

Old Problem, New Solution: The Belfast Non Violent Relationship Project

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Summary This article reports on a multi-agency approach for dealing with domestic violence in the Greater Belfast area. Drawing on the experience of earlier statutory intervention programmes in Northern Ireland and elsewhere, the project incorporates a voluntary group programme for male perpetrators with an ongoing support programme (individual and group) for partners and training events for young people. The development of a multi-agency approach is not without difficulty but early indications suggest that the effort can be rewarding and highlights the value of adopting a 'joined-up' intervention strategy.