

PERPETRATION OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE BY MALE SUBSTANCE ABUSERS: A RESEARCH CROSS-CULTURAL LEARNING ALLIANCE

The aim of this research project is to quantitatively and qualitatively examine and compare the prevalence and cultural construction of intimate partner violence (IPV) (i.e. physical, sexual or psychological abuse or controlling behaviour) perpetrated by males in substance abuse treatment in London and São Paulo against their current or ex female partner/wife). The findings will inform cultural theory of IPV perpetration and substance abuse, and a theory based IPV assessment instrument for men in substance abuse treatment. In addition, current strategies, protocols and care pathways for male substance abusing IPV perpetrators in both London and São Paulo will be reviewed, and key stakeholders will be interviewed to identify the barriers and facilitators to working with this client group. The research will inform the development of an evidence and theory based cross-cultural Capacity Framework for working effectively with male IPV perpetrators in substance abuse treatment. An International Learning Alliance will be established at the initiation of the project; to strengthen and support the exchange and dissemination of information and best practice and will determine how alcohol and drug services can best respond to IPV perpetration by male clients in England, Brazil, Spain and the U.S. Local Learning Alliances networks will be established in London and São Paulo to enhance translation of findings to policy and practice.

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