

Best Practice in Engaging with Those Who Harm to Reduce and Prevent Abuse

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Victim/survivor consultation

Perpetrators should have to move, not families

There should be more resources to support non-English speaking families, particularly around therapeutic and behaviour change work

In my case, my children started showing the same behaviours as the perpetrator

More understanding of how culture and family values can impact the cycle of abuse

There should be more work with boys and young men around healthy relationships

Workforce Survey

- **32% felt comfortable asking** a perpetrator about their behaviour
- **23% knew of services** that could help perpetrators
- **57% felt comfortable completing an assessment** of their needs
- **80% felt comfortable sharing information** with other professionals

Partnership Strategy

Assess &
hold the
conversation

Hold to
account

Evidence
based
interventions

Whole
Person/
Whole
Family

Whole Housing Approach

- Housing a key partner in response to those who harm
- Pathways of support/intervention
 - DVPN/O – Police refer to Housing
 - Social landlords – raise awareness as part of WHA project so that Social Landlords know how to identify DA and where/how to refer
 - Childrens Social Care – pathway to housing support if children on a plan and parents want to separate
 - Script for Homeless Team

Whole Housing Approach

Case Study

- Domestic Abuse Incident – Police attend, arrest and remove perpetrator
- Homelessness Team contacted
- Support from Hub for adult victim
- Under homelessness legislation the man was ‘non-priority’
- Offer of supported accommodation
- Engaged with behaviour change support
- Move on protocol



Learning & Next Steps

- **Needs assessment** focused on those who harm
- Develop a **suite of flexible responses**
- **Expand training offer** for creating a culture of engagement
- Specialist staff with **mental health, substance misuse** knowledge
- Explore options for **regional offer** for group programmes delivered in other languages

