Mapping European Health Sector Interventions in Primary and Maternity Care to Address Domestic Violence

We would like to invite you to take part in survey to map interventions to address domestic violence in maternity and primary care in seven European countries. The countries involved are: UK, Finland, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Serbia and Holland. This survey is part of a Daphne funded project which aims to set up a web based forum for health professionals and others to share good practice, develop research collaborations, and think of strategies for sustaining interventions. The survey should take 25 minutes to complete. For most answers you only need to tick boxes.

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Please read these instructions before completing the survey

Instructions

This survey is to be completed by one person in each intervention project. This person must have played a significant role in the design or implementation of the intervention, and/or have enough knowledge about the intervention in order to answer all the questions. This person could be a health professional or someone else (e.g. a domestic violence coordinator within the project).

Definitions of terms

We are interested in health sector interventions in **primary or maternity care** that have been designed to assist patients (male or female) who have experienced **domestic violence**. This can include multi-health sector initiatives that target primary or maternity care professionals. Please read the definitions of terms below before completing the survey.

Domestic violence

Domestic violence is defined as any behaviour within an intimate relationship that causes physical, psychological or sexual harm to those in the relationship (Krug WHO 2002).

Primary care

Primary care refers to health services that a patient receives on first contact with the health care system, before being referred elsewhere, for example, to more specialist health services in a hospital. This can include seeing a general practitioner (or family physician/doctor), practice nurse, family planning advisor, social worker, or counsellor in a general practice surgery or healthcare centre. It can also include midwives, obstetricians, gynaecologists and health visitors who work in primary care settings. This can include private practice and public practice.

Maternity care

Maternity care refers to the care of women during pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum by midwives, general practitioners, or doctors (usually consultant obstetricians or gynaecologists) based in primary care settings (e.g. general practice surgeries or health centres) OR in hospitals.

Domestic violence Intervention

The intervention must still be running and may include *any* of the following components: domestic violence training, routine enquiry for domestic violence, documentation of domestic violence, referral of patients who disclose domestic violence to other professionals or community organisations. If you have more than one intervention project that is part of a larger national initiative, but they are implemented in very different ways (e.g. between two geographical areas) please complete separate surveys for each intervention.

Providing attachments

If you have any documents in English that you would like to share (e.g. guidelines on domestic violence, forms for routine enquiry and documentation, training manuals, evaluation reports on the intervention) please attach them to the email when you return this survey. If you have web links to your intervention (in other languages) please provide the web address.

Please email the completed survey and attachments to: Loraine.Bacchus@lshtm.ac.uk

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To access the survey in other languages please visit the DIVERSHE website (Domestic & Interpersonal Violence: Effecting Responses in the Health Sector in Europe: http://diverhse.eu or http://diverhse.org

Section 1: Your contact Details

Name	
Job title	
Name of organisation and full postal address	
Email address	
Telephone number with access code	
Country in which the intervention is based	

Section 2: About the intervention setting

1. Name of the domestic violence intervention (if there is one)	
2. Which health care professionals are targeted in the intervention? **Please tick all that apply**	☐ General Practitioners ☐ Midwives ☐ Nurses ☐ Health Visitors ☐ Obstetricians ☐ Gynaecologists ☐ Social workers ☐ Other (please specify)
3. In which healthcare services is the intervention based? **Please tick all that apply**	☐ Primary health care ☐ Maternity services ☐ Private Obstetric care ☐ Private Care ☐ Multi-health sector initiatives that include primary or maternity care ☐ Other (please specify)

4. What are the names of the healthcare organisations in which the intervention is based	
5. What gender of patients does the intervention assist? **Please tick all that apply**	☐ Male patients ☐ Female patients ☐ Don't Know
6. Any other comments about who the intervention assists	
7. what is the name of the towns, or city, or metropolitan area or region in which the intervention is based?	
8. How long has the intervention been running?	……. Years ……. Months

Section 3: Partnerships and funding

9. Which organisation is responsible for coordinating (or leading) the intervention?	
10. What kind of organisation is the coordinator? **Example: a healthcare organisation, a voluntary organisation, a local government department, or a charity**	
11. Which organisations are funding the intervention	

Section 4: Policies on domestic violence

12. Does the intervention have a policy that provides guidance about how health professionals should respond to patients affected by domestic violence?	☐ No policy ☐ A policy developed specifically for the intervention ☐ A policy embedded in the national guidelines ☐ Don't Know ☐ Other (please specify)
13. Does the policy or guideline:	
(i) Recommend routine enquiry for domestic violence (e.g. routinely asking patients direct questions about domestic violence. The term 'routine' may refer to asking all patients/or asking some patients who present with certain symptoms/or asking patients who attend certain visits e.g. first prenatal visit/health checks etc)	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
(ii) Provide specific guidance on documentation of domestic violence	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
(iii) Provide guidance on how to refer patients who disclose domestic violence	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
(iv) Provide guidance on how to assess the safety of the patient and any children or vulnerable adults who may be affected by the domestic violence?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
(v) Provide guidance on confidentiality and information sharing	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

14. If you have further comments about the domestic violence policy with regards to the above issues please describe here	

Section 5: Domestic violence training

15. In the intervention is there any domestic violence training for healthcare professionals?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
16. Which professional groups is the domestic violence training offered to? **Please tick all that apply**	☐ Nurses ☐ General Practitioners ☐ Midwives ☐ Health Visitors ☐ Psychologists/Counsellors ☐ Gynaecologists ☐ Obstetricians ☐ Social Workers ☐ Receptionists/clerical workers/practice assistants ☐ Don't Know ☐ Other (please specify)
17. Please indicate whether the domestic violence training is mandatory for any staff?	☐ Not mandatory for any staff ☐ Nurses ☐ General Practitioners ☐ Midwives ☐ Health Visitors ☐ Psychologists/Counsellors ☐ Gynaecologists ☐ Obstetricians

	☐ Social workers ☐ Receptionists/clerical workers/practice assistants ☐ Don't Know ☐ Other (please specify)
18. If you have any other comments about mandatory training please write them here	
19. In the intervention, who delivers the domestic violence training? **Please tick all that apply**	☐ A domestic violence trainer or educator from outside the healthcare service who is not a health professionals ☐ A health professional ☐ Don't Know ☐ Other (please specify)
20. In the intervention, how often is the domestic violence training delivered for different staff and levels of training?	Describe
21. In the intervention, what is the length of the domestic violence training for different staff and levels of training?	Describe
22. In the intervention, are there 'train the trainer' courses for health professionals?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
23. If you have any comments about 'train the trainer' courses please write them here	

Does the training include any of the following?	
24. Routine enquiry or screening for domestic violence	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
25. Briefly describe teaching methods used for routine enquiry, if known	
26. How to document domestic violence	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
27. Briefly describe the training methods used for documentation, if known	
28. How to refer patients who disclose domestic violence	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
29. Briefly describe the training methods used for referrals, if known	
30. How to assess the safety of the patient	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
31. Briefly describe the training methods used for assessment of safety, if known	
32. How to deal with issues of confidentiality and information sharing	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

33. Briefly describe training methods used for confidentiality and information sharing, if known	

Section 6: Routine enquiry for domestic violence

If no routine enquiry for domestic violence in the intervention please go to Section 7

34. In the intervention, what does 'routine enquiry' for domestic violence mean? **Example:** asking all patients/asking some patients who present with certain clinical presentations/asking all patients who attend certain visits such as first prenatal visit or a health check	Describe
35. In the intervention, what types of patients are asked about domestic violence? **Please tick all that apply**	☐ Female patients ☐ Male patients ☐ Patients of specific age groups (specify) ☐ Other (please specify)
36. In the intervention how is routine enquiry for domestic violence monitored? **i.e. check that health professionals are asking about domestic violence**	☐ No monitoring ☐ Audit of patient records ☐ Don't Know ☐ Other methods (please specify)
37. If you have any other comments about auditing of routine enquiry please write them here	

Section 7: Documentation of domestic violence

38. In the intervention are health professionals advised to document any of the following information?	
(i) Whether or not the patient was asked about domestic violence	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
(ii) Whether or not the patient disclosed domestic violence	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
(iii) Name of the perpetrator	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
(iv) Relationship of the perpetrator to the patient	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
(v) A description of the types of abuse experienced	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
(vi) A description of any recent incident of abuse (e.g. date, time, what happened etc)	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
(vii) A description of the type and location of any physical injuries	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
(viii) A body map picture indicating the location of any injuries	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
(ix) Whether referral information was offered to the patient (x) Whether the patient accepted the referral information	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
(xi) Indication of any action taken by the patient	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
(xii) Whether there are any children in the household	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

(xiii) An assessment of the safety of the patient and any children	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
39. If you have any other comments about documentation of domestic violence please write them here	

Section 8: Referral of patients who disclose domestic violence

40. Where do health professionals refer patients who disclose domestic violence? Please tick all that apply	☐ Domestic violence organisations in the community ☐ Another professional (please specify who) ☐ Social worker ☐ Police ☐ Don't Know ☐ Other (please specify)
41. How is the referral made? (tick all that apply)	☐ Information about the organisation is given to the patient ☐ The health professional contacts the organisation on behalf of the patient ☐ Don't Know
42. If you have any other comments about referrals please write them here	

Section 9: Evaluation of the intervention

43. Is there an evaluation of the intervention?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
44. Please provide details of who is responsible for conducting the evaluation, if applicable	
45. Please provide details of any reports or published work (e.g. reference, website)	

Section 10: Participation in web based European network

46. Are you interested in participating in a European network on health sector interventions to address domestic violence?	Yes ☐ No ☐
47. Do you wish to share any of the following information for the website? **Please tick all that apply**	
Domestic Violence Training manuals	☐
Domestic violence guidelines/policies	☐
Tools for routine enquiry	☐
Documentation forms	☐
Evaluation reports from the intervention	☐
Other (please specify)	☐
48. If you know of any other domestic violence interventions that target health professionals in maternity or primary care in your city/region/country please provide contact details	

Thank you for your time. Your response is very important to us.

If you have any documents that you wish to share (e.g. domestic violence guidelines, forms for routine enquiry and documentation, training manuals, evaluation reports etc) please email them to the Coordinator of this survey.

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