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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?