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### Programme Content

- Pre-group work sessions with a Case Manager to prepare the offender for the group work element.
- Core group work component consisting of up to 30 sessions of minimum 2 hours duration.

The modules cover:

1. Motivational Enhancement
2. Awareness and Education
3. Managing Thoughts and Emotions related to Abuse
4. Social Skills
5. Relapse Management
6. Healthy Relationships

- Post-group sessions with a Case Manager which build on and reinforce the learning from the group work.

### Enforcement

Offenders are expected to comply with the demands of the Programme by attending appointments as arranged by their Case Managers and attendance on the group programme. Any failure to comply with expected standards in relation to attendance or behaviour will result in swift enforcement action.

Offenders will also be required to respect and adhere to the rules of the Programme, including full participation and appropriate constructive behaviour as well as not interfering with the Women's Safety Worker contact arranged for their partner through the Victim Liaison Unit.



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## Community Domestic Violence Programme

Domestic Violence is an extremely destructive and dangerous form of violent behaviour. Its context within an intimate relationship may shield it from the public more than other types of violent crime, but it does not lessen its severity and impact on victims. Domestic Violence incidents account for a quarter of all violent crime in England and Wales and take up a quarter of the Criminal Justice Service budget.

Domestic Violence does not stop without intervention, and the most effective long-term intervention is a cognitive behavioural based group work programme (Dobash & Dobash, 2001).

The Community Domestic Violence Programme is designed to reduce the risk of re-offending by adult male domestic violence offenders. It reduces risk by:

- increasing the offender's awareness of the consequences of abusive behaviour
- increasing the offender's ability to respond non-abusively
- increasing the offender's ability to change abusive beliefs
- increasing the offender's ability to empathise with his victim(s)
- increasing the offender's ability to identify high risk situations and more effectively manage these in the future.

The Programme directly promotes and requires co-operation between the agencies concerned with domestic violence and prioritises women and children's safety. A key part of the Programme is the service offered to the victims and/or current partners of the men on the Programme. This service to women includes a minimum of four contacts at specific stages of the Programme to work on:

- safety planning for women and children
- provision of information about the Programme and any risk issues
- facilitating the referral of women to local services for ongoing support and assistance
- gathering information from the women to contribute to the evaluation of the Programme.

It is a requirement for all offenders sentenced to the Programme to be managed in accordance with Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA). This involves the communication and review of domestic violence cases by key organisations (i.e. probation, police, social services, housing, mental health, etc.) to monitor and manage risk to partner, children, and others.

## Eligible Offenders

The Programme is for:

- male offenders who have committed at least one offence within the context of domestic violence against a female victim
- offenders who have been assessed as medium and high risk of relationship violence
- offenders who have been assessed as having the ability to participate and learn from the group work experience
- offenders who have indicated a willingness to agree to the aims of the Programme, including giving consent for victims and/or current partners to be contacted.

## Pre-Sentence Reports

Pre-Sentence Report authors will only propose the Community Domestic Violence Programme where rigorous assessment procedures have indicated this method of intervention as the most appropriate to reduce the risk of re-offending. Proposals will be for a Community Rehabilitation Order or a Community Punishment and Rehabilitation Order with a condition to attend the Community Domestic Violence Programme in accordance with schedule 2, paragraph 2, Powers of the Criminal Courts (Sentence) Act 2000. A minimum two year order is required given the length of the Programme, allowing the offender to work on relapse after completion of the group work element of the Programme. This is essential in order to sustain the positive treatment effect of the Programme.