

# Understanding Autistic Women's Experiences of Reporting Gender Based Violence

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Why?

- Autistic women experience high levels of traumatic Gender Based Violence (eg Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence).
- Reporting these crimes may be more difficult through communication differences.
- We want to improve the reporting experience.

Who?

- We would like to talk to Women who are Autistic (either with a diagnosis or self-identified)
- AND who have experience of reporting crimes of Domestic Abuse or Sexual Violence to Police

What?

- Using PhotoVoice\* we would like to understand what helped you report these crimes, and what was difficult.
- There will be two 90-minute sessions with a trained facilitator.
- Information will be used to improve the reporting process for other Autistic women.
- Travel expenses and a £40 Amazon giftcard will be provided to thank you for your important contribution.

When?

- Recruitment is now open.
- PhotoVoice\* sessions will take place during February, March and April.
- Information will be analysed and written up by the end of May 2026.

Where?

- PhotoVoice\* sessions can take place:
- In small groups (our preferred option) or individually
- In-person (in Dundee, our preferred option) or online

\*<https://photovoice.org>

What's next?

- If you are interested in taking part in this research, please contact:
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