



Strangulation, Traumatic Brain Injury and Sexual Assault in the context of Intimate Partner Violence

OVERVIEW

While strangulation is recognised as a significant red flag predicting future serious harm for victims of domestic violence. However for a variety of reasons, the correlation between strangulation and sexual assault is not always considered by advocates and professionals.

Domestic violence victims must also be considered at heightened risk of traumatic brain injury, not only from anoxic injury caused by strangulation, but also through suffering potentially multiple concussions after blunt force trauma to the head. Yet these dynamics are not necessarily known to professionals, advocates or victims.

OUTLINE OF THIS WORKSHOP/SEMINAR

This session will:

- Outline what is strangulation in the context of IPV
- Outline our proposed legal definition
- Discuss signs and symptoms associated with strangulation
- Improve understanding of traumatic brain injury (relating to victims of IPV)
- Discuss the HELPS framework and how this would inform our practice
- Discuss definitions and understanding of the range of behaviours that constitute sexual violence
- Look at some available local and international resources
- Consider how our current systems, processes and documentation could be improved in light of this information

WHO BENEFITS?

The session is designed to raise awareness for professionals, victim advocates and community members. There are opportunities to customise various sections for more in-depth discussion, including specific workshops to develop specific documentation.

TIME

Four hour presentation for the generic awareness-raising session

Other shortened sessions can be customised to meet the requirements of the audience

INVESTMENT

Contact Rob to discuss costs.