In response to the ongoing development of the MEND (Men Ending Domestic Abuse) programme, the South East Domestic Violence Intervention Programme (SEDVIP) under the management of the Mens Development Network has carried out this research into the referral pathways for men onto domestic abuse intervention programmes. It has been identified that a “whole of Government” response is needed to under-pin an effective co-ordinated community response to appropriately address the issue of domestic Abuse/ Violence. This research aims to discover awareness levels within front-line statutory agencies (Health Service Executive, G.Ps, Probation, Police etc.) of male perpetrators of domestic violence and abuse and of the intervention programmes available. In addition this research aims to assist the SEDVIP in supporting these agencies in identifying and referring male perpetrators onto the MEND programme using appropriate referral pathways. The report gives a background to the development of the MEND programme, an outline of issues affecting the male perpetrators, some of the core themes developed in a programme to bring about appropriate change in the men, and new developments and guidelines to bring about a coordinated approach to referrals. SEDVIP is a
member of RESPECT UK, the association for domestic violence perpetrator programmes and associated women's services with members from the voluntary, private and statutory sector. As a member of RESPECT, the SEDVIP signs up to its Statement of Principles and Minimum Standards of Practice for Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programmes and Associated Women's Services.

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