

During the evidence session on 18 April 2024, Professor Sarah Childs, member of the Expert Panel on Assembly Electoral Reform offered to provide further information about work her colleagues have completed on violence against women in politics and the strategies that parliamentarians, prospective candidates and institutions can use to address it. The following additional information was subsequently provided by Dr Sofia Collignon, Senior Lecturer in Comparative Politics, Queen Mary, University of London.

Online resources

- Improving digital citizenship: A practical guide for councillors:
<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/improving-digital-citizenship-practical-guide-councillors>
- Improving digital citizenship: Research and good practice:
<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/improving-digital-citizenship-research-and-good-practice>
- Digital citizenship: support and resources for councillors infographics:
<https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/guidance-and-resources/civility-public-life-resources-councillors/handling-abuse-and-0>
- Guide for safe canvassing: Seven principles for safer canvassing: A guide for councillors and candidates:
<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/seven-principles-safer-canvassing-guide-councillors-and-candidates>
- Councillor's Guide on handling abuse, harassment, and intimidation for the Local Government Association: **[Councillors' guide to handling harassment, abuse and intimidation | Local Government Association](#)**
- In collaboration with Fix the Glitch, I wrote "7 Steps for Positive Public Campaigns," which are part of the training resources used by Glitch. The



idea I had there was to frame any advice in positive ways. I think we should start being more careful on how we communicate issues of abuse, harassment and intimidation to avoid putting off people who want to stand for election or are currently elected officials:

- Final versions of the Guide: <https://www.local.gov.uk/definition-harassment-abuse-and-intimidation>
- The guide also featured on ITV's advice pages: <https://www.itv.com/advice/articles/coronation-street-the-jocox-foundation>

Published papers

- Harassment and Intimidation of Parliamentary Candidates in the United Kingdom – Collignon – 2020 – The Political Quarterly – Wiley Online Library: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1467-923X.12855>
- The Gendered Harassment of Parliamentary Candidates in the UK - Collignon - 2022 - The Political Quarterly - Wiley Online Library: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1467-923X.13070>
- Women's Political Careers 2022_Final (womenpoliticalleaders.org): <https://www.womenpoliticalleaders.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Womens-Political-Careers-2022-Report.pdf>
- Collignon, S., & Rüdiger, W. (2021). Increasing the cost of female representation? The gendered effects of harassment, abuse and intimidation towards Parliamentary candidates in the UK. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, 31(4), 429–449: <https://doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2021.1968413>

Working paper

- Collignon, S. (2024) Policies to address gendered political violence: a typology and critique. Working Paper [shared in confidence].