Responsibility for implementing the Minimum Standards

1. Responsibility for implementation of NTV’s Minimum Standards rests with the governance body of the lead provider.

Group multi-faceted interaction

In providing services only consult with the client, except in the case of a safety concern when the client is at risk of self-harm.

Staffing and men’s behaviour change

Note that the NTV Management Committee may adopt different requirements and qualifications to be equivalent to these criteria.

For every men’s behaviour change group session:

- Each facilitator is at a least Level One Facilitator.
- A second facilitator is at a least Level Two Facilitator.
- Third and subsequent facilitators are at least Level Three Facilitators.

Level One Facilitators meet all the following criteria:

- Has a demonstrated understanding of the men’s behaviour change process and the gendered nature of male family violence.
- Has observed a minimum of 10 men’s behaviour change group sessions.

Level Two Facilitators meet all the following criteria:

- Has a demonstrated understanding of the men’s behaviour change process and the gendered nature of male family violence.
- Has a Graduate Certificate of Social Science (Male Family Violence - Group Facilitation) OR has at least 100 hours of experience facilitating men’s behaviour change groups.

Level Three facilitators meet all the following criteria:

- Has a demonstrated understanding of the men’s behaviour change process and the gendered nature of male family violence.
- Has a Graduate Certificate of Social Science (Male Family Violence - Group Facilitation) OR has at least 100 hours of experience facilitating men’s behaviour change groups.

6. Supervisors of men’s behaviour change program staff must:

- Have a Graduate Certificate of Social Science (Male Family Violence - Group Facilitation) OR has at least 100 hours of experience facilitating men’s behaviour change groups.

13. Providers provide men with access to a minimum of 24 hours of men’s behaviour change group program, spread over a minimum of 12 sessions and spaced no further than 12 weeks apart. Contact hours do not include time spent on initial assessment or follow-up processes.

14. Program providers ensure that:

- Their men’s behaviour change program has a reference group that meets at least once a month.
- The group comprises representatives of local women’s services and as many other relevant service providers as possible.

17. Intake assessment includes at least one face-to-face interview conducted by an appropriately qualified family violence worker.
31 Men are encouraged to talk about and reflect on current relationship status and relationship controlling behaviours.

28 All conversations between women and program staff are kept confidential unless women wish otherwise or unless the circumstances require mandatory recording.

27 Men are permitted to join a men’s behaviour change group only if they have agreed that their partners (women) will be invited to participate in a women’s behaviour change group.

26 Men are encouraged to talk about and reflect on their controlling behaviours.

25 Women’s and children’s files are separate to men’s files.

24 Information that might reasonably be considered to be personal information will have limited confidentiality.

23 In all record keeping:

a) any reports required by statutory or other bodies.

b) records of behaviour change group commitments.

c) records of any reports required by statutory or other bodies.

22 Women provided with written and verbal information about the complexities and uncertainties of men’s violence and controlling behaviour, whether reported by the woman, partner or third party.

21 Women provided with information about the need for change and responsiveness to change group only if they have agreed that their partners (women) will be invited to participate in a women’s behaviour change group.

20 Women and children affected by the man’s violence are also assessed and managed appropriately.

19 Program providers have and implement written procedures for:

a) Documenting all risk assessments.

b) Monitoring threats or risks to safety in an ongoing and systematic way.

18 Where possible, legal standing, including current or previous court proceedings or orders, changes or convictions, and any reports required by statutory or other bodies.

17 Acceptance that, throughout the group program, they are stored in a secure environment, with access limited only to relevant personnel.

16 Women’s and children’s files are separate to men’s files.

15 Consent forms are filled out with women and children about:

a) Their experiences of the man’s behaviour.

b) Their safety.

14 At minimum, contact workers ask women and children about:

a) What they, as the provider, will do in the event of domestic violence.

b) Safety.

13 Program providers have and implement written procedures for:

a) Providing a court or other statutory body with any information required by statutory or other bodies.

b) Protecting women and children who do not wish to participate in legal action.

12 Men’s behaviour change groups focus on violence and controlling behaviour, whether reported by the partner or third party.

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