

## Domestic and Family Violence and Acquired Brain Injury | Feb 2021

Dear friends and colleagues in the work,

In 2017-2018 Domestic Violence Service Management undertook a project focused on the intersection of domestic and family violence (DFV) and acquired brain injury (ABI). In July 2018 the project report was launched to a constellation of [84 attendees from 49 organisations](#).

Subsequently the project report and related materials were hosted on the [DVSM website](#) and remain available to support broader engagement and access for other colleagues, services and systems. Since the project report launch, 160+ copies of the project report have been downloaded and there has been 300+ views of the [21min video](#) which provides an orientation to the project report.

DVSM had committed to developing four responder resources (listed below) as a further output from the project. These resources are now live as of Feb 2021. The resources distil foundational information for responders and are not exhaustive.

- [DFV ABI Resource 01: DFV & ABI Summary](#)
- [DFV ABI Resource 02: DFV & Concussion/m-TBI \(mild Traumatic Brain Injury\)](#)
- [DFV ABI Resource 03: DFV & Strangulation](#)
- [DFV ABI Resource 04: DFV & Neurocognitive Difficulties](#)

In parallel, DVSM's initiative [Insight Exchange](#) has evolved significantly. Insight Exchange has developed key resources for all responders that complement this work. In particular, the release of a short [Follow My Lead animation](#), and the development of [My Safety Kit](#) (a reflection resource designed to support people who are, or may be, experiencing domestic and family violence) and [My Dignity – My Body is mine](#) (an information and reflection resource about sexualised violence). These resources are included as links in the newly released DFV/ABI responder resources listed above.

We invite you to explore these newly released resources and apply or evolve them in your place of work and influence.

We recognise and understand our contribution to this important intersection is only one part of a large body of work going on and needing to be done across systems. We will continue to apply these materials into our service provision and share learnings for the benefit of others. Our thanks extend again to everyone involved in the project and to everyone who is working to create an uplift in responses to people experiencing domestic and family violence.

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