



**MARVOW 2.0**

Coordinated Multi-Agency Response  
to Violence against Older Women

# Policy Recommendations

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## National

### Policy and Governance

#### 1.1 Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health

- Mandate obligatory regular, specialized training for all front-line professionals (police, healthcare) on detecting and responding to violence against older women (including psychological, financial, and neglect-related abuse), and develop robust referral mechanisms.
- Implement the legal obligation to collect age and sex-segregated data on violence against women, including older women that enter the system through police reports or the healthcare system, with adherence to GDPR principles and requirements.
- Develop a system for the sharing of information between governmental agencies as well as frontline service providers. This system can operate as a flagging system that alerts partner agencies of high-risk cases for more time-efficient and targeted interventions.

#### Learning from Wales

In Wales there is a system applied where a public protection notification (PPN) is issued. A PPN is an information-sharing document that records safeguarding concerns about an adult or child. PPNs are shared with partner agencies to inform a multi-agency response.

#### 1.2 Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare

- Formally expand and institutionalize the role of neighbourhood social workers (Κοινωνικοί Λειτουργοί της Γειτονιάς) and Citizen Service Centre (ΚΕΠ) staff in violence prevention and response, including responsibility for referrals and community-level awareness.
- Implement and fund a nationwide 'red button' emergency response system specifically designed for older people, integrated with health and social services.

### 1.3 Ministry of Health, Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare

- Introduce standardized screening and risk assessment tools protocols for detecting violence against older women in healthcare and elder care settings. For example, the MARVOW 2.0 Risk Assessment tool, can be used as a supplemental to already existing risk assessment processes.

### 1.4 Local Authorities/Municipalities, Older People's Associations

- Deliver a targeted public awareness campaign for older women, using age-appropriate, accessible formats, on how to report violence and access services.
- Ensure non-digital access points (helplines, printed materials, in-person support) to information and services for older women, especially in rural or marginalized areas.