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Gypsies and Travellers

- 300,000 in UK
(1 in 200)
- Scattered & invisible



Peer Healthy Relationship project

- The aims and objectives of this 'Healthy relationship focus group' were to explore and to increase the knowledge of Gypsy and Traveller communities around healthy relationships and domestic violence
- To Improve Gypsy and Traveller pathway experience and to strategise longer term safety for individuals and disseminate this knowledge by cascading discreetly.
- To increase the knowledge of specialist workers and related statutory services to issues specific to G and T. Provide and disseminate knowledge to other specialist statutory services around DV.



Study

- This report sets out the methodology from focus group activity carried out by FFT in collaboration with specialist domestic Violence senior practitioners from RISE DV charity.
- The project took place between June 2015-July 2016. The Health Relationship workshops were conducted with members of the Traveller Community resorting /residing in the geographical boundaries of Brighton and Hove and East and West Sussex.
- The participants in the focus groups were invited because of their knowledge and connections within different sections of the Traveller Community and all had some experience of DV – whether personally or through community.
- The participants came from members of the Gypsy, Irish Traveller and New Traveller communities.

Framework

Monitoring & Evaluation Framework Gypsy and Traveller DV Project

	Aim or Objective	Outcome/Objective	Indicator	Information Collection Methods	when	FREQUENCY How often will it be measured?	How to report & use
	Gypsies and Travellers will have more confidence to navigate system and offer practical advise	To increase the knowledge of G and T community	To have hosted x focus group with 6-12 women present	FFT Star outcome model	Each focus group meeting	At each focus group meeting	Quarterly review and final report
	Gypsy and Travellers will be supported into the correct services and their pathways recorded	Improved pathway experience and longer term safety		FFT Aims casework reports	Ongoing data input		Final report
	Provide and disseminate knowledge to other specialist statutory services around DV	To increase the knowledge of specialist workers and related statutory services to issues specific to G and T	Training sessions given Toolkit for professionals disseminated Culturally relevant Power wheel publicised	Mackenzie model of evaluation feedback	Each training session At end of project	At each training session When toolkit etc recieved	Final report

References Mailings Review View

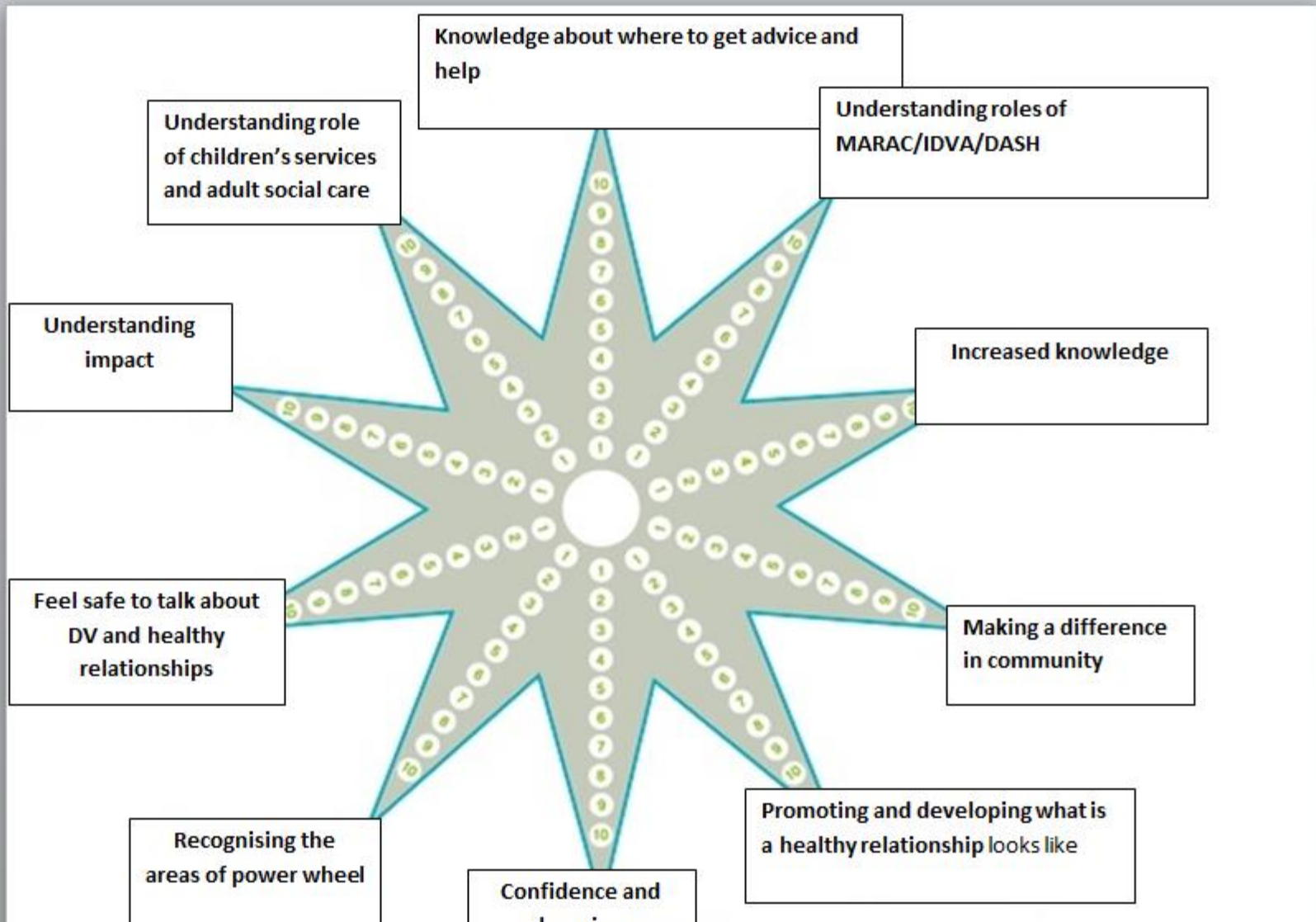
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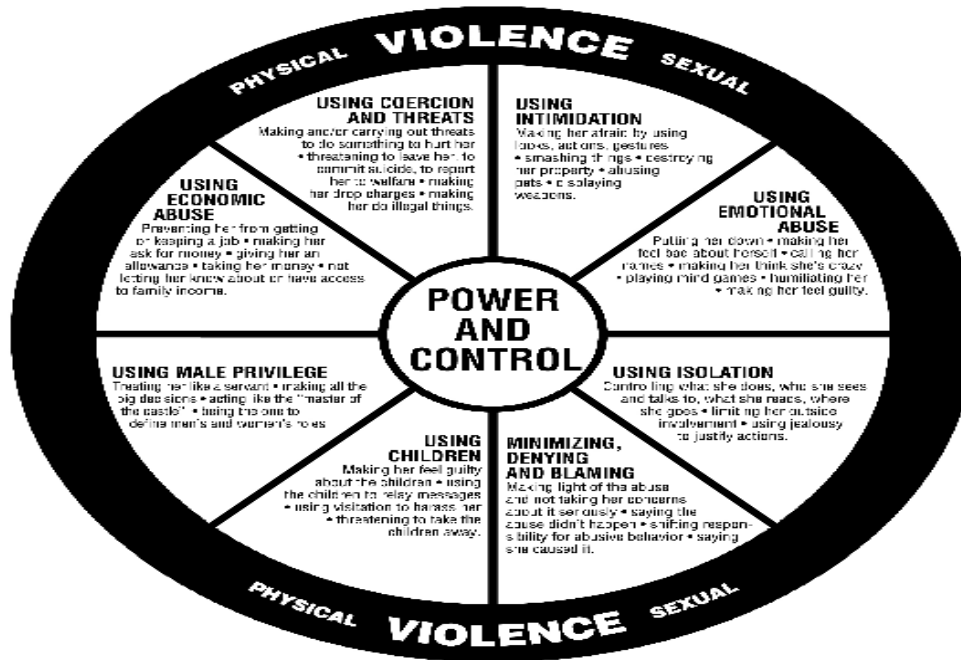
Group work

- Training in Domestic violence is still an underused tool for prevention. In order to provide tools to understand the causes of violence against women we looked to ask the group participants to question their assumptions about violence.
- We facilitated a series of 3 hour closed group sessions where we could speak safely and honestly about experiences and knowledge.
- The group work had a therapeutic element and was also facilitated by a specialist DV practitioner.

Tools

- Through the sessions we looked at tools which were available and the group confirmed that some did not resonate with them culturally.
- The group work prompted the women to produce a culturally appropriate Power Wheel
- The work raised the awareness of Domestic violence happening in Traveller community and the wider community

Power and control Duluth model



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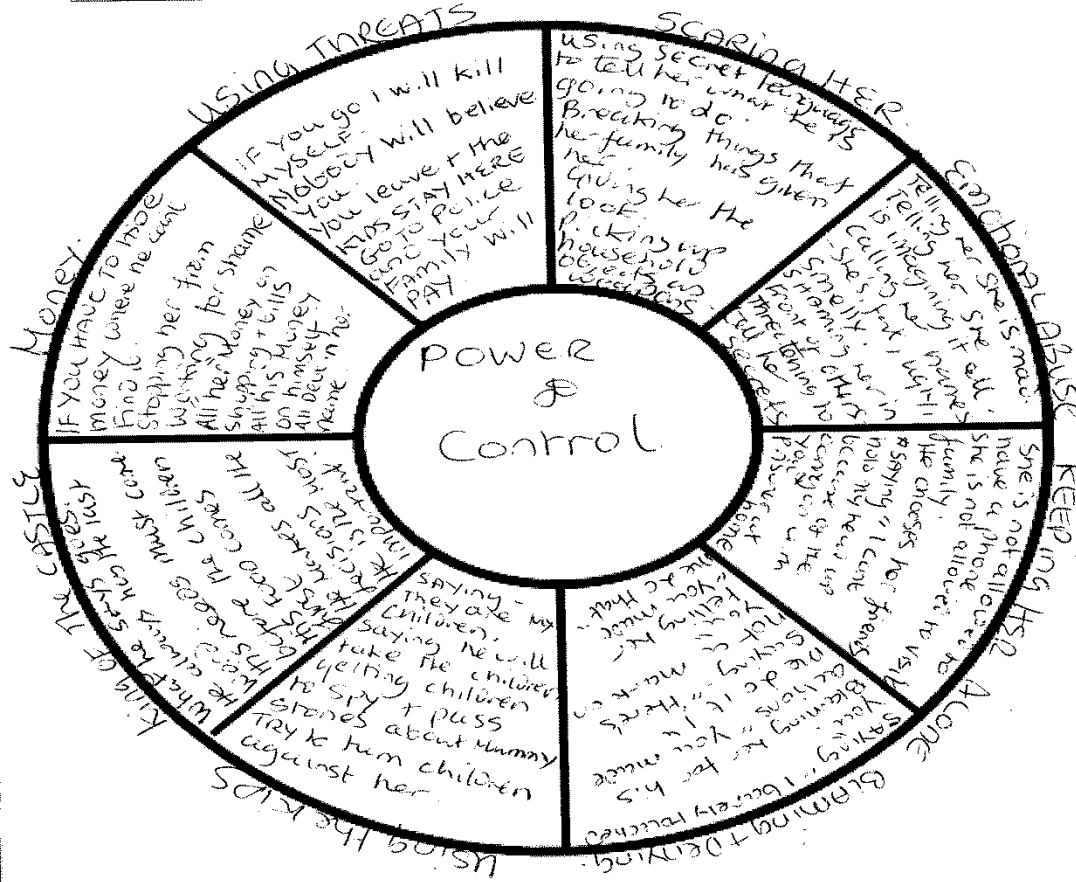
Concept Wheel

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Looking at the Duluth Power wheel and making it culturally pertinent

Onom...
spending joint Money)
on himself
responsible Spending → spending on himself not family
unrealistic expectations / Controlling the Money - NO SAY
with Budget given. / STOPPING her from this and bank account.
INTENT
Controls

GYPSY AND TRAVELLER POWER AND CONTROL WHEEL



POWER AND CONTROL

USING THREATS

If you go I will kill myself.
Nobody will believe you.
You leave and the kids stay here!
Go to the Police....and your family will pay.

Scaring Her

Using secret language to tell her what he is going to do.
Breaking things that her family have given her.
Giving her 'the look'
Picking up household objects and using them as weapons.

Emotional abuse

Telling her she is mad
She is imagining it all
Calling her names- fat, smelly, ugly
Shaming her in front of others
Threatening to tell her secrets

MONEY

She has to hide money where he can't find it
Stops her from working 'for shame'
All her money on shopping and bills
All his money on himself
Puts debt in her name

What he says goes
He always has the last word
His needs must come first
His food comes first
He makes all the decisions
He is the most important person in the family

King of the Castle

Saying 'They are my children'
Getting the children to spy and pass on stories about Mummy
Try to turn children against her- all Mummies fault
Saying he will snatch children or call children's services

Using the kids

Saying 'I barely touched you'
Blaming her for his actions- 'You made me do it'
'There's not a mark on you'
Look what you made me do now!

Blaming and denying

She is not allowed to have a phone
She is not allowed to visit family
He chases her friends
She is a prisoner at home
Makes out she is not safe with people.

Keeping her alone

Barriers to accessing services

- Feel that mainstream services are not accessible to Gypsies & Travellers.
- Mistrust of statutory agencies, Police and social services
- Fear of being judged due to culture and lack of services cultural awareness
- Sense of fatalism and low expectations
- Literacy and isolation may play a part.

Awareness Raising

- The awareness raising aims were to signal that violence against women is not acceptable
- To educate and understand the support services available
- To explain the roles of specialist agencies and also restorative justice
- For the group to feel confident to be able to discreetly cascade this information and to provide support to others within the community

Limited access to services

- Refuge places unavailable (children)
- Refuge spaces blocked due to 'risk'
- Lack of pertinent safe accommodation (no caravan accommodation)
- Providers and services 'not geared up' for members of Traveller community

THANK YOU

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