



## Appendix 1 – Additional information about domestic abuse

### Definition of ‘personally connected’

‘Personally connected’ means that the relationship between the involved parties meets one or more of the following criteria:

They:

- Are married to each other
- Are in a civil partnership with each other
- Have agreed to marry one another (whether or not the agreement has been terminated)
- Have entered into a civil partnership agreement (whether or not the agreement has been terminated)
- Are or have been in an intimate personal relationship with each other
- Have, or there has been a time when they each have had, a parental relationship in relation to the same child
- Are relatives

### Coercive and controlling behaviour

‘Coercive behaviour is an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim.

Controlling behaviour is a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour’ (ONS, 2022).

More information about coercive and controlling behaviour is available from the following resource:

[What is Coercive Control?](#)

### ‘Honour’ based violence (HBV) as a form of domestic abuse

Domestic abuse can also be a form of ‘honour’ based violence if it ‘has or may have been committed to protect or defend the honour of the family and/or community’ (NPCC, 2015).

More information about ‘honour’ based violence is available from the following resources:

[Refuge - Honour Based Violence](#)

[CPS – So-Called Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriage](#)