

# Female perpetrators of intimate partner violence: Addressing the treatment and moral education gaps

## Stakeholder interview information sheet

### What is the study about?

The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) is an independent not-for-profit social research organisation, which has been funded by the Home Office to carry out research to develop a better understanding of female perpetrators of intimate partner violence (IPV). The aims of the research are as follows:

- Consolidate knowledge of the drivers, contexts, and methods of female perpetrated IPV.
- Understand the narrative that informs the interactions and approach of professionals working with female IPV perpetrators.
- Develop recommendations for messaging that can be applied to developing education and awareness campaigns around female perpetrated IPV for professionals working in the IPV field.
- Develop recommendations for messaging that can be applied to public awareness and deterrence campaigns around female perpetrated IPV.

The research is comprised of two complementary stages: a brief evidence review and interviews with expert stakeholders.

### Why have we selected you?

You have been identified as a stakeholder who has expert knowledge of female IPV perpetrators and/or victims of female IPV perpetrators, and NatCen would like to invite you to participate in a telephone interview between mid-March and early-April 2021.

### What will taking part involve?

NatCen will be conducting interviews with a range of expert stakeholders, and we are inviting you to take part in an interview with a NatCen researcher. The interview will be via telephone, will last up to 60 minutes, and can be arranged at a date and time convenient for you.

Key topics of the interview will broadly cover your views and experiences of:

- The motivations, contexts, and methods of female perpetrated IPV.
- The treatment gap/s in the provision of interventions for female IPV perpetrators.
- The narrative that informs the approach of professionals working with female IPV perpetrators.

And your suggestions for:

- Messaging that could be applied to awareness and education campaigns around female perpetrated IPV for professionals working in the IPV field, and how this could be most effective.
- Messaging that could be applied to public awareness and deterrence campaigns around female perpetrated IPV, and how this could be most effective.

There are no right or wrong answers. We are just interested in hearing about your views and experiences. With your permission, discussions will be audio-recorded and transcribed verbatim. The audio and full transcribed version of the interview will be stored securely and only the research team at NatCen will have access.

We would also like to ask whether you have any recommendations of other expert stakeholders we might be able to interview for this study.

## Do I have to take part?

**Participation in an interview is completely voluntary.**

If you decide to take part, **you don't have to talk about anything you don't want to**. You should only answer questions that you are comfortable answering.

If you change your mind about being involved, you can let the research team know using the contact details below or let us know on the day. **You can change your mind about taking part in the research, without giving a reason, at any point.**

You can withdraw your consent to participate in the research after taking part, and request that your contribution and any data collected be deleted up until the data has been used by NatCen and your contribution is no longer identifiable.

## What will happen with my information?

**Participation in an interview is confidential and anonymous.**

A report and presentation of the findings from the study will be provided to the Home Office, which may be published. **No information that could identify any individual will be used when presenting findings from the study.**

All information shared during the study will be treated as confidential and all participant data will be fully anonymised before it is shared with the Home Office. Only the NatCen research team will see your information, and we will not share this with anyone else.

When we talk about the research and write-up the findings, we may include some quotes of what you have said, but we will not use your name or include any details that could identify you in any way.

You can find out more about how your information will be used and handled by reading the **privacy information notice**, which you have been provided with.

## Disclosure notice

Information provided by you will be kept confidential except in exceptional circumstances. It is unlikely that identifiable information would be available to action any disclosure of threat, crime or harm. However, should NatCen be informed of an imminent threat to life or serious harm, this will be shared with the project lead who will raise the issue with the NatCen disclosure board. A decision will then be made as to whether the information needs to be shared with the local police. Given that some stakeholders will be working with vulnerable groups, it is important to also remind you not to disclose personal details about specific cases or individuals that you may be working with. Should an individual or an organisation report current criminal activity or a past crime during the course of this research and where individuals involved are identifiable, this will also be passed on to the NatCen disclosure board to assess whether the information should be shared with other authorities, such as the police.

## What happens next?

The interviews will occur **between mid-March and early April**. If you are happy to be involved in the study, please contact the NatCen research team at [IPV\\_research@natcen.ac.uk](mailto:IPV_research@natcen.ac.uk) by **Thursday 1st April 2021**. In your email, please **indicate which time/s and date/s you would be available to take part in an interview**.

Please be aware that it may not be possible for everyone interested to take part.

## Where can I get more information?

If you have any questions about what taking part involves, you can contact the NatCen research team by emailing [IPV\\_research@natcen.ac.uk](mailto:IPV_research@natcen.ac.uk)

**Thank you for your interest in this study!**