

The Drive Project — A Whole-System, Perpetrator-Focused Response to High-Harm Domestic Abuse in England and Wales

Gender Equality · Good practice · United Kingdom

Quality score: 89/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

Summary

A case-managed intervention for high-harm, serial domestic-abuse perpetrators combining behaviour-change work, disruption and victim support. A Bristol University evaluation found physical abuse fell 82% and police-recorded reoffending fell ~30%, versus usual care.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	3/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-09

[Respect, SafeLives and Social Finance \(the Drive Partnership\)](#); independently evaluated by the University of Bristol — accessed 2026-09-09

[University of Bristol — Domestic violence programme \(Drive\) evaluation results](#) — accessed 2026-09-09

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