



Ending domestic abuse

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services



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About this dataset

This data report forms part of a series of publications from SafeLives' Adult Insights dataset. It contains 1,096 unique individual cases at intake and 941 matched cases at exit, drawn from 9 outreach services across England and Wales which used the SafeLives Insights outcome measurement service between April 2012 and March 2013. It follows on from Caada's first Insights National Dataset 2011–12, which contained data collected by Idva services in the 12 months to April 2012.

SafeLives runs the largest national database of domestic abuse cases in the UK. Our Insights database has records of more than 35,000 unique cases of adults experiencing domestic abuse from 2009 to date, and a further 1500 unique cases of children in domestic abuse households from 2011 to date. These datasets give us an unparalleled overview of the national picture of domestic abuse.

We hope that everyone working to stop domestic abuse will be able to use this data to improve their services so that victims and families get the right help sooner.

Service inputs

Cases used in the analysis

Intake forms	1,096
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1,096 valid intake forms were submitted for the period April 2012 to March 2013. Analysis of the data gathered with these forms provides a description of the demographic and abuse characteristics of cases accessing outreach services.

Exit forms	941
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941 valid exit forms were submitted for the period April 2012 to March 2013. These forms have been matched to their relevant intake form and data analysed to provide a description of client outcomes at the point of exit from the service (T2) compared to intake (T1). Intake dates may occur prior to the period April 2012 to March 2013.

Criminal & civil justice forms	43
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43 valid criminal and civil justice forms were submitted for the period April 2012 to March 2013. These forms have been matched to their relevant intake and exit forms and analysed to provide a description of the outcome of any criminal and civil justice intervention at exit (T2).

New referrals / repeats	n=1,096	%
New Referrals	859	78%
Repeats	231	21%
Missing	6	1%

Cases are deemed repeats if the client returns after their case was previously closed (or made inactive). 21% of cases submitted at intake were repeat referrals.

Primary referral route	n=1,096	%
Police	197	18%
Marac	23	2%
Self	337	31%
Health	69	6%
DV and SV services	308	28%
Housing	18	2%
Children & Young People's Services (CYPS)	81	7%
Specialist services	1	<1%
Other	25	2%
Missing	37	3%

The most frequent primary referral route is Self at 31%.

Client profile

Socio demographic description of the clients accessing outreach services (T1, n = 1,096)

Demographic information at intake (T1)		
Age of client	n=1,096	%
<18	28	3%
18–20	38	3%
21–30	281	26%
31–40	347	32%
41–50	260	24%
51–60	100	9%
61+	37	3%
Missing	5	<1%

Gender and gender identity		
	n=1,096	%
Female	1,055	96%
Male	19	2%
Missing	22	2%
Transgender clients	0	0%

Sexual orientation		
	n=1,096	%
Heterosexual	1,051	96%
LGB	4	<1%
Missing	41	4%

Ethnic composition		
	n=1,096	%
White British or Irish	966	88%
Other white background	26	2%
Asian	72	7%
Black	8	1%
Dual heritage	7	1%
Arab	0	0%
Other	6	1%
Total B&ME	119	11%
Missing	11	1%

Immigration	n=1,096	%
Clients needing an interpreter	32	3%
Clients with no recourse to public funds	26	2%
Clients needing to apply for ILR	20	2%

Children	n=1,096	%
Clients with children	751	69%
Clients with no children	345	31%
Missing	0	0%
Clients who are pregnant	29	3%
Total number of children	1,446	
Average number of children per household with children	1.9	

Ages of children	n=1,446	%
<2	283	20%
3–4	235	16%
5–7	284	20%
8–11	305	21%
12–17	309	21%
Missing	30	2%

CYPS involvement	n=751	%
Clients with CYPS involvement with the family	160	21%
Clients with no CYPS involvement with the family	547	73%
Missing	44	6%

Type of CYPS involvement		
Section 31	11	1%
Section 47	53	7%
Section 17	52	7%
Common Assessment Framework (CAF)	49	7%

Vulnerability issues at intake (T1)					n = 1,096	%
	Yes		No		Missing	
Drugs misuse	34	3%	1,011	92%	51	5%
Alcohol misuse	79	7%	961	88%	56	5%
Mental health problems	372	34%	672	61%	52	5%
Threatened or attempted suicide	201	18%	767	70%	128	12%
Self harm	192	18%	766	70%	138	13%
Financial problems	321	29%	730	67%	45	4%
Additional vulnerabilities						
Physical	73	7%	956	87%	67	6%
Learning	52	5%				
Vision	9	1%				
Hearing	1	<1%				
Other	1	<1%				
	15	1%				

Profile and history of abuse at intake (T1, n = 1,096)

Clients' circumstances at intake (T1)		
Relationship to perpetrator	n = 1,096	%
Intimate partner	218	20%
Ex intimate partner	752	69%
Intermittent intimate partner	30	3%
Family member minor	19	2%
Family member adult	64	6%
Other	6	1%
Missing data	7	1%
Additional risks		
Multiple perpetrators	104	9%
Risk of forced marriage	6	1%
Risk of honour based violence	25	2%
Living arrangements		
Living together	n = 1,096	%
Living together	216	20%
Not living together	853	78%
Living together intermittently	24	2%
Missing data	3	<1%

Risk profile at intake (T1)	n = 1,096	%
High risk	94	9%
Non-high risk	1,002	91%
Marac threshold	39	4%

9% of clients were assessed as high risk at intake, and 4% of clients reached the threshold for referral to a multi agency risk assessment conference (Marac).

History of abuse at intake (T1)	n = 1,096	%
Average number of years of abuse		4 years
Missing	31	3%

Clients' attempts to leave and the use of public services in the 12 months prior to intake								
	Attempts to leave the perpetrator		Reports to police		A&E attendances		GP attendances	
Clients reporting	600	55%	545	50%	67	6%	500	46%
Clients reporting never/none	282	26%	462	42%	898	82%	328	30%
Data not available/applicable/missing	214	20%	89	8%	131	12%	268	24%
*Average number of times	2.1		2.3		1.5		5.3	

*The average figures excludes data not available, applicable, or missing.

The average length of abuse is around 4 years. In the last 12 months 50% of clients reported the abuse to the police and 6% attended A&E as a result of the abuse. The average number of visits to the GP was 5.3; the average number of visits to the GP for the general population is 3.6 per year.

Profile of abuse at intake (T1)					n = 1,096
Type of abuse	Yes		No		
	n	%	n	%	
Physical abuse	376	34%	712	65%	
Sexual abuse	134	12%	945	86%	
Harassment/stalking	588	54%	500	46%	
Jealous and controlling behaviours	781	71%	310	28%	

Level of abuse	High		Moderate		Standard	
	%		%		%	
Physical abuse	10%		18%		7%	
Sexual abuse	4%		6%		2%	
Harassment/stalking	14%		32%		8%	
Jealous and controlling behaviours	18%		38%		15%	

Escalation in severity			
	Worse	Unchanged	Reduced
Physical abuse	12%	9%	12%
Sexual abuse	2%	6%	4%
Harassment/stalking	19%	23%	9%
Jealous and controlling behaviours	23%	32%	14%

Escalation in frequency			
	Worse	Unchanged	Reduced
Physical abuse	11%	9%	12%
Sexual abuse	3%	5%	4%
Harassment/stalking	19%	23%	10%
Jealous and controlling behaviours	23%	32%	15%

Multiple types of abuse and escalation		n= 1,096	%
Multiple types of abuse reported		648	59%
Multiple types of abuse that are high		154	14%
At least one form of abuse that is high		266	24%
At least one form of abuse that is high and escalating in frequency or severity		143	13%
Any escalation in severity of abuse		343	31%
Any escalation in frequency of abuse		329	30%
Any escalation in frequency or severity of abuse		357	33%

Client outcomes

Outcomes and profile of abuse at exit (T2, n = 941)

The following is an analysis of cases where an exit form was completed during the reporting period. Cases have been matched with their corresponding intake forms, and T1 data here relates only to the cases with exit data.

96% of the cases with exit data were closed by the case worker according to the service's case closure policy. 3% were made inactive due to a prolonged period of no contact.

Circumstances at exit (T2)		
Living arrangements at exit	n=941	%
Living together	129	14%
Not living together	764	81%
Living together intermittently	32	3%
Missing	16	2%
Where not living together; do any of the following apply?		
Where not living together; do any of the following apply?	n=764	%
Client in refuge	13	2%
Perpetrator in jail	22	3%
Serious illness or death of perpetrator	10	1%
Other (perpetrator abroad, military duty, etc)	313	41%
None of the above	370	48%
Ongoing contact, if not living together		
Ongoing contact, if not living together	n=764	%
Clients reporting ongoing contact	344	45%
Clients reporting no ongoing contact	388	51%
Missing	32	4%
Reasons for ongoing contact		
Reasons for ongoing contact	n=344	%
Children	268	78%
Family and social network	43	13%
Legal proceedings	45	13%
Financial arrangements	15	4%
Ongoing abuse by the perpetrator	51	15%
Other	27	8%
Missing	1	<1%

Around 45% of clients, not living with the perpetrator, reported ongoing contact with the perpetrator, 78% of which was due to the presence of children.

Profile of abuse at exit (T2) compared to intake (T1)		n=941	%
Clients reporting no abuse experienced in the past month/since intake		537	57%

Type of abuse at exit compared to intake (for cases with T2 data only)		n=941		%	
	Any level (at intake, T1)		Any level (at exit, T2)		
Physical abuse	324	34%	93	10%	
Sexual abuse	122	13%	36	4%	
Harassment/stalking	511	54%	217	23%	
Jealous and controlling behaviours	676	72%	320	34%	

Level of abuse at exit compared to intake (for cases with T2 data only)		n=941		%		
	High		Moderate		Standard	
	T1	T2	T1	T2	T1	T2
Physical abuse	10%	3%	19%	4%	6%	3%
Sexual abuse	4%	1%	7%	1%	2%	1%
Harassment/stalking	13%	4%	34%	12%	7%	7%
Jealous and controlling behaviours	17%	5%	42%	16%	13%	12%

Multiple types of abuse and escalation at exit compared to intake		n=941		%	
	T1		T2		
Multiple types of abuse reported	60%		21%		
Multiple types of abuse that are high	14%		4%		
At least one form of abuse that is high	23%		7%		
At least one form of abuse that is high and escalating in frequency or severity	12%		2%		
Any escalation in severity of abuse	30%		3%		
Any escalation in frequency of abuse	29%		3%		
Any escalation in frequency or severity of abuse	31%		4%		

Case worker perceptions of risk and safety at exit (T2)		n=941		%	
Risk reduction	333		35%		
Significant	356		38%		
Moderate	689		73%		
Moderate/significant	137		15%		
Limited	12		1%		
Increased risk	103		11%		
Missing					

Sustainability of any reduction in risk	n=689	%
Very short term	6	1%
Short term	32	5%
Medium term	235	34%
Long term	260	38%
Risk permanently eliminated	74	11%
Missing	82	12%

Client reported outcomes at exit (T2)	n=941	%
Feelings of safety		
Much safer	480	51%
Somewhat safer	250	27%
Somewhat/much safer	730	78%
No change	97	10%
Less safe	6	1%
Missing	108	11%

Quality of life		
Improved a lot	492	52%
Improved a little	248	26%
Much/a little improved	740	79%
Not changed	84	9%
Become worse	4	<1%
Missing	113	12%

Confidence in accessing support		
Very confident	556	59%
Confident	247	26%
Not confident	23	2%
Missing	115	12%

Case workers perceived that risk was reduced in 73% of cases (35% significantly).

The clients themselves concurred. 78% felt somewhat or much safer.

Service outputs

Interventions

(T2, n = 941)

Case Status (T2)	n=941	%
Case closed	908	96%
Case inactive	26	3%
Status missing	7	1%

Intensity of support (T2)	n=941	%
Less than 5 contacts	408	43%
Between 5 and up to 10 contacts	244	26%
More than 10 contacts	288	31%
Missing data	1	<1%
Average case length	2.7 months	

Number of interventions (T2)	n=941	%
0-1	137	15%
2-3	568	60%
4-5	194	21%
6+	42	4%
Average number of interventions per client	2.8	

The table above shows the number of interventions or services the case worker helped clients to access.

Types of interventions and outcomes	n=941	%
Clients accessing services		
Safety planning	780	83%
Marac	64	7%
Liaison/support with police	134	14%
Support with criminal court process	47	5%
Liaison/support with probation	16	2%
Support with civil orders	60	6%
Support with housing	275	29%
Financial benefits; advice and support	176	19%
Support with immigration	11	1%
Health/well being; advice and support	859	91%
Support with children	230	24%

The table above shows the frequency with which an intervention or service was accessed, and whether any of the outcomes listed below were achieved as a percentage of clients accessing the interventions or services.

Outcomes and impact ratings (T2)		
	Clients accessing services	Outcomes (as % service accessed)
Safety planning	780	
Safety plan in place		761 98%
Liaison/support with police	134	
Protective measures in place		72 54%
Arrest (including for breach of orders)		0 0%
Other		70 52%
Support with criminal court process	47	
Criminal justice process ongoing or pending		12 26%
Criminal conviction and sentence		14 30%
Effective bail conditions imposed		10 21%
Other		19 40%
Liaison/support with probation	16	
IDAP or other perpetrator program		5 31%
Other		11 69%
Support with civil orders	60	
Civil orders granted and enforced		29 48%
Other		26 43%
Support with housing	275	
Sanctuary scheme		35 13%
Client re-housed in area		55 20%
Client moved out of area		38 14%
Perpetrator evicted		4 1%
Refuge		15 5%
Other		138 50%
Financial benefits; advice and support	176	
Benefits or other monetary support accessed		128 73%
Debt being addressed		94 53%

Support with immigration	11	
Leave to remain not dependent on perpetrator	5	45%
Recourse to public funds	9	82%
Health/well being; advice and support	859	
Improved access to help and support	730	85%
Improved coping strategies	591	69%
Clients' engagement with mental health	46	5%
Clients' engagement with other health services	42	5%
Clients' engagement with drug services	5	1%
Clients' engagement with alcohol services	13	2%
Referral to specialist DV services (not refuge)	129	15%
Client in counselling	51	6%
Pattern changing course (or similar)	220	26%
Positive change in clients' support networks	390	45%
Other	93	11%
Support with children	230	
Child contact arrangements in place	63	27%
Safeguarding initiated/issued/addressed	66	29%
Civil orders in relation to children granted and enforced	14	6%
Special needs of children addressed	25	11%
Other	79	34%

Criminal and civil justice outcomes

Criminal justice system outcomes

(T2, n = 38)

Due to the recent developments made to the Criminal & Civil Justice form, some data may appear to be missing for criminal and civil justice interventions.

Criminal justice system outcomes (T2)	n=941	%
Cases where a report to police was made (as % of cases reviewed at exit)	23	2%
Cases where no report to police was made (as % of cases reviewed at exit)	15	2%
Action taken against the perpetrator (as % of cases reviewed at exit)		
Cautioned		
Fixed penalty notice		
Charged	18	2%
No further action		
Action taken by the CPS (as % of cases reviewed at exit)		
Authorised charge		
Further enquiries		
No further action		
Cases where CPS proceeded with the case (as % cases charged)		
With support of victim	15	83%
Cases where victim withdrew	0	0%
Reasons why cases did not proceed to court (as % cases charged)		
Insufficient evidence	2	11%
Missing	1	6%
Cases proceeding to court	n=15	%

Cases heard at Specialist DV Court (SDVC)	10	67%
Cases where special measures were granted	4	27%

Attendance at court (% cases)		
Victim	9	60%
Perpetrator	15	100%
Witness service	4	27%
Idva	5	33%
Other	2	13%

Outcome of cases proceeding to court		
Cases resulting in a guilty verdict	14	93%
Perpetrator pleaded guilty		
Perpetrator found guilty	14	93%
Acquitted		

Offences charged and convicted as % of charges brought		n=18				%			
		Charged		Pleaded guilty			Convicted	Acquitted	
Offences against the person		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
ABH (s47)		2	11%			2	11%		
Affray									
Assault by penetration									
Attempted murder									
Breach of restraining order									
Breach of non-molestation order		3	17%			2	11%		
Breach of the peace									
Common assault		4	22%			4	22%		
Communications act offenses									
Drunk and disorderly									
Female genital mutilation									
Forced marriage									
GBH (S18)		1	6%			1	6%		
GBH (S20)									
Harassment (S2)		6	33%			4	22%		
Harassment (S4)									
Indecent assault									
Murder									
Public order act offences		2	11%			1	6%		
Rape									
Stalking (S2A)									
Stalking (S4A)									
Sexual assault									
Threats to kill		3	17%			2	11%		
Witness intimidation									
Other offences against the person									
Don't know									
Offences against Property									

	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Arson								
Burglary/attempted								
Criminal trespassing								
Criminal damage	1	6%			1	6%		
Theft								
Threat to damage								
Other offences against the property	1	6%			1	6%		
Don't know	4	22%			4	22%		

Penalty as % of guilty verdicts (convictions)	n=14	%
Community order – DV-related specified activity order	1	7%
Community order – other specified activity order		
Community order – exclusion order		
Community order – other	4	29%
Suspended sentence – DV-related specified activity order		
Suspended sentence – other specified activity order		
Suspended sentence – exclusion order		
Suspended sentence – other	4	29%
Custodial sentence under 12 months		
Custodial sentence over 12 months	2	14%
Indeterminate sentence		
Restraining order – up to 1 year	9	64%
Restraining order – 1 to 5 years		
Restraining order – 5 or more years		
Restraining order – indefinite		
Bindover		
Fine	2	14%
Caution		
Compensation		
Other	3	21%
Don't know	5	36%

Civil justice outcomes

(T2, n = 18)

Due to the recent developments made to the Criminal & Civil Justice form, some data may appear to be missing for criminal and civil justice interventions.

Civil justice outcomes (T2)		n=941	%
Clients supported by the case worker with any civil orders (as % of cases reviewed at exit)		18	2%
Legal aid (% of those supported)		n=18	%
Clients qualifying for legal aid		12	67%
Clients NOT qualifying for legal aid		2	11%
Clients not applying for legal aid			
Provision of legal support (% of those supported)			
Solicitor		17	94%
Idva (DIY order)			
McKenzie friend			
No legal support			
Other			
Don't know			

Civil orders applied for / granted / breached (T2)		n=264				%
	% of clients supported	% of orders applied for	% of orders granted	% of orders breached		
	Applied for	Granted	Breached	Reported to police	Reported to court	
Non-molestation order	61%	100%	27%	67%	33%	
Occupation order with POA						
Occupation order	22%	100%				
Order under Protection from Harassment Act	6%					
Injunction under Forced Marriage Act						
Contact order						
Prohibited steps order						
Specific issue order						
Residence order						
Other orders under the Children Act						

Outcomes of breached orders

n=3

Criminal Charge in respect of breach of non-molestation order

Found in contempt of court (fined/imprisoned)

Application for warrant of arrest

Adjourned

Dismissed at civil court

Other

No further action

Don't know

Applications made by the perpetrator

n=18

Cross applications made by the perpetrator

Contact order

Other orders under the Children Act

Other cross applications

Don't know

Other applications

Cases where the perpetrator applied for any other orders

We are SafeLives, a national charity dedicated to ending domestic abuse. Previously called Co-ordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse (Caada), we chose our new name because we're here for one simple reason: to make sure all families are safe.

Our experts find out what works to stop domestic abuse. Then we do everything we can to make sure families everywhere benefit. It works; after getting the right help, more than 60% of victims tell us that the abuse stops.

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We hope that everyone working to stop domestic abuse will be able to use this data to improve their services so that victims and families get the right help sooner.

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