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How do I find out how I am doing?

If the tutors are concerned about your progress they will speak to you and your Case Manager. Before the group work programme starts you will be asked to fill in some questionnaires. The questionnaires help measure the impact of the Programme and track positive change in your attitudes and behaviour. These will be repeated at the end of the group work programme and then again six months later. The group work tutors will also provide regular information about how you are doing to you and your Case Manager including a full report on your progress at the end of the group work programme.

What are my rights?

You will be treated fairly and without discrimination and you are expected to behave in the same way to all staff and other group members. The Probation Service will not accept racist, sexist or other discriminatory behaviour from you or towards you from either staff or fellow group members.

If you have concerns about discrimination during the group sessions, talk to your Case Manager and the group tutors. Arrangements can be made with a mentor to provide additional discreet support for you in the group.

If, at any other time, you feel unfairly treated, you have the right to complain to the Senior Probation Officer in your area. Telephone this number, 01244 394500, for information. If you are not satisfied with the response, you can write to the Chief Officer at the address on this leaflet.



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Community Domestic Violence Programme

You have been sentenced to attend the Community Domestic Violence Programme (CDVP) as part of your supervision (Community Rehabilitation Order, Community Punishment and Rehabilitation Order or Post-Release Licence). This leaflet gives you some basic information about the Programme and what you will be required to do.

How will the Programme help me?

The Programme will give you the opportunity to learn new skills and ways of managing and controlling your behaviour. You will:

- learn those things that can contribute to and trigger abusive behaviour
- increase your awareness of various types of abusive attitudes towards partners and children and the damage these attitudes and behaviours can cause in relationships
- develop a sense of responsibility for your own use of abusive and violent behaviours
- change any abusive attitudes and behaviours by learning more positive, healthy ways of coping with conflict in relationships.

How long is the Programme?

The Programme is not just attending the group. It also includes individual sessions with your Case Manager which will run throughout the length of your period of supervision. You will also attend up to 30 group work sessions which will last approximately 2 hours each. It will take you up to 8 months to complete the Programme and is a big commitment of your time and energy.

What will I do on the Programme?

You will focus on your previous / ongoing abusive behaviour both individually with your Case Manager and in a group with other men who have committed similar offences / actions. You will take part in a range of activities looking at various problems that occur in relationships and how you can respond without abuse or violence. You will be encouraged to practice new ways of thinking and behaving that are more positive and healthy and do not harm your partner, children or relationship.

You must agree to the following conditions:

- arrive on time and stay to the end
- arrive clear headed, not under the influence of drugs, alcohol or solvents
- turn off your mobile 'phone - emergency calls can come via reception
- take part in the exercises and discussions
- treat staff and other group members with respect, avoiding offensive language

- respect confidentiality
- speak about your abusive behaviour within the group
- not behave disruptively.

In addition, you must sign a form which provides your agreement for us to release information about your attendance and any risk issues to your victim and/or current partner. You must accept that we will contact your victim and/or current partner at regular intervals to ensure her safety and monitor your progress. We will also be in contact with the police and Social Services.

All groupwork sessions will be video recorded for staff training purposes.

What happens if I miss a session?

You must do your best to attend every session. If you miss a session you will need to do a catch-up session before the next group session. If you miss more than 3 sessions you will have to re-start the Programme.

If you miss any sessions without an acceptable reason you risk being returned to court and/or prison. Your Case Manager determines whether a reason is acceptable.