM women in the VAWG Strategy; and
- **Meet with Killed Women and Southall Black Sisters** to discuss their new report ([‘Invisible Women “Made Visible”](#): Learning from the Femicides of Black, Minoritised and Migrant Women’) and campaign, and how they can work with you to better support victim-survivors and bereaved families.

I have also signed the Invisible Women [petition](#) calling for these urgent changes and I also hope you will consider signing it as well.

The findings of the campaign's research are stark and deeply concerning:

- Of the 369 female domestic homicide victims recorded by the UK Government between 2020 and 2024, 88 (almost 1 in 4) were from BMM backgrounds — nearly 50% higher than their proportion in the general population.
- In London, the disproportionality is even more alarming. In 2023, 62% of femicide victims were Black women, despite Black women making up only around 14% of the city's female population.
- Metropolitan Police data shows that all but two women killed by a man in London in 2023 were from BMM backgrounds.

This reflects systemic failures in prevention and protection across policing and statutory agencies and aligns with the Casey Review, which found the Metropolitan Police Service to be institutionally racist and misogynistic.

Qualitative research based on interviews with seven bereaved families highlights:

Police failings, including:

- Repeated failures to act
- Ignoring known perpetrator histories
- Victim-blaming and dismissal of abuse reports

- Inadequate training and safeguarding failures
- Poor evidence collection and investigations
- Racist and misogynistic responses
- Failure to provide culturally appropriate support

Failings by other statutory bodies, including:

- Missed opportunities by health, education and social services
- Fragmented and uncoordinated responses

Failures within courts, inquests and reviews, including:

- Marginalisation of bereaved families
- Inconsistent domestic abuse death reviews
- Inadequate and unjust sentencing

Failings by non-statutory stakeholders, including:

- Unfair and harmful media coverage

In light of this evidence, the Invisible Women campaign calls for urgent and significant reform, including:

- Independent oversight and clear standards for police investigations involving deaths and serious harm of BMM women
- Mandatory cultural competence training and accountability across the justice system
- Guaranteed access to specialist “by and for” services and safe accommodation, regardless of immigration status
- An end to No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) and removal of immigration-related barriers to safety
- Disaggregated data collection by ethnicity and transparent public reporting by agencies, including the police

I hope you will use your position to support these urgent and necessary changes. I would welcome hearing how you intend to raise these issues with the Government and relevant departments.

For further information, Killed Women can be contacted at **info@killedwomen.org**.

Yours sincerely,

[Your full name]

[Your postcode]