

VicHealth identified violence against women as a priority area of action for addressing the preventable causes of poor mental health after applying the public health 'burden of disease' methodology to intimate partner violence. A community attitudes study followed which further identified an urgent need to develop strategies to prevent violence against women before it occurs. Melanie will review the findings from these two studies and outline VicHealth's comprehensive approach to developing effective primary prevention strategies across a range of population groups and community settings.