

# 'CONFIDENCE IN COMPLEXITY'

## Working effectively with survivors and perpetrators of domestic abuse in homelessness settings

### COURSE OUTLINE

This course will provide practitioners with the opportunity to increase their knowledge, skills and confidence when working with survivors of domestic abuse, perpetrators of domestic abuse or encountering both simultaneously, within the context of multiple disadvantage.

When survivors of domestic abuse are facing a range of other disadvantages such as homelessness, substance misuse, mental ill health, it can be very challenging to support them around the abuse they are experiencing. Survivors in these situations often remain with perpetrators, for a number of complex reasons, and it can be difficult for practitioners to work safely in these scenarios. Similarly, when perpetrators of domestic abuse are also experiencing homelessness and other disadvantages, there are few specialist interventions available to them, and practitioners can find it conflicting to provide perpetrators with compassionate, person centred support, whilst simultaneously holding them to account for their behaviours.

This course brings together learning from the homelessness, domestic abuse and perpetrator management sectors, to enable participants to explore how and why abuse can look different within the context of multiple disadvantage, before providing useful and practical guidance around how to work as safely and effectively as possible in these complex scenarios. The course also creates space for participants to reflect on the emotional impact of this work, and offers practical solutions for sharing risk and working collaboratively.

**Please note: This is not an introduction to Domestic Abuse/Domestic Abuse awareness course. Learners should have attended a foundational training around Domestic Abuse before they attend this course.**

# HOW IS THIS COURSE DELIVERED?

This training can be delivered both in-room over one day, and virtually over or in two 3 hour modules.

# WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

Frontline professionals and managers of services that support people experiencing homelessness and other forms of multiple disadvantage.

# WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

By the end of this session you will ?



Understand the ways in which domestic abuse intersects with multiple disadvantage and identify when abuse is occurring.



Have increased awareness of perpetrator behaviours and increased understanding of the motivations behind perpetrator behaviour.



Know what to do/say to make sure you are not colluding with perpetrators.



Feel confident to work in partnerships with specialist services and other agencies to hold perpetrators to account and keep survivors safe.

## Feedback from training pilot evaluation report, Praxis Collab 2022

- 100% of delegates would recommend the training to others
- Evidence of positive impact was demonstrated across 100% of learning outcomes
- Training participants valued the opportunity to increase their knowledge, skills, and confidence to respond to DA, and all delegates reported that the training would enable them to change their future practice.

### Delegate feedback

*"Definitely felt like I would be able to manage the situation a little bit better, instead of just being like, 'Oh, what do I do?' ...it instilled a bit of confidence...I do now have the tools and the knowledge..."*

*"I thought it was really, really helpful, the training. I definitely think it was helpful in terms of it being designed for our client group."*

For more information or to discuss how this course can best meet the needs of your organisation, please contact Lucy Campbell [lcampbell@shp.org.uk](mailto:lcampbell@shp.org.uk) or Louisa Steele [l.steele@standingtogether.org.uk](mailto:l.steele@standingtogether.org.uk)

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