

# Violence Surveillance Data for Wales: National update from the Wales Violence Prevention Unit

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The Wales Violence Prevention Unit (VPU) supports partners in Wales to deliver a data-led evidence-based public health approach to violence prevention.

The [Wales Violence Prevention Portal](#) (WVPP) has been established as an online interactive tool to enable a range of violence surveillance administrative data to be accessed, extracted and analysed. This allows trends in violence to be identified and monitored at both a local and national level in Wales to inform violence prevention strategies and action plans.

The WVPP is available to all partners working in violence prevention.



### Data currently held on the Wales Violence Prevention Portal

🕒 Emergency Department assault attendance data from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (UHB), Betsi Cadwaladr UHB, Cardiff & Vale UHB, Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB, Powys Teaching HB & Swansea Bay UHB.

Data fields include basic demographic data such as date & time of attendance, age, sex, ethnicity, deprivation, assault location, assailant type, weapon used, referral source and outcome. Data from 2018 onwards are available.

🕒 Welsh Ambulance Service Trust data on violence related call-outs.

🕒 Hospital admissions data for knife/sharp object related injuries for all Wales which includes breakdown by age, sex and area.

Data from 2016 onwards are available.

🕒 Police recorded crime data from South Wales and North Wales Police. Data fields include victim and offender demographics such as age, sex, ethnicity, deprivation, crime type. Data from 2018 onwards are available.



### Wales Violence Prevention Portal Report Repository

The WVPP report repository holds reports that contain additional sensitive data not available in the public domain. Such as:

🕒 Wales violence monitoring reports published 6-monthly looking at the most up-to-date data on multi-agency violence data trends in Wales.

🕒 Regional violence strategic needs assessments

🕒 Thematic reports available:

- Violence against older people;
- Female genital mutilation experienced by women residing in Wales;
- Sexual assault referral centre service data;
- School-based violence.



### Additional Data Sources

🕒 [StatsWales](#) is a Welsh Government online repository for statistical data for Wales. Users can view datasets and produce charts. Datasets include key information on Wales' population, economy, education, transport and health.

🕒 [Crime Survey for Eng & Wales \(CSEW\)](#) data held on the Office for National Statistics platform.



### Update on the Welsh Emergency Care Data Set

🕒 The Welsh Emergency Care Data Set (WECDS), mandated by Welsh Government, will require health boards in Wales to use a consistent national data standard, applied across the whole of the urgent and emergency care system to record data. Violence and assault related attendances will be included. The Wales VPU team are supporting the implementation of the WECDS. A 'stretch' target for delivery of March 2025 has been set.