Domestic violence occurs significantly more often for disabled women than for non-disabled women, yet disabled women are less likely to receive appropriate services.

In this seminar, Dr Ravi K Thiara, Principal Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Safety and Wellbeing (SWELL), University of Warwick, will draw on the first UK national study of disabled women who have suffered domestic violence. She will highlight the experiences of women, the nature of the violence perpetrated against them, and the seriousness and range of its impacts.

Ravi will draw attention to the gaps in services for disabled women and, drawing on current examples of good practice, suggest how professional responses could be developed and improved.