



**Respect draft position paper on categories of client affected by Intimate Partner Violence  
Consultation process May – June 2009**

Respect has drafted a position statement on categories of clients affected by or using intimate partner violence, by which we mean violence and abuse from one person to their partner or ex-partner, not including other forms of domestic violence or other categories of clients. We believe that this is important for protecting anyone involved in intimate partner violence, whether they are a victim/survivor, perpetrator/abuser or a child in the family.

We would like to have the views of any practitioner, policy maker, researcher or other relevant person who would like to contribute to this development. The full document is attached to the email you have received with this document attached and also available on the Respect website ([www.respect.uk.net](http://www.respect.uk.net)). Please circulate this information to any practitioner, researcher, policy maker or anyone else you think may have useful feedback to offer. We want this position paper to be as useful as possible for practice, research and policy making in order to help protect anyone affected by intimate partner violence and to guide and support interventions with those using intimate partner violence.

**Questions for feedback:**

1. Do the purpose and scope of the document in sections 1 and 2 make sense?
2. What are your views on the glossary of terms proposed in section 3? What changes would you like to suggest?
3. What are your views on the definitions of categories of clients proposed in section 8? Does this reflect your experience and understanding of clients' experiences and behaviour? What changes would you like to suggest?
4. Does the diagram in section 8 make sense?
5. Do you think that the process of assessment proposed in sections 11 and 12 is clear and helpful? What changes would you like to suggest to make it clearer and more helpful?
6. Do you think this document would support practice, research and policy making? Please say why you do or do not think it will be helpful and make any suggestions you wish for how it could be improved.
7. Is there anything else you would like to ask, add, change or remove? Please say as much as you can.

Thank you for your time.

Please send feedback on any or all of the questions below or any other aspect you think is relevant, as soon as possible and by 15th June 2009, to Respect Research Manager, Thangam Debbonaire, [thangam.debbonaire@respect.uk.net](mailto:thangam.debbonaire@respect.uk.net).

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