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A community-university research collaboration between the University of Guelph and the Guelph Wellington Action Committee on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence will be giving a formal report on sexual assault/domestic violence protocol evaluation research **Monday, November 3rd at 12 pm at Guelph Police Services**. In addition to answering questions, the committee & research team will be premiering a short video created to highlight this collaboration, the research process, as well as the results.

From 2012-2014 the Action Committee, in collaboration with the University of Guelph, conducted an evaluation of the 2010 First Response Protocol, which outlines the best practices for those working with people victimized by sexual assault and/or domestic violence.

The research focused on how well the Protocol is working from the perspectives of both women receiving services for sexual assault and/or domestic violence, as well as the perspectives of service providers. The research provides information about both the benefits and challenges of agencies in Guelph-Wellington working together to respond to sexual assault and domestic violence.

“We wanted to really evaluate the efficacy of our Protocol and what kind of impact our services are having on those who are using them”, said Sly Castaldi, Executive Director of Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis and chair of the Action Committee. “It’s our hope that this research can be used to improve service delivery to those who have experienced sexual assault and/or domestic violence”, Castaldi adds.

Copies of the research report are available at [http://theactioncommittee.ca/what-we-do/research/](http://theactioncommittee.ca/what-we-do/research/). For questions about the research contact Dr. Mavis Morton, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Guelph at mavis.morton@uoguelph.ca.

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