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COUNTERACTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Domestic violence is a problem in the UK. Today, the system of measures that make up the UK's domestic violence policy provides for: providing victims of sexual violence access to specialized care and providing funding to 87 independent sexual violence counseling centers in major cities; experimental extension of protection against violence by clients to sex workers; imposition of legal restrictions and penalties for forced marriage; funding applied research into the causes and prerequisites of domestic violence and counteracting it, preventing the domestic aggressor from communicating with the victim during special restrictions; launching a campaign against ill-treatment and rape of adolescents; expanding protection for victims of domestic violence by introducing two new criminal offenses, as well as providing additional powers to the police and prosecutors to counter domestic violence.

The content of improving police work in cases of domestic violence is to focus attention on these situations and improve work with family members. The first step is to clarify the wrongfulness and punishment of domestic violence. Police officers visited families in the service area, clarified the law, and distributed information material. The next action was to respond to domestic violence cases. Rapid response and real sanctions against offenders helped to understand the punishment of the aggressors and the state of protection of the victims. Among the sanctions against domestic aggressors are the practice of arresting the British police and determining the short or long term life of the aggressor outside the family home. In each case, records of problem families were introduced and periodic visits by police officers were initiated. Domestic violence is heard by a magistrate's court (a local court). Possible solutions to the case include undergoing a rehabilitation program, a fine or detention. The special restrictions include the decision to ban the aggressor's contact with the victim, to prevent him from entering the family home for up to 28 days. Through a comprehensive analysis of domestic violence, British society recognizes domestic violence as an important issue that deserves attention not only from government, but also from non-governmental institutions.

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