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Shadow Minister for Preventing Abuse and Domestic Violence comments on HMIC Report

Sarah Champion MP, Shadow Minister for Preventing Abuse and Domestic Violence has called for greater resources to deal with domestic violence.

Following a report by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary that revealed that specialist domestic violence units were in danger of being overwhelmed, Sarah said;

“It is welcomed that more victims of domestic abuse have the courage to come forward, but the HMIC report shows the volume of cases is putting significant strain on an already reduced police force. Whilst the police are clearly committed to tackling the crime, they simply do not have the resources to do so.”

Sarah continued:

“Another serious concern is that on-going cuts to local authorities and the voluntary sector mean that specialist services, such as counselling and refuges do not have the capacity to support victims, if indeed they are still in existence. Securing prosecutions is important, but helping the victims rebuild their lives is also key. The fact we now have a postcode lottery as to whether or not you can receive such support is a national scandal.”

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Notes to Editors:

1. HMIC’s report is available at:
<https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmic/publications/increasingly-everyones-business-a-progress-report-on-the-police-response-to-domestic-abuse/>