

Background

The Department of Health has commissioned Research in Practice for Adults and Women's Aid to develop tools and resources to support social work practice with people experiencing coercive and controlling behaviour.

Audience

The workshops are running as 'train the trainer' events so are aimed at people already in a role where they can influence others- including PSWs, supervisors, practice educators and or Workforce Development Leads. The workshops will provide participants with the tools they need to go back to their local area and provide learning and development to colleagues - formally or informally - to support social work practice with people experiencing, or at risk of, coercive and controlling behaviour.

As these workshops are aimed at people who already train and/ or develop others, they will not cover core training skills. Ideally participants would already have some understanding of safeguarding adults, and coercive control.

Programme aim

After attending this training programme, participants will be able to cascade learning and development to support good quality social work with people with social care needs who are experiencing coercive control.

Learning objectives

Following attendance on this training, attendees will be able to:

- Describe and critically analyse models of the use of power and control in intimate relationships within a broader social context
- Describe the role of coercive control within domestic abuse
- Describe the key knowledge and skills that social workers will need to use in working with coercive control of people with social care needs
- Describe the theoretical underpinnings of intersectionality¹ of disability, race, sexuality and other protected characteristics in relation to power and control
- Use the materials on coercive control hosted on a new web resource to cascade learning and development to colleagues.

Programme

9:00	Arrival, registration and coffee – Quiz to discuss in pairs
9.30	Introduction to the day – aims and objectives and overview of the day
10:00	<p>Introduction to Domestic Abuse Using the quiz as a basis for discussion, we'll cover the theory and concept of domestic abuse. This will include debate around power and control, intersectionality and the difference between domestic abuse and situational violence.</p> <p>We'll then cover power and disability, with an exercise and feedback in the context of people with social care needs.</p>
11:15	Break
11:30	<p>Introduction into Controlling and Coercive Behaviour We'll look at the development of understanding of controlling and coercive behaviour as the main explanation of domestic abuse. We will then cover the new offence of controlling and coercive behaviour (part of the Serious Crime Act 2015)</p>
12:30	Lunch
13:00	<p>What do social workers need to know and be able to do when working with controlling and coercive behaviours? A summary of key skills including recognition, safe enquiry, recording, the evidence required to make use of the new offence of controlling and coercive behaviour, and safety planning.</p>
14:30	Break
14:45	<p>Introduction to the resources website, and the case study learning modules. Attendees will have a chance to familiarise themselves with the learning materials available to use, and discuss what kind of CPD activities they would design using them.</p>
15.45	<p>Planning and reflection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What activities do you plan to deliver?/to whom? • How can you involve people with specialist knowledge of domestic abuse in your CPD activities? • What might the challenges of your training/ CPD sessions be? • How will you integrate survivors' voices?
16:15	Evaluation, feedback and final questions
16.30	Close