

SEA 2026 Young People's Impact Poll - 2,000 women 16-24, UK

In order to understand the prevalence and forms of economic abuse, the survey asked:

Have you yourself experienced any of the following behaviours from a partner or ex-partner in the last 12 months?

- They controlled, or tried to control, access to your personal banking, like your bank account
- They controlled, or tried to control, access to your mobile payment accounts (e.g. ApplePay, Google Wallet, PayPal)
- They prevented you from having log-in information (e.g. passwords, usernames to your key accounts, such as online banking, utilities, emails)
- They accessed your banking or financial accounts without your consent or because you were scared to refuse (e.g. pressuring you to provide passwords; taking your device to check accounts)
- They controlled or deliberately deprived you of your personal belongings (e.g. mobile phone or car)
- They controlled, or tried to control, how you spend your money (e.g. making you ask permission or justify each expenditure to them, making you show them receipts, or criticising what you spend money on)
- They took out credit in your name without your consent or because you were scared to refuse (e.g. Buy Now Pay Later credit like Klarna, credit cards, store cards)
- They took out contracts in your name without your consent or because you were scared to refuse (e.g. phone or car contracts, gym memberships)
- They made you be the only person named on shared commitments like a rental contract or utility bills
- They pressured you to give them money (including money from employment, pocket money or money you received as a gift), including cash, or by a bank transfer or mobile payment
- They made you use a loan or grant for a different purpose than it was intended (e.g. a student loan or grant for training or education)
- They made you buy them things you did not want to, such as gifts for them, holidays, vouchers, in-app or in-game purchases, or give them money for gambling
- They stole money or other possessions from you
- They pressured or repeatedly asked you to give them money which they did not pay back, or did not pay back in full
- They threatened to share explicit images of you (e.g. with your friends, family or employer, etc.) unless you agreed to give them money
- They forced you to share explicit images of yourself with others for financial return
- They deliberately destroyed or damaged property or your belongings, for example, punched walls, threw or smashed things (e.g. a mobile phone)
- They prevented or hampered you from getting a job or working, such as by blocking or pressuring you from applying, stopping you from having access to what you need to work, or disrupting you whilst you were working (e.g. by constantly calling you or turning up unannounced)
- They prevented or hampered you from studying or training, such as by blocking or pressuring you from applying, stopping you from having access to what you need to study or train, or disrupting you whilst you were studying or training (e.g. by constantly calling you or turning up unannounced)

- They forced you to fraudulently access benefit payments or money you knew you were not legally entitled to
- They sent you threatening, offensive or unwanted messages when transferring money (e.g. bank transfer or mobile payment apps, direct Child Maintenance payments, etc.) more than once
- They refused to give you child support/child maintenance or paid it unreliably when they could afford to do so [shown only to respondents who indicated that they have children]