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MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

Dr Iram Sattar MBE

This year has been a year of mixed emotions with losses and celebrations. Although I started the year with a personal achievement having been awarded the MBE in the 2022 New Year Honours list, the year ended with the loss of my younger brother Farhan Sattar while he was waiting for a heart transplant. MWNUK had responded to a public consultation in 2018 on organ donation highlighting the important role women can play in raising awareness about having conversations around being a donor. We hope to take this work forward. Sadly, Baroness Haleh Afshar also passed away in 2022. She was one of the founding members of MWNUK and had been Honorary President of the charity since stepping down as a trustee.

Health has already been a key theme this year. To improve health and wellbeing we started a Walking Project that has involved recruiting Volunteer Walk Leaders in different parts of England. We also launched findings of our research on Muslim women's maternity experiences which put a spotlight on the inequalities they face. The report received national media coverage.

I would like to congratulate Shaista Gohir on her appointment to the House of Lords. This is a huge achievement given the highly competitive process; the appointment is very well deserved, and we are proud of her. Shaista will make an excellent addition to the House of Lords. Her dedication and passion for public service is demonstrated in all the roles she has been involved in, particularly how she has led the development of MWNUK with her ideas and vision.



Nazmin Akthar

This has been a year of change and celebration. We moved into new offices, resumed volunteer recruitment and have undergone board and staff changes. Congratulations to Shaista Gohir, who stepped down from the board and became the CEO and was also appointed as a Crossbench peer in the House of Lords. Like Baroness Afshar, Shaista will no doubt continue to take forward social justice and gender equality for all women and not just Muslim women.

We are also pleased that Faeza Vaid MBE has joined the MWNUK board of trustees after stepping down as Executive Director at the end of 2021. Having already spent 13 years at MWNUK, she brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the board. Congratulations also to trustee Khursheed Wadia who has been promoted to Professor. However, due to the commitments of her new role she is sadly stepping down from the board. We would like to thank her for her valuable contribution over the last 11 years.



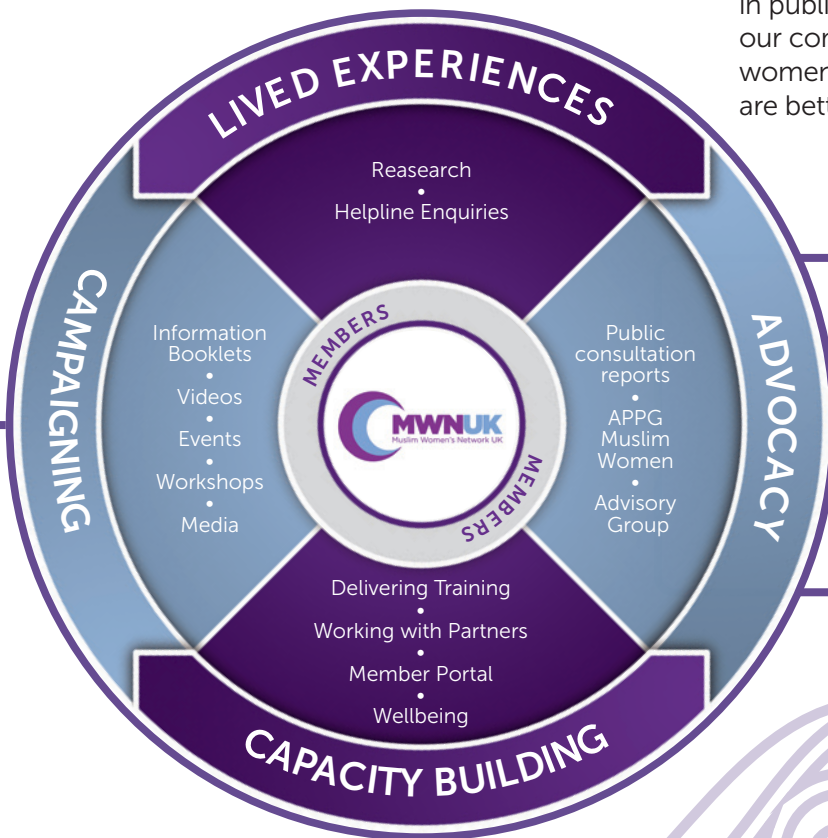
ABOUT MWNUK

Muslim Women’s Network UK (MWNUK) is a national membership charity based in Birmingham that works to improve social justice and equality for Muslim women and girls. MWNUK began as an informal group in 2003, became a CIC in 2008 and charity in 2013.

Initially we focussed on campaign and advocacy work. However, after being regularly contacted by Muslim women desperate for help we responded to this need by setting up a culturally sensitive national helpline and counselling service in 2015.

In addition to providing direct frontline support, we utilise the experiences of Muslim women and girls uncovered through the helpline enquiries (and through additional research projects), to identify policy and practice gaps.

We use this information to inform decision makers in public bodies and government and to inform our community campaigns. We also capacity build women and develop information resources so they are better aware of their rights.



“We want a society where Muslim women can have an effective voice and the opportunity to exercise their rights to contribute equally.”

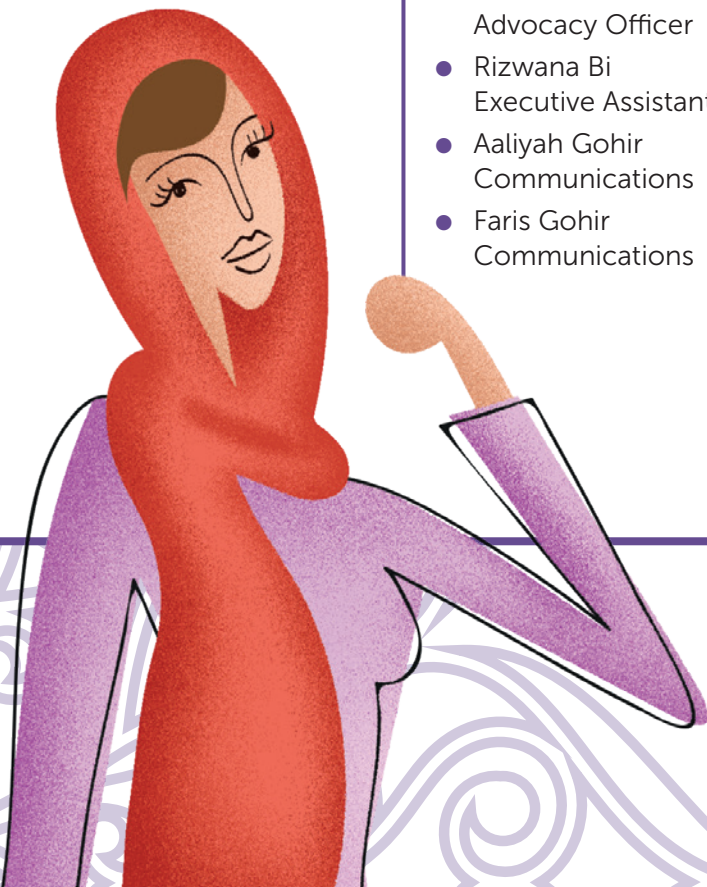
THE MWNUK TEAM

Board Trustees

- Dr Iram Sattar MBE
Co-Chair
- Nazmin Akthar
Co-Chair
- Sophie Garner
- Professor Khursheed Wadia
- Faeza Vaid MBE

Staff

- Baroness Shaista Gohir OBE
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- Neelam Rose
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- Rizwana Bi
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- Faris Gohir
Communications
- Adeeba Begum
Helpline
- Sumaira Mehmood
Helpline
- Nasseam Akhtar
Helpline
- Saima Pasha
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- Ayisha Karim
Helpline (until Dec 2022)
- Sumeina Hussain
Helpline (from Nov 2022)
- Umarah Tauqir
Helpline (from Nov 2022)
- Hadia Mansoor
Helpline and Projects
- Zaheda Vaid
Helpline and Projects
- Zeinab Abid
Helpline and Projects



CELEBRATIONS

Dr Iram Sattar MBE

Co-Chair of MWNUK

Dr. Iram Sattar, received recognition in the 2022 New Year Honours list. She was awarded an MBE for Services to Health and Wellbeing of Vulnerable People.

Iram has been a doctor for over 20 years with the NHS and whilst caring for patients has continued in her trustee roles. For more than 10 years, she has served on the boards of Muslim Women's Network UK and The Passage. Her influence and voluntary work have helped to improve the quality of life of some of the most disadvantaged and poorest in society. As one of the recipients of an honour in the Queen's platinum jubilee year, Iram was also invited to the Platinum Jubilee National Service of Thanksgiving held at St Paul's Cathedral in London (June 2022) to mark the 70th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II.



Baroness Shaista Gohir OBE

CEO of MWNUK



Shaista Gohir was appointed to the House of Lords in June 2022 as a non-party political peer. She was selected by the House of Lords Appointments Commission following an independent competitive process and recommended to the Prime Minister because of the expertise and experience she would be able to bring to the work of the House.

Shaista has worked in the charity sector for nearly twenty years and is one of the founding members who established MWNUK as an independent organisation and has led its growth since, serving as the Chair and Executive Director and building MWNUK to become a highly respected and award-winning charity.

To oversee the charity's next period of growth, Shaista stepped off the board in 2022 to lead it as the CEO.

Professor Khursheed Wadia

In recognition of her academic work, Khursheed Wadia was promoted from Associate to full Professor of Sociology at the University of Warwick.

She has written and researched extensively on gender and political participation/civic engagement (including on women from Muslim communities and politics), gender, migration and ethnicity. Her book, *Muslim Women and Power: Political and Civic Engagement in West European Societies*, 2017 (co-authored with Daniele Joly) won the UK Political Studies Association's 2018 Mackenzie prize for the best book in political science.

After serving as a board member at MWNUK for over 10 years, Khursheed is now sadly leaving due to her new work commitments. We thank Khursheed for the valuable contribution and insights and look forward to her continuing to be a friend and supporter of MWNUK.



TRIBUTE TO BARONESS HALEH AFSHAR OBE (1944-2022)

In May 2022, Baroness Haleh Afshar OBE, who was one of the founding members of the Muslim Women's Network UK (MWNUK), sadly passed away.



Haleh always seemed to be ahead of the curve. She was a Muslim feminist and was talking about Islamic feminism at a time when many Muslim women in the UK were not. She was a Professor of Politics and Women's Studies at the University of York authoring several books writing about Muslim women's political, economic, legal and social struggles.

Her unwavering commitment to women's rights and gender equality has paved the way for many others. She has given women the tools for life, to fight, stand their ground and be themselves. This formidable advocate for women's rights will not be forgotten. Her inspiration lives on through the work of MWNUK.

"No human being, and certainly no man, has the right to define me and what my understanding of God is."

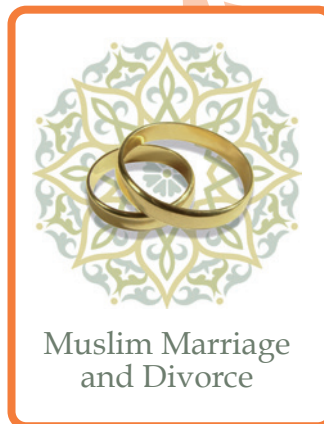
Haleh Afshar

MWNUK ONLINE

Our Resources

Our resources have been downloaded | an increase of
280,396 times | **33%**

The Muslim Marriage and divorce booklet continues to be the most downloaded resources at **44,831 times**



TYPE OF MWNUK RESOURCE	TOTAL DOWNLOADS UNTIL SEPT 2021	TOTAL DOWNLOADS UP TO DEC 2022
Information booklets	77,643	101,061
Research	23,176	28,417
Consultation reports	35,643	54,845
Media Statements	59,012	72,582
Evaluation reports	2,133	6,445
Annual reports	12,190	17,046
Total	209,797	280,396

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Facebook

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7,537 followers
6,730 likes



Twitter

@MuslimWomenUK
8,299 followers



YouTube

@Muslim Women's Network UK
394 subscribers
@MWNTV
185 subscribers



Instagram

@muslimwomensnetworkuk
3,576 followers
@MWNHub
661 followers

MWN HELPLINE

www.mwnhelpline.co.uk

The new MWN Helpline website includes information on a range of issues including mental health and feelings, sexual abuse, tech abuse, domestic abuse, faith and spirituality, and divorce.

 **0800 999 5786** (free from landlines and mobile phones)

 **07415 206 936**

 **info@mwnhelpline.co.uk**

 **www.mwnhelpline.co.uk**

Open Monday - Friday (10am-4pm)

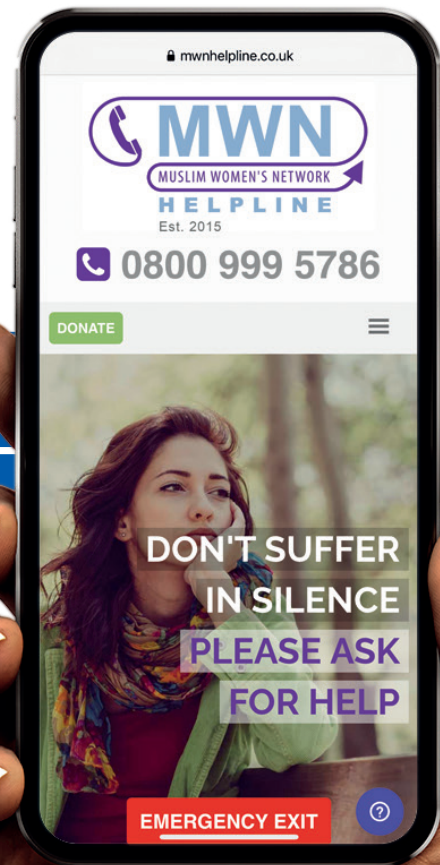
All messages and calls received outside of opening hours will be responded to as soon as possible during opening hours.

You can contact the helpline whether you are in a crisis situation and need immediate help or just want information and advice. **You can call about:**

- Addictions (Alcohol and Drugs)
 - Child Sexual Abuse / Exploitation
 - Discrimination /Islamophobia
 - Domestic Abuse
 - Faith and Spirituality
 - Female Genital Mutilation
 - Forced Marriage
 - Honour Based Violence
 - Housing and Homelessness
 - LGBT
 - Marriage and Divorce
 - Mental Health and Feelings
 - Rape and Sexual Assault
 - Sex, Relationships and Pregnancy
 - Suicide / Self Harm
- ... **and anything else**

In an emergency call 999

To contact your local or any other police force call 101



Although the helpline can be contacted about any issue, domestic abuse and poor mental health continue to be the top issues. Women are struggling to access mental health services and perhaps not surprisingly there has also been a small increase in more serious cases where callers are self-harming or having suicidal thoughts. Some of the Helpline's interventions have been life-saving. For example, one woman called the helpline while she was on her way to a train station to take her own life.

"We have noticed that the number of service users choosing to contact us via email has increased. The cases have also become more complex and now involve more staff time with support lasting much longer. For example, we have started to see transnational abandonment cases.

There has also been a slight rise in Muslim women with disabilities who need help - in one case a woman who had both visual and hearing impairments was experiencing emotional abuse and coercive control and wanted help to get away from her family."

Helpline Manager

Since the helpline launched in 2015 we have:

Been contacted **22,347 times** | Helped **8,179 individuals** ...involving over **40 issues**



Provided counselling to **372 individuals**



Provided **1,860 hours** of counselling

66% of calls related to **VAWG** (domestic abuse, honour based abuse, forced marriage, stalking, harassment, sexual assault, rape, sexual exploitation)

Interesting information from the helpline:

- **5%** of calls from men needing help
- **5%** of callers are women of other or no faiths
- **6%** of callers have a disability
- **4%** of callers reported abuse involving the use of technology
- **20%** of callers reported abuse that involved coercive control



Rise in contacts via email and webchat

Highest number of calls from West Midlands and London



2022

1,448 helped
(contact **3,569** times)

2021

1,582 helped
(contact **3,994** times)

2020

1,261 helped
(contact **3,124** times)

What our service users say about the helpline:

"It was helpful speaking to someone from a Muslim background. I felt understood as I really needed to speak with someone at the time. Thank you for listening to me when I needed it."

Female, 30s
Malaysian, South West

"My caseworker helped with my confidence, supported me with calling professionals, explaining to them my problems, something I couldn't do due to my lack of English. They helped with explaining my situation to them."

Female, 30s
Bangladeshi, Yorkshire

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your cooperation, if you had not encouraged me to take the first step of reporting the crime and getting him arrested he would still be abusing her and fooling the rest of the family with his manipulative skills."

Female, 30s
Pakistani, South East

"I needed faith and culturally sensitive counselling in order for a counsellor of a similar faith and background to understand my concerns as a mother and how to better manage my relationships."

Female, early 20s
Bangladeshi, London

"I am able to make sense of the abuse that happened to me, and come to an understanding that I did not, and still do not, deserve to be treated badly. I am more confident within myself and assertive. I wouldn't be where I am now without the support."

Female, teenager
Arab, East of England.

HELPLINE DATA DASHBOARD

Visit our helpline data dashboard to view helpline statistics. The tool allows bespoke data searches according to demographics and issue type and may be particularly useful to policy makers, public services, academics, media, students, funders and other third sector organisations.

www.mwnuk.co.uk/muslim-women-helpline-dashboard.php



MWN HUB

www.mwnhub.com



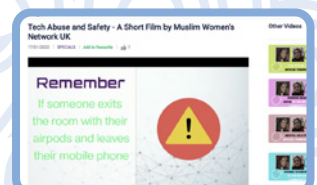
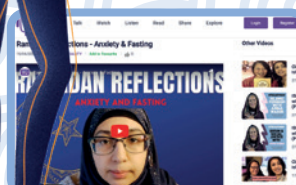
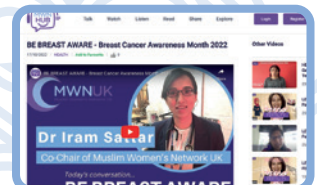
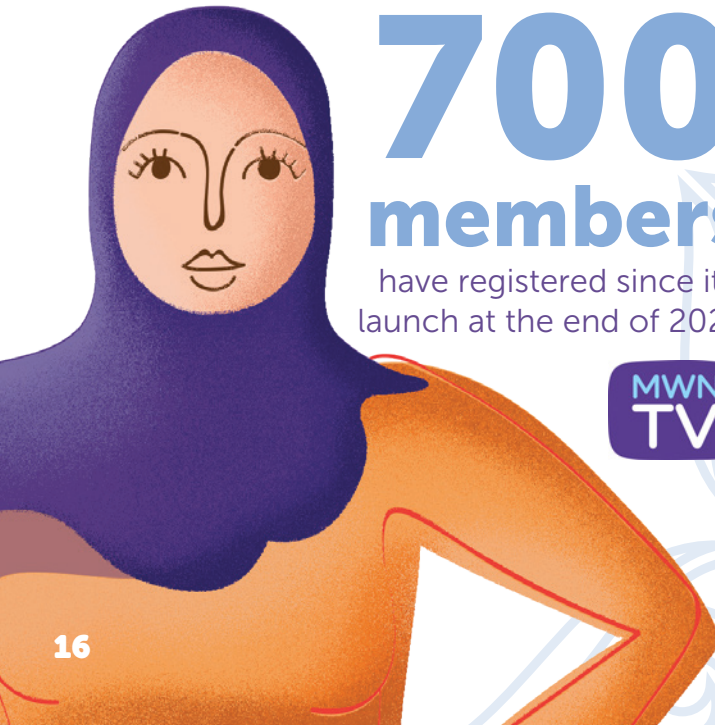
The MWN Hub (www.mwnhub.com) is a platform to provide information on a wide range of issues through videos and blogs. It also provides a space for members to express their views and share notices of events or promote their own initiatives.



To receive updates from MWNUK, you can register on the platform
www.mwnhub.com/signup.php

More than
700
members

have registered since its launch at the end of 2020!



Member Feature

Razia Hadait Awarded the MBE

MWNUK nominated Razia Hadait, founder and CEO of Himaya Haven for the MBE honour. We were pleased that she was awarded the MBE in the Queen's birthday honours in June 2022. Razia has been a community activist for 24 years championing the needs of disadvantaged and marginalised groups from diverse ethnic minority communities living in the most deprived areas of Birmingham.



As Razia was one of the recipients during the Queen's platinum jubilee year, she was amongst the selected members of the public who were invited to the funeral which was an historical event attended by world leaders.

Fawziyah Javed Vigil

In September 2021, MWNUK was heartbroken to learn about the death of Fawziyah Javed. On the first anniversary of her death, MWNUK along with others helped to organise a vigil in Edinburgh. The vigil was attended by family members, local women, activists and the Co-Chair Nazmin Akthar. Madinah Javed recited the Quran on the day.



Ackley Bridge

MWNUK provided advice on a Muslim female character for Channel 4's Yorkshire school drama, Ackley Bridge.

RESEARCH

MATERNITY RESEARCH

Invisible - Maternity Experiences of Muslim Women from Racialised Minority Communities

Launched on 13th July 2022 at the House of Commons via the APPG on Muslim Women. The research uncovered a culture of maternity abuse that is contributing to 1 in 5 Muslim women saying their maternity care is 'poor' or 'very poor', particularly during their labour, birth and the post birth period in hospital.

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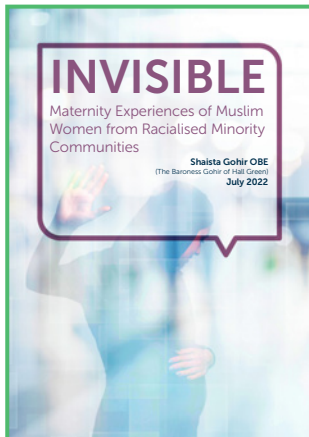
online surveys completed

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in-depth interviews

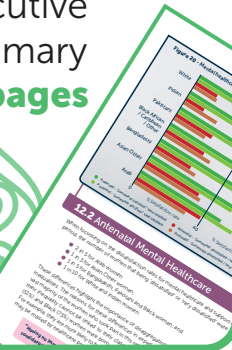
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focus group held



Full report
200+ pages

Executive Summary
40 pages



When experiences were compared to national average statistics, data showed that Muslim women from racialised minority communities were:

- **1.6 times more likely** to have their labour induced
- **1.5 times less likely** to be given an epidural for pain relief
- **1.4 times more likely** to have an instrumental birth
- **2.4 times more likely** to have postpartum haemorrhage
- **2.1 times more likely** to be in prolonged labour
- **1.3 times more likely** to have an emergency caesarean



Senior midwife Donna Ockendon spoke at the event.

The report was covered by BBC Newsnight, Huffington Post and the Open Democracy. The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Royal College of Midwives released public statements and will consider the recommendations.

The report is having an impact already

- Downloaded 1,855 times
- Endorsement of the report by the new incoming RCOG President Elect Consultant Raneer Thakar, who also gave an interview to BBC Newsnight
- Endorsement by senior midwife Donna Ockenden who Chaired the Shrewsbury and Telford Maternity Inquiry spoke at the launch and provided an interview to BBC Newsnight
- Donna Ockenden has asked MWNUK to be on the Advisory Group for the Nottingham Maternity Inquiry
- Have made introduction to Nottingham Muslim Women's Network to ensure the Nottingham Maternity Inquiry hears diverse family voices
- NHS Race and Health Observatory has invited MWNUK to be on their maternity group
- NHS Resolution has responded to one recommendation on ensuring ethnicity data is collected for maternity medical negligence claims and is reviewing systems
- Presentations made to various NHS teams including National Health Conference on the Women's Health Strategy, which was attended by senior leadership in the NHS
- DHSC invited MWNUK to present key findings and recommendations of the report to the Patient Safety and Primary Care Minister James Morris and other senior NHS stakeholders. They tweeted about the report and the Department named the report in its media statement published on the government website where the Minister was quoted as saying:

"I would like to thank the Muslim Women's Network and Birthrights for sharing invaluable insights on the maternity experiences of Muslim and ethnic minority women, and I look forward to working with the system to set out actions on how we can ensure better care for all women."



"I now use the report as one of my reference points."

Midwife

"This has made us realise we need to improve our engagement with diverse women and we will hold a listening event in 2023 and would like you to present at the event."

Senior NHS Manager



POLITICS RESEARCH

**DOING
POLITICS,
CHANGING
SOCIETY**

Experiences of ethnic minority women being involved in UK local politics

This is a part of the Equal Power project and MWNUK has commissioned the University of Warwick to conduct the research which will be completed in 2023.

ADVOCACY

APPG ON MUSLIM WOMEN

Purpose of APPG

To support social justice and equality for Muslim women and transform their lives by debating, scrutinising, investigating and raising awareness of issues affecting them to influence practice, policy, legislation and attitudes.

Officers

- **Naz Shah MP** (Labour) - Co-Chair
- **Caroline Nokes MP** (Conservatives) - Co-Chair
- **Jess Phillips MP** (Labour) - Vice Chair
- **Baroness Hussein-Ece** (Liberal Democrats) - Officer
- **Afzal Khan MP** (Labour) - Officer
- **Apsana Begum** (Labour) - Officer
- **Baroness Pola Uddin** - Officer
- **Mark Logan MP** (Conservatives) - Officer
- **Anum Qaisar MP** (SNP) - Officer
- **Baroness Shaista Gohir OBE** - Officer

Secretariat: **Muslim Women's Network UK**



Victims Bill

Online Event (Feb 2022)

Muslim Women's Experiences of the Criminal Justice System presented by MWNUK based on research and cases from the MWN national helpline. A representative from the Ministry of Justice delivered a presentation on the public consultation which will inform the new Victim's Law.

Maternity Report Launch

House of Commons (July 2022)

The launch of the report, *Invisible: Maternity Experiences of Muslim Women from Racialised Minority Communities*, was attended by senior midwife Donna Ockenden. The event was attended by 30 people including the APPG Officers and representatives from the NHS, medical professional bodies and women's health charities.



PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

MWNUK responded to the following public consultations to inform policy, practice and legislation to highlight equality gaps experienced by Muslim women

Victim's Bill

(Ministry of Justice)
Feb 2022

The Ministry of Justice conducted a public consultation to inform its new Victim's Law - a Bill that will build on the foundations provided by the Victims' Code to substantially improve victims' experiences of the criminal justice system.

MWNUK responded to this consultation (3 Feb 2022) based on findings from its research, Muslim Women's Experience of the Criminal Justice System (June 2019). Our concerns included:

- Poor communication with victims and lack of support resulting in victims dropping cases and not getting justice
- Victims of sexual abuse receiving poor service including arbitrarily not prosecuting
- Lack of awareness of the victim's code and the victim's compensation scheme
- Not understanding how honour-based abuse intersects with other issues such as revenge porn and how risk is measured
- Lack of awareness of specialist local BAME organisations by police forces and Police Crime Commissioners wasting resources on tick box projects
- Police not arresting perpetrators when they breach orders thus putting victim's safety at risk



Social Housing for Victims of Domestic Abuse

(Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities)
May 2022

Mental Health and Wellbeing

(DHSC)
July 2022

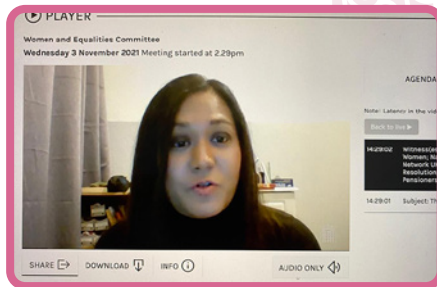
Honour-based Abuse Inquiry

(Women's Equality Committee)
Dec 2022

Oral Evidence (Nazmin Akthar, MWNUK Co-Chair)

Women's Equality Committee

The rights of cohabiting partners
3 Nov 2021



Resolution's Cohabitation Committee

Muslim Marriages and Relationships
13 July 2022



OTHER STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Hacked Off Campaign

Advocacy Officer Neelam Rose spoke at the event organised by the Hacked Off team and raised concerns about gendered Islamophobia in the media.



Police Super Complaint

A super complaint was submitted to the Home Office by the charity Halo to which MWNUK provided several case studies as evidence of poor service provided by police forces to ethnic minority Muslim women victims of sexual abuse. We are pleased that our evidence helped to secure the super complaint being upheld after an investigation by the HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service, which has resulted in recommendations for improvement.

- NHS Race and Health Observatory
- Tommy's Maternity Group
- National Police + CPS Honour Based Abuse Stakeholders
- National Police Domestic Abuse Stakeholder Group
- Forced Marriage Unit
- Hate Crime Stakeholder Reference Group
- Labour Political Party Conference
- Conservative Party Conference

CAMPAIGN

March of the Mummies

Pregnant then Screwed organised the March of the Mummies protest, which took place on 29th October in London. Muslim Women's Network UK was one of the co-partners. Thousands of women and men attended the march which ended with speeches from several campaigners calling for affordable childcare, flexible working and better maternity pay. Baroness Shaista Gohir also spoke at the event.



"Where is the levelling up for mothers? The high childcare costs are further increasing inequalities."

Baroness Shaista Gohir OBE

QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

The 2022 Commonwealth Games were held in Birmingham. Trustee Faeza Vaid was one of the baton bearers.



"Representation matters, so I'm honoured to have carried the Baton, not only for my family who've come from Commonwealth countries, but also for the communities we serve."

Faeza Vaid MBE (Trustee)

WELLBEING WALKING PROJECT

To reduce the negative impact of inactivity and to improve health and wellbeing of particularly Muslim women, MWNUK has facilitated the setting up of walking groups in different locations around England through a Sport England grant. Some of the locations include: Birmingham, Blackburn, Bristol, Cheshire, Dewsbury, Kirklees, Liverpool, London, Manchester and Staffordshire.



OUTREACH

Our outreach visits have included visiting a women's cricket competition, a school, a college, visiting women campaigners and the Bradford Lord Mayor.

Women's Cricket Competition

August 2022

Baroness Shaista Gohir attended a women's cricket competition in Birmingham organised by Salma Bi of Sporting Pathways CIC and presented the awards. Women travelled from across England to take part.



Bradford Girls Grammar School

November 2022

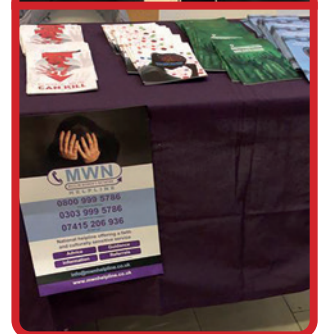
CEO Baroness Shaista Gohir and Advocacy Officer Neelam Rose visited Bradford Girls Grammar and spoke to pupils about their future aspirations and their concerns.



Matthew Boulton College

June 2022

Outreach Officer Zaheda Vaid attended the college to raise awareness of the MWN Helpline services to students



Bradford Council

November 2022

The Lord Mayor of Bradford Councillor Martin Love hosted Baroness Gohir at Bradford City Hall. The meeting was organised by Councillor Fozia Shaheen who also facilitated a meeting with other local women councillors and campaigners.



MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

TV AND RADIO

ITV News 02/01/2022

Dr. Iram Sattar is interviewed about her MBE

BBC News 24/01/2022

Dr. Iram Sattar comments on Nus Ghani MP and Islamophobia



BBC London 24/01/2022

Dr. Iram Sattar comments on Nus Ghani MP and Islamophobia

BBC Newsnight 03/02/2022

Shaista Gohir comments on Lord Ahmed's peerage title

BBC News 04/02/2022

Shaista Gohir comments on Lord Ahmed's peerage title

BBC Newsnight 12/07/2022

Shaista Gohir interviewed about research on maternity experiences of Muslim Women

BBC 4 Sunday 11/09/2022

Religion and Ethics - Shaista Gohir participated in a discussion on House of Lords reform and religion



PRINT AND ONLINE

Some of the news pieces and articles where MWN UK have commented or have been mentioned:

ITV News

02/01/2022

Dr. Iram Sattar is interviewed about her MBE

Pulse Today

04/01/2022

Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard awarded damehood in New Year's honours - *Another MBE went to London GP Dr Iram Sattar*

GP Online

04/01/2022

Former RCGP chair and Scotland CMO among GPs recognised in New Year Honours - *An MBE also went to Dr Iram Sattar, a GP in London*

The Big Issue

25/01/2022

Nusrat Ghani Islamophobia scandal Muslim Women's Network UK says the Islamophobia highlights the additional barriers Muslim women face

The Muslim News

28/01/2022

Record number of Muslims recognised in NY Honours - *Dr Sattar recognises that health disparities between minority ethnic groups*

Stylist

29/01/2022

My Muslimness stuck out - *Nazmin Akthar argues that stereotypes and assumptions of Muslim women as submissive and weak can affect their career progression*

The Telegraph

04/02/2022

Strip Lord Ahmed of his title - *The Muslim Women Network UK has written to the Lord Chancellor calling for action*

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Women's rights campaigner made life peer - *Shaista Gohir will sit on the crossbenches*

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Lady Afshar Obituary - *One of the founding members of Muslim Women's Network UK*

Birmingham Mail

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Introducing the future Baroness of Hall Green - *Birmingham civil rights campaigner and the influential woman behind the Muslim Women's Network*

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British Pakistani woman becomes baroness - *A leading British Pakistani women's rights campaigner Shaista Gohir has earned an appointment to the House of Lords*

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Islamophobia in maternity care - *Report reveals that Muslim women are bullied into labour inductions*

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Mental health walks - *Muslim Women's Network UK Wellbeing Walk project funded by Sport England*

The New Arab

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Queen Elizabeth II: UK Muslims express sorrow - *Baroness said the monarch will be remembered in history*

Huffington Post

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Cutting hair to support protesters in Iran - *Nazmin Akthar warns the footage coming from Iran may be particularly difficult watching*

MEDIA STATEMENTS

The following media statements were issued which are available to download on our website:

- The world mourns the Queen (08/09/22)
- Congratulations to England's Lionesses (01/08/22)
- Maternity experiences of Muslim women (13/07/22)
- Congratulations to Shaista Gohir OBE on her Crossbench Peerage (17/5/22)
- Peerage title of Nazir Ahmed should be stripped (04/02/22)
- Allegations of discrimination experienced by Nus Ghani MP on her Muslim faith (23/01/22)
- Muslim women contacting the helpline rises by 25% (15/01/22)
- Trustee Dr Sattar Awarded MBE in 2022 New Year's Honours (05/01/22)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND ACCOUNTS

	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
INCOME		
Voluntary Income (grants and donations)*	432,976	336,667
Activities Generating Funds	7,217	5,000
Investment Income (Interest Receivable)	0	0
Total Income	440,193	341,667

EXPENDITURE		
Cost of Running Charitable Activities	364,447	299,911
Total Expenditure	364,447	299,911

RESERVES		
Retained Surplus for the Financial Year	75,746	41,756
Total Reserves Brought Forward	136,808	95,036
Adjustment / Rounding error	0	+16
Total Reserves Carried Forward**	212,554	136,808

* Of the £432,976 voluntary income, £11,011 is donations of which £4,800 is restricted.

** Of the £212,554 reserves, £103,674 is restricted and £108,880 is unrestricted.



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There are many different ways you can support MWNUK so we can continue to help women and girls, and achieve an equal and just society.

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- Donate by via PayPal
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Fundraise

There are many way you could fundraise for MWNUK, the MWN Helpline, or the Hardship Fund:

Organise an Event

You could raise funds by organising a local charity dinner, bake sale, or show.

Do a Sponsored Activity

You could try something new, have fun and carry out a range of activities such as marathons, fun runs, cycle races, mountain climbing, sky diving etc. and get people to sponsor you!

Spread the Word

Help spread the word about our work:

- MWNUK
- The MWN Helpline
- The MWN Hub

You can raise awareness through:

- Sharing and using our work
- Disseminating our resources
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