What is the problem we're trying to solve?

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) damages health and wellbeing. limits freedom and potential and is a violation of human rights.

Risks, dangers and harms caused by VAWG to individuals, families, communities and societies can be complex. In some cases. long term or even lifelong levels of support from specialist or universal services are required to provide safety, security and recovery. This can only be provided through considerable public spend and investment in informed, safe and sustainable specilaist and universal service responses.

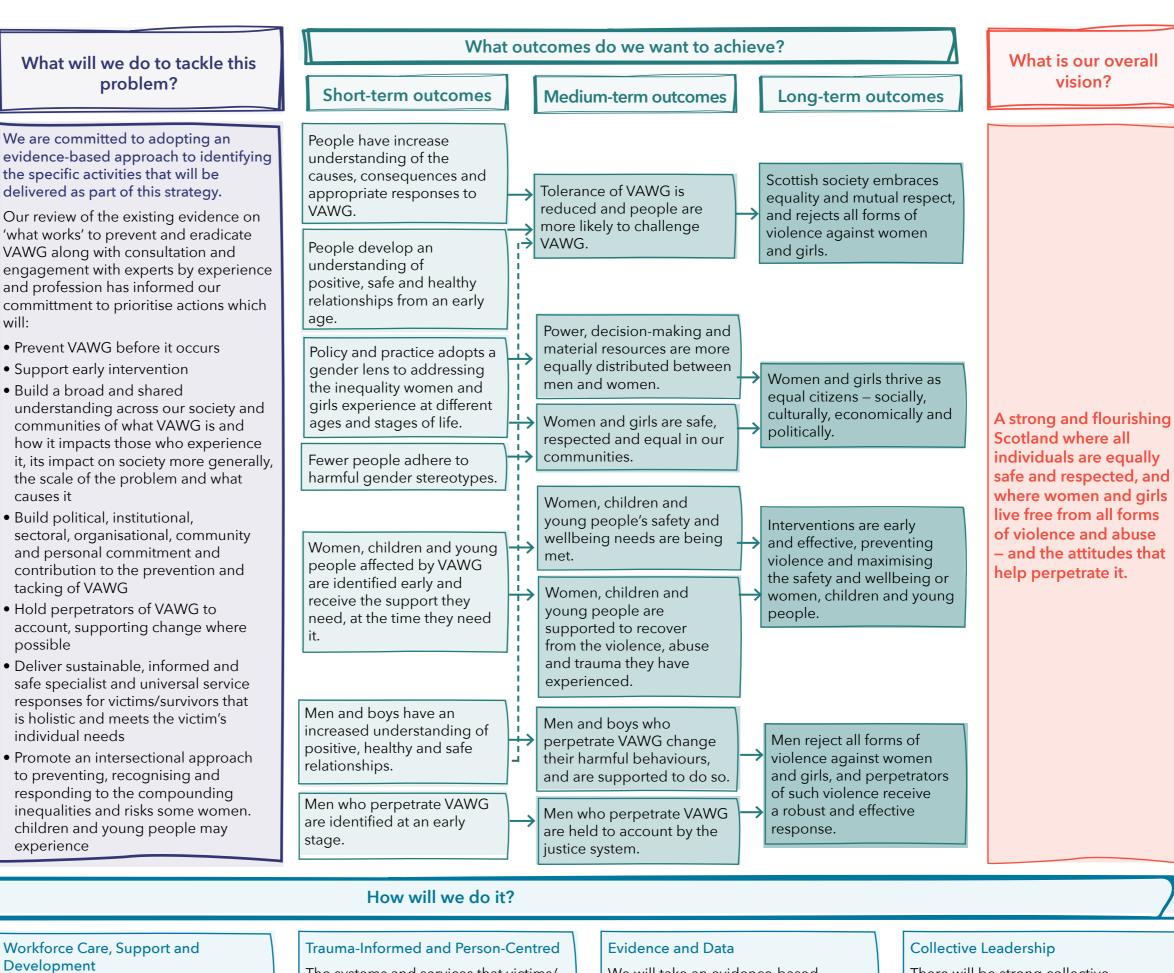
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There remains a lack of shared understanding that it is women's inequality in society that is a cause and consequence of VAWG. Gender inequality continues to be rooted in society and tolerated.

Progress made towards equality targets has recently been inhibited by the impacts of the covid pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis.

While all women, children and young people are at risk of experiencing harm from VAWG, people with protected characteristics face increased levels of risk or both experiencing and accessing appropriate support for VAWG.

Perpetrators of VAWG may not be held accountable for their choices and the harms they cause and may not be robustly supported to change their attitudes, values, beliefs and behaviours.



Lived Experience

The voices of women, children and young people with lived experience of VAWG will be listened to and respected, and will be used to shape policy and practice.

Workforce Care, Support and Development

Professionals working within universal and specialist services will have the knowledge, skills and support they need to effectively respond to victims/ survivors.

The systems and services that victims/ survivors come into contact with will be person-centred and trauma-informed, and will address the additional barriers some victims/survivors may face to accessing support.

We will take an evidence-based approach to investing in systems and services that will improve outcomes for women, children and young people, and will use evidence and data to measure progress and perfomance.

There will be strong collective leadership at a local and national level across all key policy agendas that have a role to play in improving outcomes for women, children and young people affected by VAWG.