Social Work Online Team Training (SWOTT) toolkit

Understanding Coercive Control

CASE STUDY: ADULTS

Fatima and Rohan have been married for 50 years. They live with their only child, 45-year-old son Amir. Rohan received a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease 6 months ago and he has been attending a day centre two days per week to support Fatima to cope with her caring role. The day centre staff have observed Fatima being rough with Rohan and they subsequently made a safeguarding referral to adult social care. Fatima and Rohan's files, however, show that there is a history of domestic abuse from Rohan towards Fatima. The last incident was recorded as resulting from an argument about Fatima and Rohan not been able to have a large family, which Rohan had dreamed of, but this never happened and was something that Rohan blames Fatima for. As their only child, Amir has always lived at home and has no partner or children of his own. There was also some indication in the files about previous concerns of financial control of Fatima from Amir. This resulted from an allegation made by Rohan but there was no evidence and Fatima denied anything was wrong. There were also concerns about Amir's alcohol use but indications that he was seeking help from alcohol and drugs services.

Consider:

- Does anything in the case study raise concerns?
- What other information would you need and what tools/systems/services could you use to support gathering and collating that information?
- Are there any structural or cultural factors that you would need to take into account in preparing for and undertaking an assessment?

At the end of the discussion take 5 minutes to complete the critical reflection survey and get a certificate of completion.

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