



# FIGHT THE CUTS TO WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' SERVICES

Across the UK, domestic abuse support services have had **31%** of their funding cut.

This is in a country where, according to the British Crime Survey, 1.2 million women report domestic abuse and around 80,000-100,000 women are raped every year.

**Every day, 230 women are turned away from refuges that could save their lives**, because there simply aren't enough places to cope with the scales of violence against women and girls.

This year, **a woman has been murdered every 3.5 days as a result of domestic abuse.**

Across the UK, cuts to domestic abuse support services are, quite simply, killing women.

Women are bearing the brunt of the cuts- particularly low paid women and their families. If the government took strong action to stop tax dodging by companies like **Starbucks- who haven't paid any income tax for the last three years,** we could easily afford to prevent the £5.6m being cut from violence against women services, the 25% cut to funding for Sure Start centres and the further £10 billion benefit cuts. We need to make sure in our own city, our councillors see violence against women and girls as a priority, and make no further cuts to local services that save women's lives.

## What Can I do?

Tell your councillor that we will not accept cuts to the services that save women's lives. To find out who your city councillor is, visit: **[www.bristol.gov.uk/councillorfinder](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/councillorfinder)**

For more information on what the Bristol Feminist Network is doing, visit **[www.bristolfeministnetwork.com](http://www.bristolfeministnetwork.com)**

Find out more about challenging tax dodging big businesses with Bristol and District Anti Cuts Alliance - **[www.bristolanticutsalliance.org.uk](http://www.bristolanticutsalliance.org.uk)** and UKuncut - **[www.ukuncut.org.uk](http://www.ukuncut.org.uk)**

## Affected by Domestic Abuse?

You can call the National domestic abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247

