

IANSA Women’s Network – Disarming Domestic Violence Campaign, 2009

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

Quantitative questions:

	2008	2007	2006
Number of women suffering injuries by firearms as a consequence of domestic violence			
Number of women suffering injuries from firearms including: - Being hit with a gun - Gun shot - Shock/trauma			
How many were repeat visits?			
How many were dead on arrival or died from their wounds?			
What type of gun was used - rifle or handgun (big or small)? <i>This is part of best practice – distinguishing between types of guns where possible?</i>			
What proportion of these cases do you think were from domestic violence? <i>Many women will not and do not say that their injuries are a result of domestic violence – it is down to the health professionals to make a judgement in many cases.</i>			

Qualitative questions:

1. What are the stories / experiences of women victims who were abused/injured/attacked by arms – how have police officials reacted when reporting the case or demanding protection?
2. Do health workers report the police injuries made by firearm? Are they obliged by a law to do that? Very good and important question.

It would also be useful to ask the health department or coroner the following, to get a general overview per year:

	2008	2007	2006
How many homicides?			
How many by gun?			
How many men/women/girls/boys?			