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North-west Sexual Violence Awareness Week

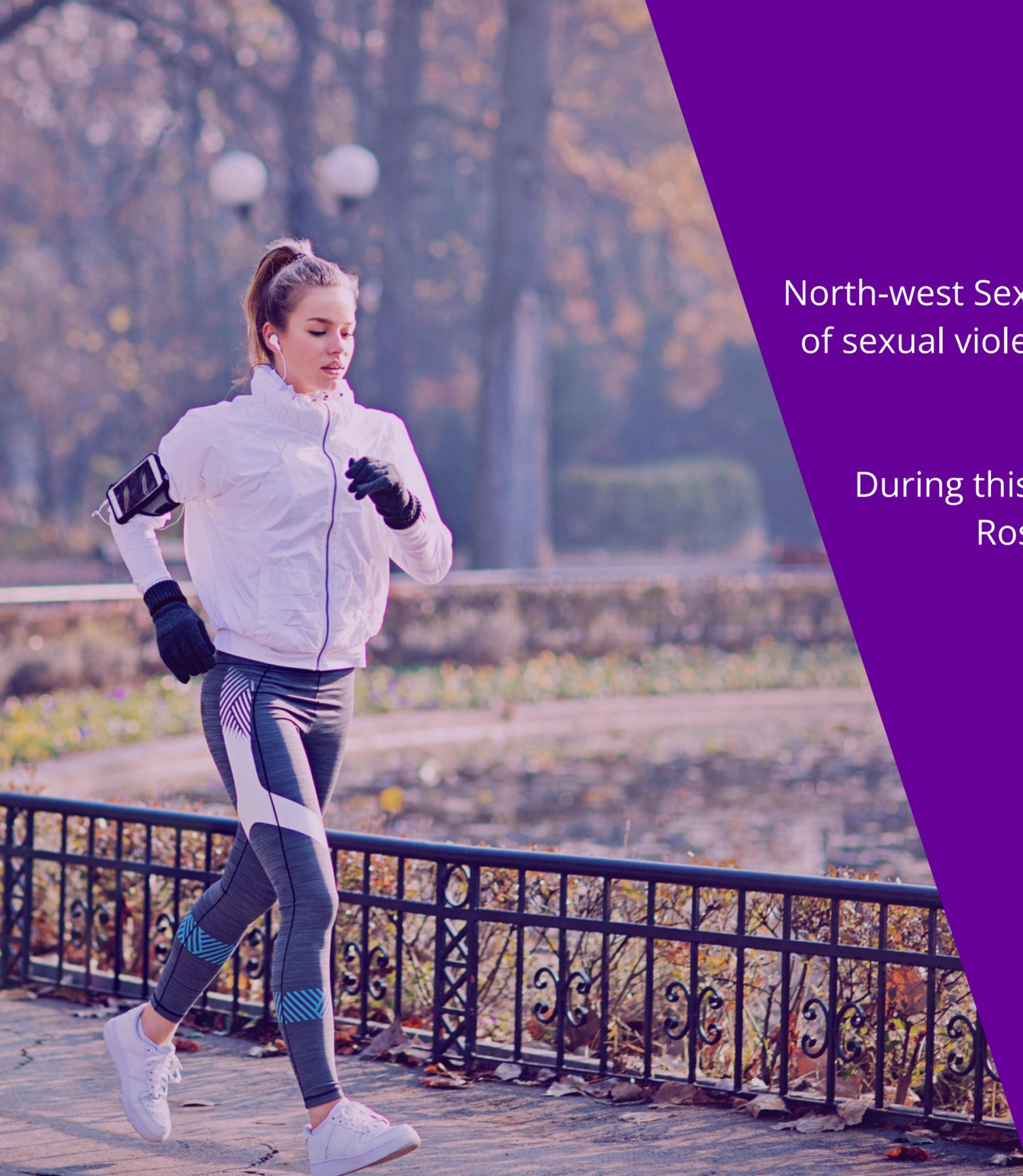
North-west Sexual Violence Awareness Week, which aims to raise awareness of sexual violence and the support services available, took place at the start of November.

During this time, we shared research by Dr Caroline Miles and Professor Rose Broad about the abuse of women runners and implications for the violence against women and girls policy agenda. Their research focuses on the abuse women runners have faced in Greater Manchester and Merseyside.

Based on their research, Elsie Blundell, MP for Heywood and Middleton North asked the Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls:

“What steps the Home Office is taking to make it easier for women to report abuse experienced when they have been exercising in public.”

[Read the article here](#)



Boosting productivity in UK professional and business services SMEs

Last week, we hosted a roundtable which brought together representatives from academia, local and national government, and professional and business services (PBS) SMEs to discuss critical issues affecting the productivity of the PBS sector.

With the recent publication of the government's "Invest 2035" green paper, and PBS named as one of the eight growth-driving sectors, the roundtable served as a stakeholder consultation for the PBS sector plan within the new Industrial Strategy.

[Find out more](#)



Upcoming seminar | Decarbonising domestic heating

Join us on Thursday, 5 December 2024 at 1-2.30pm for our in-person seminar on decarbonising domestic heating

UK policy does not currently reflect the standards to which houses need to be built to reduce our carbon emissions or build resilience in housing stock for a changing climate. The government plans to boost minimum energy efficiency standards for rented homes by 2030.

Claire Brown, Postdoctoral Research Associate in Truly Affordable Net Zero Homes, and Anees Mank, Programme and Policy Lead (Retrofit) at GMCA will discuss how homes can meet energy efficiency standards and what this means at a local level.

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