



The vital role housing play in tackling and responding to domestic abuse

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Government Definition of Domestic Violence & Abuse (March 2013)

•Controlling Behaviour:

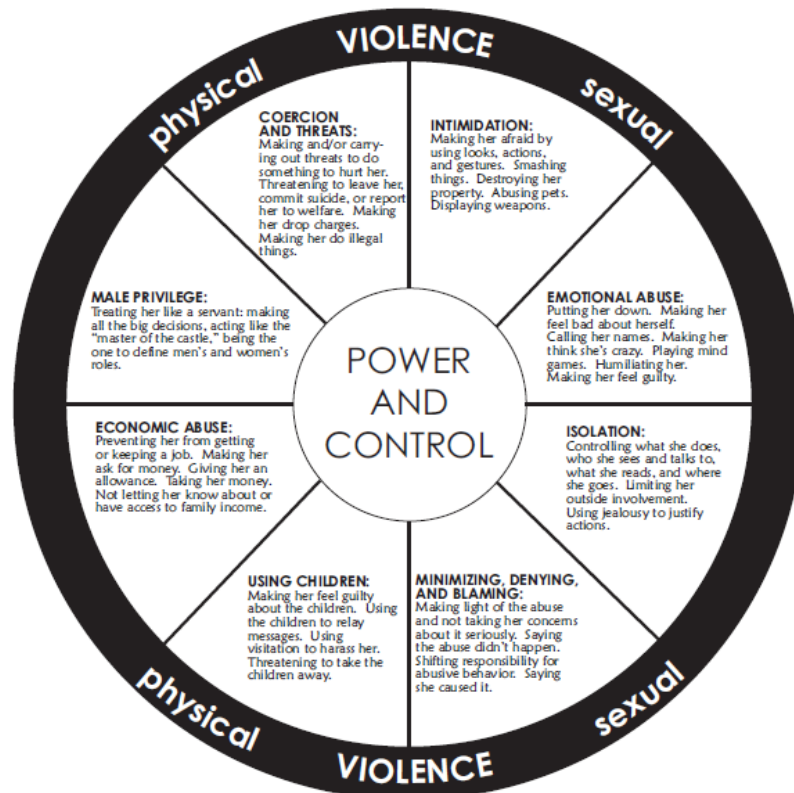
•A *range of acts* of acts designed to make a person **subordinate** and/or dependent by **isolating** them from sources of support, **exploiting** their **resources and capacities** for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for **independence, resistance and escape** and **regulating** their everyday behaviour.

•Coercive Control:

•A pattern of acts of **assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation** or other abuse that is used to **harm, punish or frighten** their victim.



Power and Control wheel - Duluth





Who we are?

- Partnership (Gentoo, Peabody, Standing Together)
- Development and dissemination of **accreditation process** for housing providers in order to improve national response to domestic abuse
- Standards cover **8 priority areas**



Standing Together

- Coordinated Community Response- focused on work in west London
 - Criminal justice
 - Children and health
 - Mental Health
 - MARAC
 - Housing
 - Strategic and operational coordination
- National training & consultancy work
- Domestic homicide reviews



Peabody

- Trained over 41 Housing Providers nationally
- Increase in reporting of domestic abuse 1425% in last 8 years
- DA Satisfaction rates:
 - 2014 - 15: 72.7%
 - 2015 - 16: 90%
- Winston Churchill Fellowship



Gentoo

- BIG Project – Perpetrator Programme
- Innovated - Cause for Concern
- Art of Living survey – proactive approach to tackling domestic abuse
- PhD



Why get involved?

- Save lives (2 women a week, 1 in 4 women, 1 in 6 men) and improve an organisation's response to individuals experiencing domestic abuse
- Getting Domestic Abuse on the housing agenda: Housing is ideally placed identify, recognise & prevent domestic abuse in their properties
- DA is one of the main cause of homelessness
- Improve staff confidence to deal with DA



The accreditation

- Desk Top Review
- Meeting with SMT
- Case Audit
- Staff Interviews
- DAHA Report
- Meeting to feedback on Findings
- Review Meeting (12 months on)



8 priority areas

- Policy Procedures
- Case Management, Monitoring & Evaluation
- Risk Management
- Inclusivity & Accessibility
- Holding Perpetrators to account
 - Partnership working
 - Training
- Publicity & Awareness



ANY QUESTIONS?

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