Analysis of Respect Accredited Organisations:

Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programmes and Integrated Support Services (ISS)

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Respect is a national domestic violence organisation working with perpetrators, victims and family members to address abusive relationships. As an intern for Respect's Team, my project involved analysing and compiling data for Respect Accredited Organisations. Including the Perpetrator Intervention Programmes and Integrated Support Service (ISS) where I contributed in finding the completion and successful engagement rates for their services, to generate a national picture for what Respects organisation looks like.

Objectives

The central aim of the project was to analyse and compile data on all Respect Accredited Organisations to find perpetrator completion rates from the Intervention Programmes and Engagements rates for victims and those associated with perpetrators from the (ISS).

This was important for Respect as commissioners wanted to see an average completion rate of 90% for perpetrators attending intervention programmes.

Using survey data, I explored additional variables associated such as; gender, type of referral (e.g. self-referred or court-mandated), sexual orientation, % of those involved in child protection cases and average length of active engagement post-programme.

The survey dataset referred to 1st April 2017-31st March 2018 and once this had been transferred onto Excel I calculated percentages for each variable to show general trends in the data presented in an infographic style.
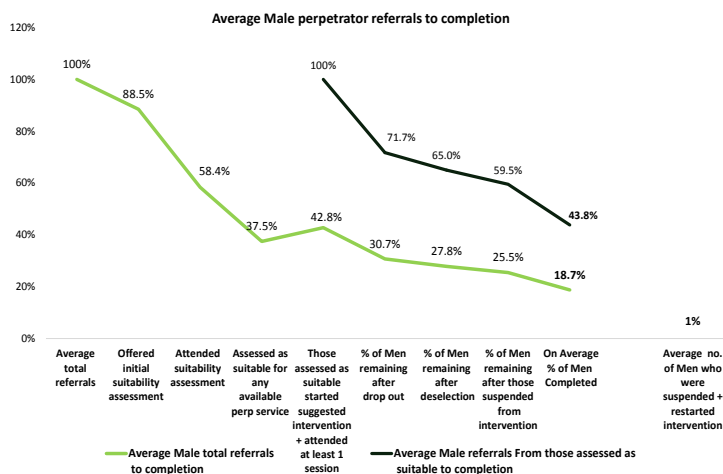

Figure 1: Differences in average completion rates for Male Perpetrators Programmes from those 'assessed as suitable to completion' and those 'initially referred to completion' in percentages
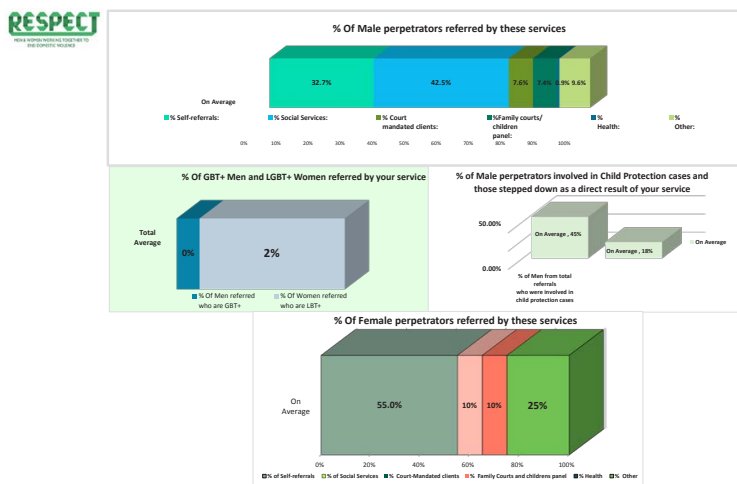

Figure 2: Shows an extract from the Excel Dashboard referring to the associated variable findings. E.g. Type of referral and LGBT+ Services pertaining to the perpetrator programmes

Method

Conducted 2 Surveys to Accredited Organisations regarding the (ISS) and Perpetrator Programmes. As the data was in raw form, I cleaned it and used Exploratory analysis in Excel to create visual graphs to show the completion rates for perpetrators per intervention programme and the engagement rates for victims per organisation. The central aim was to determine how the completion rates for perpetrators attending intervention programmes differed depending on certain stages during the assessment process.

The main findings demonstrated differences in the completion rates from the stage at which the total number of perpetrators were referred to overall completion. Whilst, perpetrators assessed as suitable to completion had a higher completion rate, as once a perpetrator attended at least one session, they were more likely to stay on from the initial stages of the intervention,(Fig.1). Highlighting how the method of assessment proves significant when analysing completion rates. Also, produced a Dashboard on Excel with visual representations of my findings, including a Perpetrator and ISS tool which produced coherent graphs as you input data in. Along with a visual display panel of additional findings relating to associated variables such as, referral differences between genders (Figure,2).

Results and Conclusions

- Findings from the perpetrator intervention programmes demonstrated from the 9 organisations who completed the survey there was an average completion rate of 43.8% for male perpetrators 'assessed as suitable', as opposed to analysing it from the initial stages of the intervention programme where the completion rate equated to 18.7%. (Figure 1)
-There were no significant differences between the genders. However, differences did occur from the source of referrals. Men were mainly referred by Social Services (42.5%) as opposed to only (10%) of Women.
-Rather, (55%) of Women were predominately self-referred.
-(ISS) findings :Average Length of active engagement post-programme was 7 months
-For every 1 perpetrator there was on average 2 children linked
-On average 1 woman linked to an individual perpetrator who were contacted
-For LGBT+ Services for every 1 perpetrator there was on average 1 (ex) partner contacted
-It should be noted however, these results only reflect the responses from organisations who completed the online survey as missing data was an issue.

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