

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

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**Length and dates of internship:**

4 weeks, summer 2024

**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:**

**Analysis of practitioner survey on survivor-support work within domestic abuse prevention programmes**

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

Domestic Abuse Prevention Programmes (DAPPs) aim to help abusive people change their behaviour and to increase survivors' safety and freedom from abuse. Programmes accredited by Respect, the national domestic abuse organisation which sets standards for DAPPs, carry out behaviour-change work with the abusive person, while current/ex-partners are offered support as part of an integrated service. Survivor-support work within accredited services manages risk, helps survivors have realistic expectations of their (ex-)partner's behaviour-change and informs case management. Some survivor-support work occurs in organisations which are not accredited by Respect and we are not sure how safe this work is or what it entails.

The research is being conducted in three phases, with the first phase including a national survey of DAPP services (accredited and non-accredited) to establish different models of support.

The internship project will involve:

- Analysing the survey data to help us understand the variations in practice in survivor-support offered in the context of DAPPs;
- Using the survey data to refine topic guides for interviews with survivor support workers and survivors;
- Comparing the data against available academic and grey literature;
- Collaborating with team members to produce a report on the survey findings. This may be presented to a range of audiences including with our practitioner collaborators; to the Domestic Violence and Health Research Group; and to our Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) group.
- Depending on when the intern starts, there may be an opportunity to conduct interviews with survivor support workers.

**Learning objectives:**

- Increase knowledge and understanding of domestic abuse services and the integration of survivor support with behaviour change work for perpetrators.
- Understand the purpose of the proposed methods in the study (literature review, survey, shadowing, and interviews).
- Improve analytical skills.
- Improve presentation skills to both academic audiences and to members of our PPI group.
- Improve writing skills (with the aim of writing up survey findings for a report).
- Have an increased understanding of domestic abuse research work.

**Any further information:**

For further information, please contact Laura Bennett ([l.bennett@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:l.bennett@bristol.ac.uk))