

# Undergraduate Nursing Student's Perceptions and Understanding of Gender-Based Violence (VAWG) - A Research Proposal

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## Background

- WHO estimates that 1 in 3 women world-wide will experience sexual or physical abuse from an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- Globally, 7% of women have been sexually assaulted by someone other than a partner and as many as 38% of murders of women are committed by an intimate partner.
- 200 million women have experienced female genital mutilation/cutting. (worldbank.org)
- In the UK An estimated 1.6 million women aged 16 to 74 suffered domestic abuse in England and Wales in the last year, and around 5.1 million women aged 18 to 74 were victims of some form of abuse as a child. (ONS)



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## What Constitutes Gender-Based Violence (VAWG)

- Controlling or Coercive Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Rape
- Female Genital Mutilation
- "Honour Based" Abuse including Honour-Based Killings and Forced Marriage
- Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking
- Stalking
- Harassment
- Digital crimes such as cyber-flashing, 'revenge porn' and 'up-skirting' (Gov.UK)



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## Where We Are Now

- GBV is a global health problem mainly perpetrated against women of all ages from every society.
- Many nurses lack adequate knowledge in reacting to and identifying gender-based violence.
- However, nurses can play an essential role in the identification, management and prevention of GBV
- Several studies have identified the lack of GBV educational strategies as being a problem, for undergraduate nurses ([Doran & Hutchinson, 2017](#); [Valpied, Aprico, Clewett, & Hegarty, 2017](#)).



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## Aims & Objectives

- To gain a comprehensive understanding of undergraduate nursing student perceptions and understanding of GBV and employ the findings to inform undergraduate curriculum development.

## Proposed Methodology

- Mixed Methods Approach - quantitative data collection (via questionnaire) followed by qualitative interviews with participants.

## Relevance to clinical practice

- Continued effort is required to address GBV in undergraduate nursing education so that nursing graduates understand the association between violence exposure and poor health and can assess for GBV and respond appropriately in the clinical environment.