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Respect Standard (3rd edition) – Endorsements

Victoria Atkins, Minister for Crime, Safeguarding and Vulnerability: "Domestic abuse is an abhorrent crime that affects victims, their families and their wider communities. In my new role as Crime, Safeguarding and Vulnerability Minister I am determined to continue the good work of this Government to protect anyone facing the threat of domestic abuse, identify and pursue offenders and put a stop to their abusive behaviour. "The Respect Standard is crucial in the fight against domestic abuse. It ensures perpetrator interventions are safe and effective in preventing future abuse and in turn allows victims to rebuild their lives."

Dame Vera Baird QC, Police & Crime Commissioner for Northumbria and official patron of Respect: "As a Police and Crime Commissioner, I want to ensure I spend my budget wisely on good quality interventions which are effective, but most of all which are safe. It is all too easy to fund something cheap, but it is a false economy and in the worst cases could actually be dangerous, giving the survivor and other agencies the sense that the perpetrator's risk was being managed and that there was a chance of change, when that isn't the case."

The Respect Standard has been carefully researched and reflects best practice at the current time. Work with perpetrators is a relatively new field and is evolving quickly and it's good to know that the standard is regularly reviewed to reflect emerging knowledge. It is also great to see a section on innovation, which will help those planning new, un-tested interventions, to develop them in a safe way."

Katie Ghose, Chief Executive, Women's Aid: "The needs of survivors must come first in any work that is carried out with perpetrators of domestic abuse. That's why we endorse Respect's updated Respect Standard which ensures that any work with perpetrators is done safely and effectively with survivors' needs at its heart."

"Respect recognises that domestic abuse is far from gender neutral, that women's inequality is both a root cause and a consequence of domestic abuse and that domestic abuse is a pattern of behaviours overwhelmingly used by men to exert their power and control over women. The Respect Standard also guarantees that any work with perpetrators of domestic abuse also provides robust and safe support for survivors by ensuring that a parallel programme for survivors runs alongside any work with perpetrators."

Diana Barran, Chief Executive, SafeLives: "SafeLives recognises the importance of safe and effective work with perpetrators and we welcome the third edition of the Respect standards. In particular we are pleased to see the evolution of the standards, which now recognise the introduction of new approaches to managing the behaviour of perpetrators while retaining a focus on the safety of victims and children."

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Eleri Butler, Chief Executive, Welsh Women's Aid: Welsh Women's Aid welcomes and endorses Respect's updated Standard and outcomes framework, which has been developed in line with survivors' experiences and places their well-being, safety and freedom from abuse at their centre. The Standard provides a robust UK accreditation framework that ensures all those working with perpetrators develop, deliver and manage services that prioritise keeping survivors safe. Our National Quality Service Standards for specialist services in Wales encourages adherence to the Respect Standard where work with perpetrators takes place, and we also call on Welsh Government and commissioners in Wales to make sure that any services developed for domestic abuse perpetrators, in any organisation, are sufficiently resourced to meet this Standard, including the provision of safety and support for survivors of abuse. We look forward to collaborating with Respect to develop future work on parallel standards to address perpetrators of all forms of violence against women and girls, in future.

Marai Larasi, Director, Imkaan: "On behalf of the team at Imkaan, I would like to congratulate Respect on the launch of the 3rd edition of the Respect Standards.

We know that it is important that we develop different mechanisms for ensuring that women and children are safe, and that men are held to account for their violent behaviour. Well-run perpetrator interventions are an important part of this ending violence against women 'eco-system'. The Respect Standards ensure that those interventions are of the highest quality, including through keeping the safety of women and children at the centre and emphasising the need for a strong, diverse gendered analysis.

I wish you every success with this next phase, and thank the team at Respect for all your hard work. Together we can end violence against women and children and create a safe and equal world!"

Dr Nicola Sharp-Jeffs, Director, Surviving Economic Abuse (SEA): "The requirement that organisations use outcome measurement tools across all the arenas of a woman's life that abusive men target is welcome. Control of economic resources is common so it is important to be able to identify what interventions lead to greatest impact."

Fiona Dwyer, Strategic Violence Against Women & Girls Lead, Public Health, Haringey Council: "We only commission Respect accredited programmes because it means that the focus is on the quality of delivery, risk management and safeguarding, and importantly the partner safety and support service. Other programmes are prescriptive of the content of the programmes but not about the delivery in the same way that Respect is."

Estelle du Boulay, Director, Rights of Women: "We would like to endorse the 3rd edition of the standards being launched by Respect today. We admire the work Respect does and value its role as a leading voice in our sector around ensuring that services working with perpetrators are streamlined and

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effective. This is a crucial part of working towards improved access to justice and safety for survivors."

HMI Zoe Billington, HMI for police and fire & rescue services in the East, South East and East Midlands, HMICFRS's lead on domestic abuse, police effectiveness and fire & rescue: "I welcome these new guidelines. They should help to ensure that programmes run by police forces and other partner agencies designed to stop perpetrators of domestic abuse from re-offending, are of a consistent and high quality. These programmes have a vital role in helping to make all the difference to survivors of domestic abuse."

Louisa Rolfe, Deputy Chief Constable West Midlands Police & National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) Lead Domestic Abuse: "Domestic Abuse is a priority for policing and we strive to ensure the safety of victims and bring perpetrators to justice but this is not a problem solved by prosecution alone. To really make a difference for victims, survivors and families we must work with others to ensure perpetrators change their behaviour. The Respect standards give us confidence that perpetrator programmes are professionally delivered and meet clear standards based upon the best understanding of what works."

Professor Marianne Hester, Chair in Gender, Violence & International Policy, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Gender-Based Violence, University of Bristol: "The new Respect Standards provide a crucial framework for all services and interventions for perpetrators of domestic violence and abuse, with safety of survivors and children at the centre, whatever the format of the intervention."

Professor Nicole Westmarland, Director, Durham Centre for Research into Violence and Abuse (CRiVA): "It is easy to see that a lot of hard work, time and energy has gone into producing these revised standards. But that's what safe, good practice takes, and what this consists of is constantly developing. Moving with advancements in research and practice means revising the standards when needed and thereby ensuring that Respect accreditation continues to be the marker of quality and safety for the sector."

Professor David Gadd, Professor of Criminology, Director of the Centre for Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Manchester: "Principled and pragmatic. Realistic and progressive. These standards will continue to make a critical difference to those who have lived with the threat of domestic violence and those looking to change their behaviour towards partners and children."

Dr Emma Williamson, Reader in Gender Based Violence, Head: Centre for Gender and Violence Research, University of Bristol: "The new Respect standards (2017) reinforce the importance of keeping the safety of victims/survivors, and their children, at the heart of work with perpetrators of abuse. The new guidance recognises that different models of work might be appropriate for different groups of perpetrators, but that key core standards are still crucial to making and sustaining change in a safe way."

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Maintaining high standards of evidence to support their accreditation processes, Respect also provide a framework for those delivering services to understand how gender impacts on the causes, consequences, prevalence, impact, and experience of both abuse and service responses.

As researchers in the field we welcome the new standards as a safeguard to ensuring that programmes do no harm and continue to make positive changes to individual lives and families, as well as within wider communities and society as a whole."

Professor Liz Kelly, Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit, London

Metropolitan University: "I welcome this version of the Respect standards, which reflect some of the learnings from the Mirabal project, at the same time as evolving to recognise a changing landscape."

Nicole Jacobs, CEO, Standing Together: "At a time when there is a desire to develop and pilot new interventions and services to address perpetrators of abuse, the RESPECT standards are critical to ensure the safety of the survivor is paramount."

Donna Covey CBE, Director of AVA (Against Violence and Abuse): Work with perpetrators is essential in ensuring that all women have the chance to live free from domestic abuse. The Respect Standard ensures that this work can be carried out safely, putting the needs of survivors and their children at the heart of the approach. We advise all commissioners we work with to commission respect accredited services– in the knowledge this ensures high quality, evidence based survivor focused services.

Rachel Griffin, Director, The Suzy Lamplugh Trust: I welcome the 3rd edition of the Respect standard which puts victims' safety at the heart of work with perpetrators. It is reassuring to see Respect responding to innovation in this field and ensuring programmes are robust and, most importantly, safe.

Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass): Cafcass welcomes the new standard and the support it gives us in commissioning the best services for children and families.

Davina James–Hanman, Independent Consultant, Chair of Respect's

Accreditation Panel: I am delighted to welcome the latest version of the Respect standards which have rightly been reviewed and updated to ensure their continuing relevance. As Chair of the Accreditation Panel, I hold responsibility for ensuring that all accredited services meet these exacting standards which is essential not only for the credibility and integrity of the interventions, but more importantly, to ensure that survivors and their children are made safer by this work.