

Domestic abuse in Homelessness Settings – Course outline

This course will provide an introduction to domestic abuse for professionals working with survivors experiencing multiple disadvantage, across a range of homelessness support settings e.g., supported accommodation, outreach teams, assessment centres and Housing First teams. The course will explore the complexities of identifying and responding to domestic abuse in these settings, where survivors and perpetrators are likely to be experiencing homelessness, substance use, poor mental health etc alongside domestic abuse.

This training can be delivered both in-room over one day, and virtually over 3, 1.5 hour modules or in two 3 hour modules.

Who is this course for?

- Frontline homelessness professionals with basic or limited knowledge of domestic abuse.
- Professionals from other sectors who have contact with homeless people experiencing domestic abuse and multiple disadvantage.

What will you learn?

By the end of this course you will:

- Know the definitions of domestic abuse, multiple disadvantage and coercive control.
- Be able to identify tactics of coercion and control and how these might look different for survivors experiencing multiple disadvantage.
- Understand how domestic abuse interacts with other forms of disadvantage, and how this creates specific barriers to disclosure and support.
- Feel more confident working out who is doing what to who when both people in a relationship are using violence, and have better awareness of perpetrators in your services.
- Understand the impact of domestic abuse on survivors experiencing multiple disadvantage.
- Feel more confident asking survivors about abuse and continuing that conversation, identifying risk and taking action e.g., referring to specialist services, safety planning etc.