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During the Programme

The group work programme consists of up to 30 group sessions, usually delivered once a week. It is essential during this period for Case Managers to;

- monitor group attendance and, where appropriate, take enforcement action
- share information relevant to risk assessment, compilation of risk management strategies and relapse prevention plans
- receive and act on feedback from Programme Tutors, police and/or Women's Safety Workers, particularly where this affects victim or child safety
- make additional appointments with the offender to review progress at identified points during the group programme
- to continue to motivate the offender and reinforce learning from the group.

Post-Programme Work

The offender must be monitored and supported after the Programme to reinforce the new skills they have learned and maintain the change in their behaviour. Support from Case Managers is essential to maintain the positive treatment effect and involves:

- ensuring the second set of evaluation measures are completed at the end of the Programme
- ensuring completion of offender feedback sheet for evaluating the group work segment of the programme
- attending the final review
- preventing re-offending sessions 1-4
- booster sessions as needed
- ensuring the third set of evaluation measures are completed 6 months after the end of the group work programme.



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Community Domestic Violence Programme

Information for Case Managers



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Case Management Tasks

Case management is critical to an offender's success on an accredited programme. Effective Case Manager support and contact will sustain a positive treatment effect long after the offender has completed the core programme (Dobash & Dobash, 2001). Similarly, poor case management can undermine any positive work and actually increase the likelihood of re-offending. Offenders need to be well prepared, well motivated and monitored in order to apply the skills they have learned in the future (See Chapter Three of the Evidence Based Practice Guide).

The key case management tasks are:

- Assessment
- Pre-Programme work
- Core Programme support
- Post-Programme work

Assessment

The Programme is aimed at male offenders who have committed at least one offence within the context of domestic violence against a female victim. This may include convictions other than assault against partner, such as assault on police, damage to property, threatening behaviour, etc. The offence may not be the current charge but may emerge as past behaviour during PSR assessment for an unrelated offence.

Rigorous assessment is required to determine suitability for the programme. This assessment will be primarily informed by OASys and the Spousal Assault Risk Assessment (SARA).

The criteria for acceptance on to the programme is as follows;

- moderate to high risk rating on SARA for relationship violence
- ability to participate and learn from the group work experience
- willingness to sign the Statement of Understanding
- willingness to sign the Statement of Agreement to the release of information, which includes sharing relevant information with the victim(s) of the offence and/or current partner.

Exclusion criteria includes;

- severe mental illness
- **complete** denial of the offence and/or any issues related to domestic violence¹.

Where a report writer is recommending the Community Domestic Violence Programme, the proposal should be for a CRO or CPRO of minimum 2 years in length with a condition to attend the Community Domestic Violence Programme in accordance with Schedule 2, Paragraph 2, Powers of the Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000.

The Programme may also be suitable for offenders on licence from a custodial sentence. If eligible, Case Managers should pursue a Release on Temporary License (ROTL) in order for offenders to complete the Programme in full. Advice from the Programme / Treatment Manager should be sought in such cases.

¹This does not exclude offenders who minimise, justify, excuse or blame their partner. These issues will be addressed during pre-group work and on the programme.

Pre-Programme

Offenders must be properly prepared to commence the group work programme. Case Managers have a number of tasks to undertake at this stage, which include a minimum of 3 mandatory pre-programme sessions focusing on the following;

- gathering information for the purpose of effective inter-agency risk management. This includes completing a SARA review and the Quality of Life Interview
- revisiting the Statement of Understanding and the Statement of Agreement to the Release of Information to ensure the offender understands and to address any issues arising
- together with the offender, the construction of a full description of the abusive behaviour that is realistic in relation to the collateral information available.

In addition, Case Managers will need to ensure that all referral information is sent to both the County Programmes Team and the Women's Safety Workers in the Victim Liaison Unit. A checklist of the information required is provided in each PSR pack. Offenders cannot commence until this information is received.