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About the Author

Dr Jo Roberts is a Lecturer in Criminology and Criminal Justice whose research interests include violence against women and girls (specifically domestic abuse), and women's pathways into the criminal justice system. She has worked in the fields of domestic abuse prevention and women's offending for the last 15 years, within both research and policy-based roles. This experience has fuelled her desire to conduct research which draws upon women's own words and experiences, amplifies women's voices, has real-world implications and, as a result, helps inform criminal justice policy and practice.

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