

DVIP Assessment & Intervention Processes

Social Services Referral

Social Services & Family Court Referrals

Self - Referral

Standard Risk Assessment:

Interviews with each parent.
Report submitted to Children's Services includes risk identification; impact of abuse on partner and children; nature of children's attachments; suitability of man for treatment.

Full Risk Assessment:

Interviews with each parent (and children where requested).
Report submitted to Family Court includes detailed risk analysis; impact of abuse on partner and children; treatment and risk management recommendations in the interests of the children.

Vulnerability Assessment:

Interview with mother only.
Report submitted to Family Court includes impact of abuse on the victim's parenting; vulnerability to future abuse; recommendations for treatment.

Voluntary Assessment:

Interview with self-referring perpetrator.
Basic risk assessment and safety planning undertaken; assessment of motivation to change and suitability for treatment.

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Violence Prevention Programme:

32 group-work sessions for male perpetrators.

Focus on ending use of violence and abuse; improving parenting and intimate relationships; understanding power and control.

Work can be undertaken on a 1-2-1 basis and tailored to individual's needs where necessary (eg: language differences, female perpetrator, same-sex abuse, etc).

A follow-on group is available, which supports men in maintaining non-abusive relationships longer term.

Women's Programme:

10 individual and 10 group-work sessions for female victims/ survivors of abuse.

Helps women plan and act for their own and children's safety; clear messages about abuse; reducing self-blame; healthy relationships; parenting skills; impact of substance misuse; anger management; boundary setting; identifying support networks.

Final Assessment:

Written Final Report in Full Risk and /or Vulnerability Assessment cases;

(Interim Report prepared in such cases where requested by Court).

Report for Case Conference in other Child Protection cases.

Reports summarize person's participation and progress made through treatment programme; re-assess risks in relation to before the start of programme; recommends further work where necessary.

Self-referring men are not formally re-assessed, and no written or verbal reports on their progress are offered to other agencies, other than information disclosed to statutory authorities where a significant risk to children or vulnerable adults is identified.

Women's Support Service: From the point a referral is made to DVIP, details of the man's (ex) partner(s) are obtained and she is pro-actively contacted and offered support according to her wishes and needs. Further details of these services are contained in our WSS information pack.