

# Evaluation Form

## Technology Facilitated Domestic Abuse Training

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019: TEC Centre, Omagh



Mr. Steven McNeill, Senior Social Work, South Eastern Trust provided an insightful seminar in Omagh for practitioners from the statutory, community and voluntary sector who support people experiencing domestic abuse. This seminar had been collaborative organised under the auspices of the Western Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership and Digital Safeguarding Steering Group with kind support from Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP and the Education Authority.

Steven provided practitioners with an understanding of the power and control which can be enforced by the perpetrator on a victim through their use of technology. He shared how the perpetrator uses this misuse to continue to try and control and abuse and the risk this then presents to the victim's personal safety. Steven provided ideas and strategies which can be used by victims/survivors to access help to ensure their safety and remain connected to family and friends.

Every practitioner who attended this event reported that after listening to Steven their knowledge of this form of omnipresence abuse had increased. Approaches have already been made to the collaborative organisers of the event of ways of begin turning this new knowledge provided by Steven into actions through the WDSVP and Digital Safeguarding Steering Group.

**How much did we do? 34 practitioners attended the screening with 29 responding to the evaluation.**

### **Pre-Session Awareness**

1. How would you assess your awareness of the ways abusers misuse technology?

No Awareness - 2 Practitioners

Little Awareness - 16 Practitioners

Good awareness - 11 Practitioners

2. How would you assess your awareness of the ways victims and survivors can make use of technology to safeguard themselves and create positive connections?

No Awareness - 3 Practitioners

Little Awareness - 18 Practitioners

Good Awareness - 8 Practitioners

### **How well did we do It?**

#### **Post Session Awareness**

1. Has your awareness of the ways abusers misuse technology?

Increased – 29 Practitioners = 100%

Stayed The Same – 0

Decreased – 0

2. Has your awareness of the ways victims and survivors can make use of technology to safeguard themselves and create positive connections?

Increased – 29 Practitioners = 100%

Stayed The Same – 0

Decreased – 0

## Is anyone better off?

3. How beneficial has today's session been for you in terms of your job role?

Beneficial – 29 Practitioners =100%

Not Beneficial – 0



## Reflecting On What They Have Learnt , Is There Any Element of Working Practice Which They Would Now Change?

- I will stress the emphasis of the part technology can play in the abuse of partners/ex-partners. Shout loud about need for proper legislation.
- Today's information will be brought into the sessions with individuals and organisations to make individuals aware of the changes in tech and how they can increase their safety.
- I will be able to talk with more knowledge to clients and family members encouraging them to increase on line and phone safety. I will also be able to start conversations in my team about how we can identify unsafe practice in our systems which we may not have considered before and create a check list of what we can share with clients and how they can check their phones/devices.
- Be more aware of the social media as a form of domestic abuse – and various forms of the use of social media to perpetrate DV.

# Is anyone better off?

## Feedback From Participants Attending the Training

I was stunned at all the different ways normal things we are used to can be used as a negative in perpetrating hands

I thought I had a good understanding of how abusers misuse technology, however I found this training very informative & there was a lot of info I didn't know & was not aware of.

Learning from today will be included in all WA's educational material.

100 percent really beneficial; shocked at some of the technology available and how easy it is to access data personal to you.

This training has been long awaited and I will use daily

This session has enhanced my knowledge of how technologies can be used to abuse, gain more power and control.

All these things on my phone which I didn't even understand at 40 years of age! Thank you very much. Excellent training I really enjoyed it.

– Today has opened my eyes, as a worker in field of domestic violence.

It may be good to have some sort of 'guide' outlining diff apps and how to change/fix settings etc. – so we can do this for our victims of DA.

Very beneficial, clear, concise information which can be used to benefit our services users.

Explained how we all can take steps to keep ourselves safer and how I can talk to women/children and teens and offer information to them increase safety.