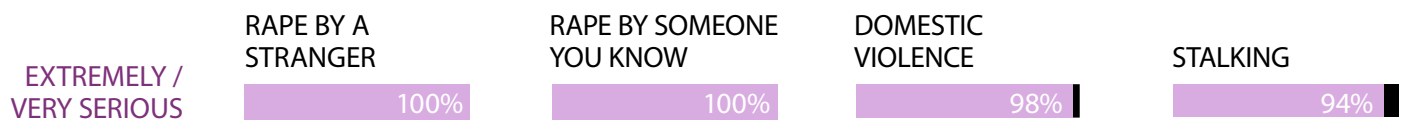


# Women's views on the policing of rape, domestic violence and stalking within the Durham Constabulary area

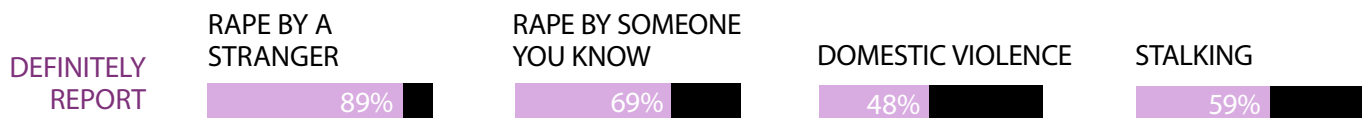
## Research Methods:

A sample of 180 women living within the Durham Constabulary area were asked their views in an online survey. They were asked how serious rape by a stranger, rape by someone known to them, domestic violence, and staking were; whether they would report these crimes to the police (and why); what priority they think the police should give these crimes; how seriously they think these crimes are taken by the police; and how seriously they think they should be taken.

## Most women said these crimes were extremely/very serious



## Not all women said they would definitely report these crimes if they happened to them



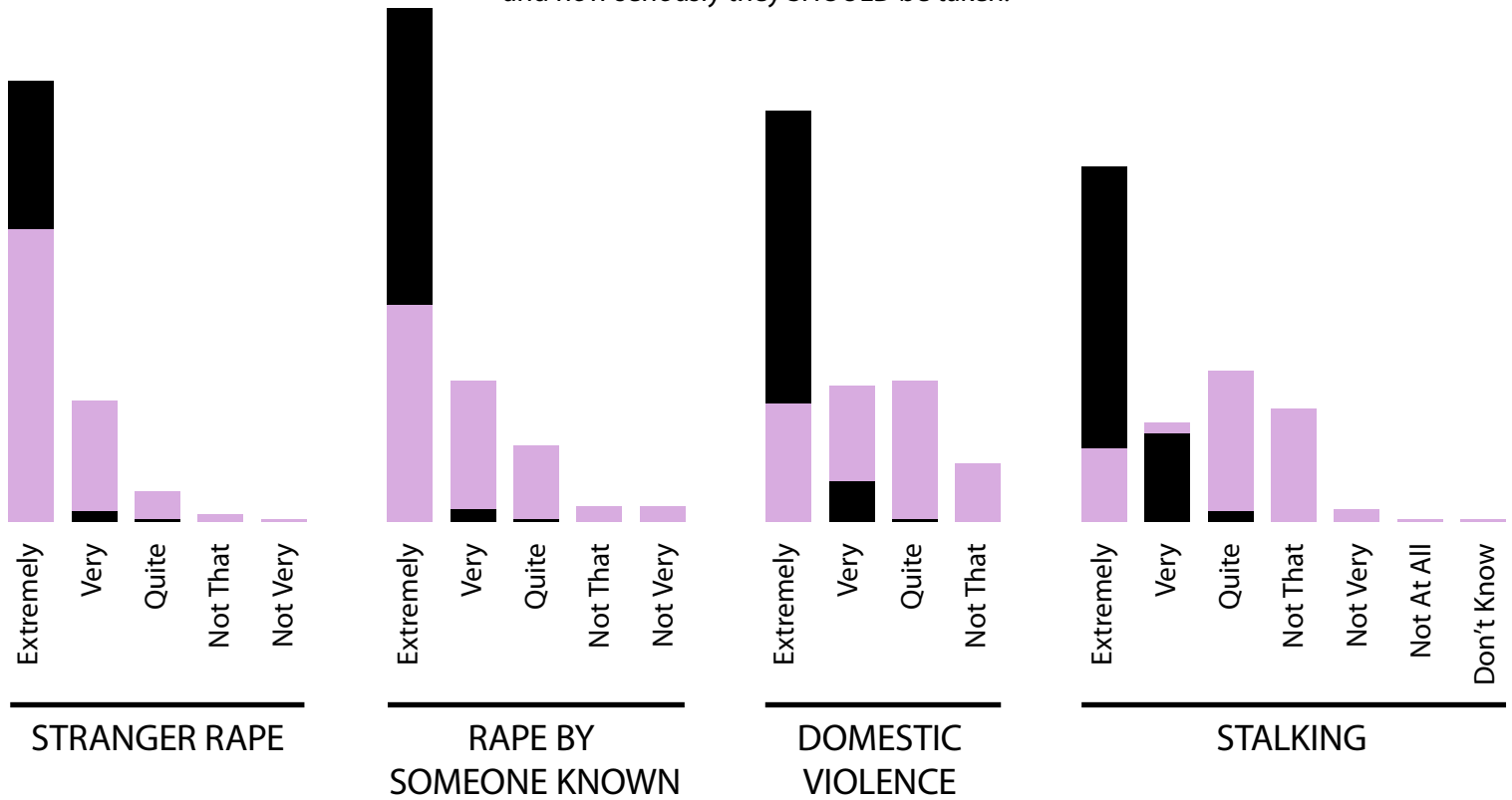
## Women explained why they said they would or would not report

Women from Black and other Minority Ethnic backgrounds may be even less likely to make a police report and to access generic (not specialist BME) services.

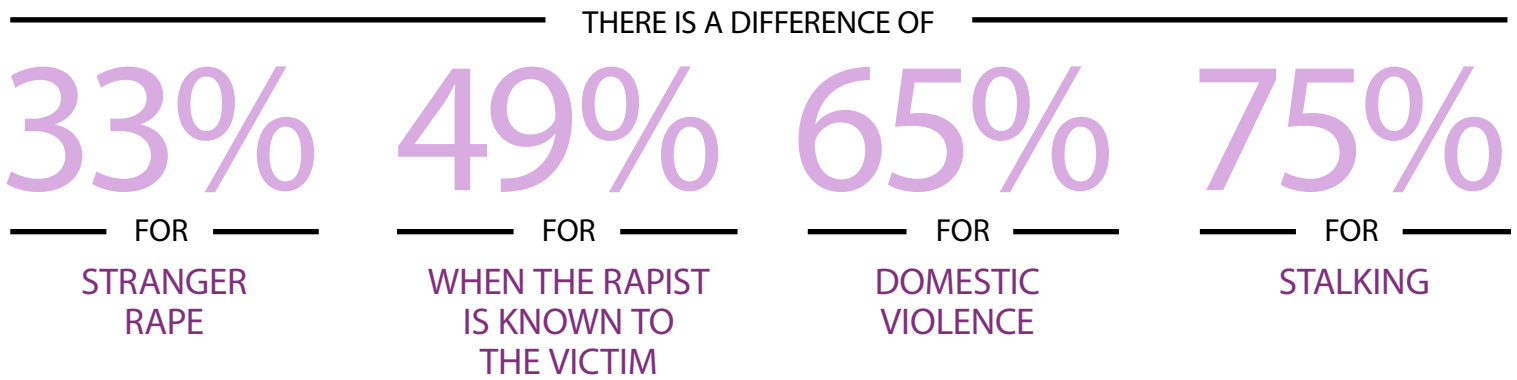
RAPE BY STRANGER	RAPE BY SOMEONE KNOWN	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	STALKING
<p><b>WOULD REPORT</b></p> <p>'If I didn't report and it happened to someone else I wouldn't forgive myself.'</p>	<p><b>WOULD REPORT</b></p> <p>'I would want them caught and punished. They could do this to someone else.'</p>	<p><b>WOULD REPORT</b></p> <p>'Would not put up with it from anyone.' 'For my own safety.'</p>	<p><b>WOULD REPORT</b></p> <p>'This is a serious and frightening and threatening intrusion of someone's life.'</p>
<p><b>WOULD NOT REPORT</b></p> <p>'Hard to prove, often not believed, put through more torture and made to feel responsible.'</p>	<p><b>WOULD NOT REPORT</b></p> <p>'It would be so difficult if it was someone known to me.'</p>	<p><b>WOULD NOT REPORT</b></p> <p>'I would just leave for my safety in case I wasn't believed and they were free to come back and get me.' 'I don't think it would be taken seriously.'</p>	<p><b>WOULD NOT REPORT</b></p> <p>'Don't think the police would be all that bothered, they'd make the right noises and do nothing to stop the stalker.' 'May not seem very important to the police.'</p>

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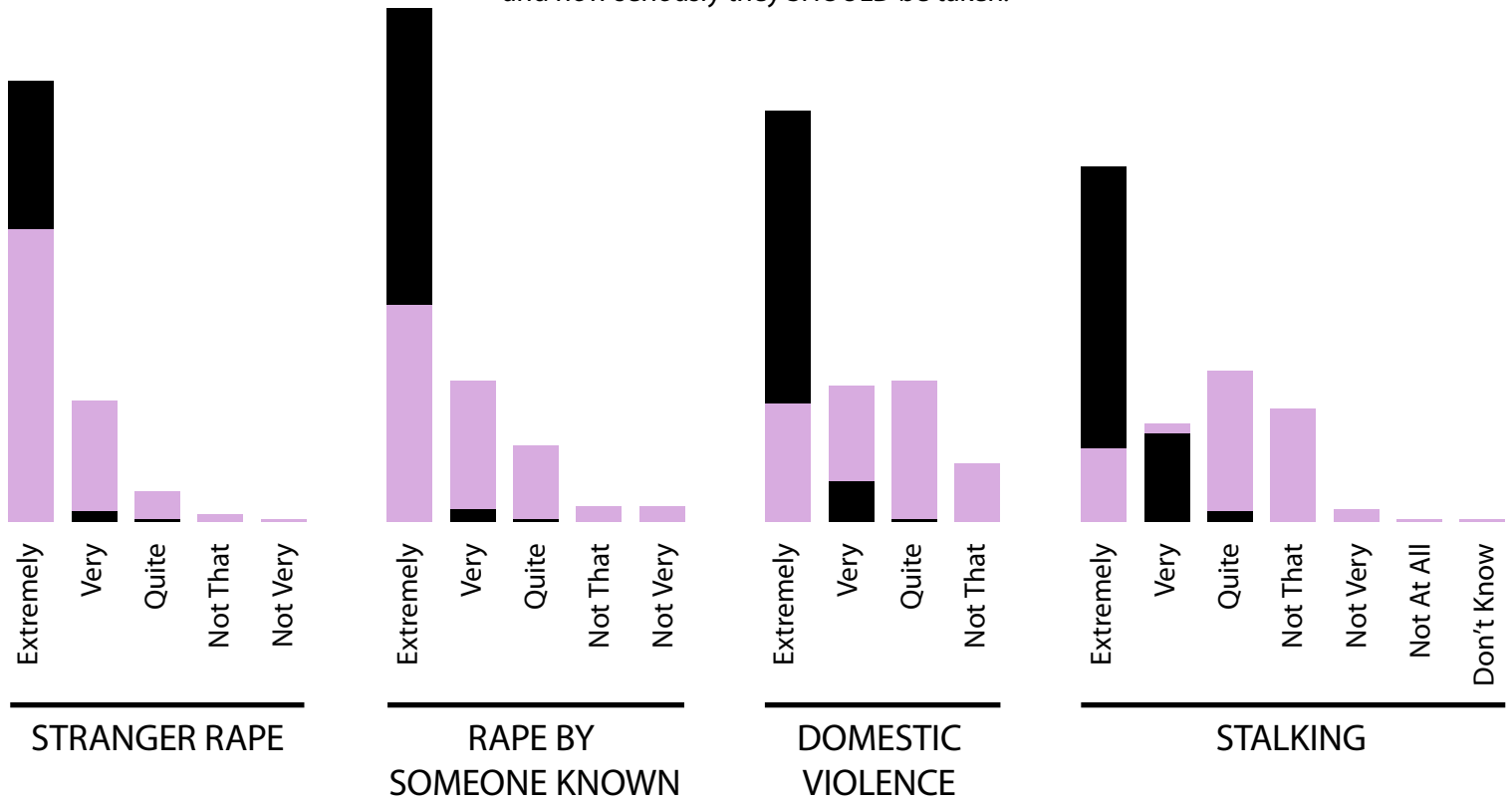


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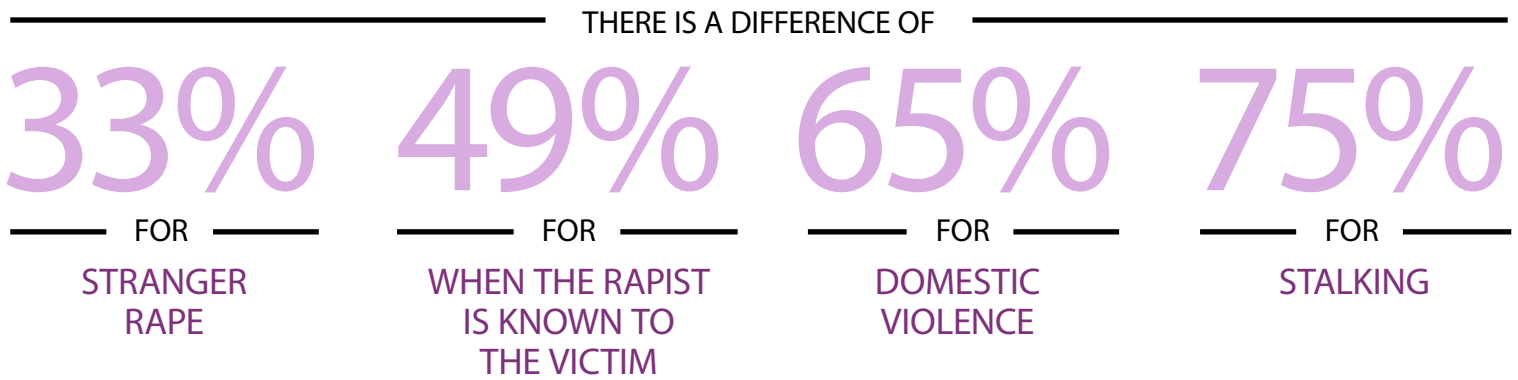


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