

**Name & email supervisor(s):**

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**Length and dates of internship:**

4-week placement summer 2024. We are flexible about dates as there is always someone from the team available to support this work.

**Host department:**

Centre for Academic Primary Care, University of Bristol

**How will the internship be conducted:**

- ☐ In person at the university
- ☐ Virtual/ from home
- ☒ Both are possible, depending on preference of student

**Title internship project:**

**What additional one-to-one work is conducted to tailor a group intervention to fit individual needs within domestic abuse perpetrator programmes?**

**Summary of the internship project:** *(max 250 words, can include hyperlinks to further information)*

The intern will be working on a randomised controlled trial called REPROVIDE. This is a (cost) effectiveness evaluation of a domestic abuse behaviour change programme which aims to reduce abuse amongst perpetrators for the benefit of their partners, ex partners and families.

The intern will work on:

1) Qualitative case study data for male perpetrators produced by our five charity partners delivering the domestic abuse intervention. We will sample a proportion of case studies in each site. The selected case studies will contain descriptions indicating individual perpetrators trajectories through the intervention. The case studies may include information relating to contact type (phone conversation, text exchange, email etc), engagement with the programme coordinator, referrals to other support agencies and indications of escalating or decreasing risk. The case study data will need to be coded and summarised to produce an overall picture of one-to-one support for a proportion of perpetrators in each of the five sites. The coding work may be done within the qualitative software package NVIVO.

2) Summaries of the work conducted by our five charity partners with the recruited perpetrators during COVID-19 lockdowns and while it was not possible to run the group intervention. This data might include the frequency and type of contact, if any behaviour change work was undertaken and the recording of information on risk.

The team will work closely with the intern to develop coding frameworks as appropriate before reviewing the data.

Further information on the REPROVIDE programme can be found at <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/group-intervention-for-men>

**Learning objectives:**

- Learn about the extraction synthesis and analysis of large amounts of case material related to work with domestic abuse perpetrators and victims/survivors
- Learn more about different types of research methodologies in particular the conduct of a randomised controlled trial
- Understand the potential challenges and benefits of working with third sector organisations when conducting complex research interventions.

**Any further information:**

Debriefs and emotional support will be available to the student as difficult material may be read during the case study reviews. The student will be closely supervised, have access to individual and group debrief sessions and access to the team's counsellor.

Working to help organise and analyse the data from the five delivery sites will form the basis of this internship and contribute a small, but significant, part to the final analysis.

This case study data may also be subsequently triangulated with other data such as self-report questionnaire data (perpetrators and victim/ survivors), police incident data, interviews and group attendance data and work with linked victim/ survivor ex/partners to enable the team to more fully understand the overall work of a domestic abuse perpetrator programme. The work from these two tasks may also help inform a cost consequences analysis.

The five third sector trial partners delivering our intervention are: 1) Fearfree covering Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire; 2) Fearfree covering Wiltshire; 3) Barnardo's covering Somerset; 4) Calan DVS covering Neath and Port Talbot; 5) Phoenix covering Gwent.

After completing the analysis, if interested the intern can design a conference poster displaying their results. It may be possible to present the poster at a scientific meeting and if sufficient work is done, it may be possible to be included as an author on a paper.

**References**

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