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HOW CAN WE IMPROVE EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE? THE RESEARCH-PRACTICE NEXUS

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Current Practice

- Duluth Model (Pence & Paymar, 1993)
- IPV is gendered and caused by a historically and socially constructed patriarchal control
- Informs training and intervention programmes
- Research suggests it isn’t effective (e.g. Babcock et al., 2004; Bates et al., 2017)
- Still accredited and funded within the Criminal Justice System
Research-Practice Nexus

- Ignores:
  - Risk factors (e.g. Moffitt et al., 2001)
  - Studies demonstrating it being ineffective (Dixon et al., 2012)
  - Personality and psychopathology; complex needs (Bates et al., 2017)
  - Mutual and bidirectional abuse (Bates, 2016)
  - Sex parity and mutuality in IPV (e.g. Langhinrichsen-Rohling, et al., 2012)
  - Men’s victimisation (e.g. Douglas & Hines, 2011)
  - Overlap between IPV, aggression and control (e.g. Bates et al., 2014)
  - Perceptions of IPV (e.g. Harris & Cook, 1994)
  - Same-sex relationships (e.g. Carvalho et al., 2011)
Why is research not informing practice?

- Multiagency Safeguarding Hubs
- HMIC and Vulnerability (DVPN's)
- Postcode Lottery
- The Police and Academic Gap
Questions for discussion

- Why is an ineffective model still so influential within practice?
- Is a completely standardised response achievable?
- When will practice inform research?