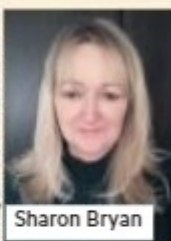


## Instances of domestic abuse increase 26% when England play and 38% if they lose

**Amidst total chaos and orchestrated racist attacks, the National Centre for Domestic Violence rolled out a campaign that said: "Not everyone is looking forward to the match tonight...instances of domestic abuse increase 26% when England play and 38% if they lose."**



Sharon Bryan

Speaking exclusively to Asian Voice, Sharon Bryan – Head of Partnerships and Development, NCDV (National Centre for Domestic Violence) said, “The link between domestic abuse, racism and football is, I suspect, that many perpetrators who are domestically abusive to their partners and/or former partners, those that cause trouble and are abusive at or about football matches are also abusive to people of colour. I have worked in the field of domestic abuse for 23 years, mainly front line, and this has been my experience.

“I am also a survivor of domestic abuse and my ex-husband was all of the aforementioned things. He regularly caused trouble at football matches. He was racist and I have lost count of the times he assaulted me when either his football team or England lost a match. There is a correlation between Domestic Abuse and Racial Abuse.”