

Who is suitable?

The programme is for male heterosexual perpetrators of domestic abuse/ violence who have offended against a female intimate partner or have committed a linked offence (see overleaf). It is essential that the offender indicates a willingness to co-operate with the aims of the programme.

Linked offences

A range of offences are clearly and directly connected to domestic abuse. Police studies reveal that a significant number of driving offences, such as driving whilst disqualified and with excess alcohol, have their roots in offenders fleeing from, or travelling to the scene of abusive incidents.

Any offender convicted of linked offences is suitable for the IDAP, provided they meet all other criteria.

CJA 1991 cases

In cases pre 4th April 2005 the Pre-Sentence Report will have a proposal for a specific condition as part of a 2 year Community Rehabilitation Order (CRO) or Community Punishment and Rehabilitation Order (CPRO).

In these cases the wording for a condition of a CRO should be:

"The offender will undertake a structured programme of intervention to address his domestic violence, delivered through a combination of one-to-one and group work techniques".

CJA 2003 cases

Post 4th April 2005, the appropriate community sentence for IDAP will contain:

- A supervision requirement of at least 24 months.
- An accredited programme requirement to complete IDAP.
- Any requirement to support IDAP, for example addressing substance abuse.
- It may contain a residence requirement.

The Probation Service is committed to working with individuals, taking a positive view of difference, and will take steps to maximise opportunities for all supervisees to participate fully.

Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme



Information for sentencers

What is IDAP?

A twenty-seven week community based groupwork programme, IDAP is designed to reduce re-offending by adult male perpetrators of domestic abuse/ violence and increase women and children's safety.

The IDAP challenges the use of abuse/ violence to establish power and control over his partner.

The programme promotes and requires co-operation between the agencies concerned with domestic abuse/ violence. It is delivered within the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA).



The programme

Themes

- Non-Violence.
- Non-Threatening Behaviour.
- Respect.
- Support and Trust.
- Accountability and Honesty.
- Sexual Respect.
- Partnership.
- Responsible Parenting.
- Negotiation and Fairness.

Each theme is worked on for three weeks, this makes a module.

The three week module

- Defining the theme.
- Examining abusive behaviour.
- Exploring & practicing non-abusive & non-controlling behaviour.

After the groupwork

After the groupwork the offender has to complete four Preventing Re-offending Sessions with his Case Manager followed by monthly booster sessions until the end of the order.

Six months after the core programme a set of evaluation measures are completed. It is therefore vital that orders are at least 24 months long.

The programme is comprehensively evaluated. There will be measures of change in attitude, feedback from victims and a record of police call-outs to any domestic violence incidents subsequent to the imposition of a court order.