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# BLACK MINORITY ETHNIC SUB-REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP (BME SRP)

BME/BAME NWF INTERPERSONAL  
VIOLENCE (IPV) COMMUNITY  
ORGANISATIONS/GROUPS DESK TOP  
REVIEW FEED BACK PROJECT





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# **BME SRP NWF BME/BAME COMMUNITY MEMBERS IPV PROJECT FEEDBACK**

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## DELIVERY PERIOD- JULY 2015 – NOVEMBER 2015 –IPV STAGE 1

### Groups/Community Members Involved

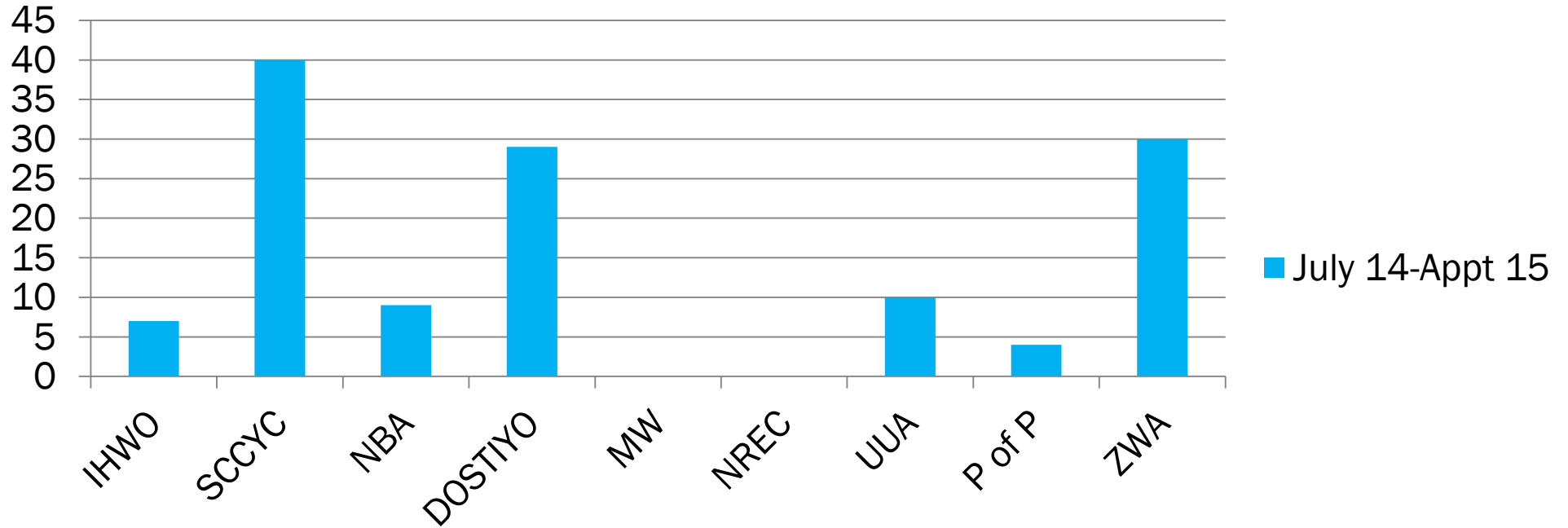
- ❖ Zimwomen Association (ZA),
- ❖ Indian Hindu Welfare Organisation (IHWO),
- ❖ Sikh Community Centre & Youth Centre (SCCYC) ,
- ❖ Northampton Bangladeshi Association(NBA),
- ❖ Dostiyo,
- ❖ Independent Community Member (MW),
- ❖ Northamptonshire Rights & Equality Council(NREC)
- ❖ United African Association (UAA)
- ❖ Pearls of Peace(9)



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# IPV CASES DEALT WITHIN THE LAST YEAR

## July 14-Aprt 15

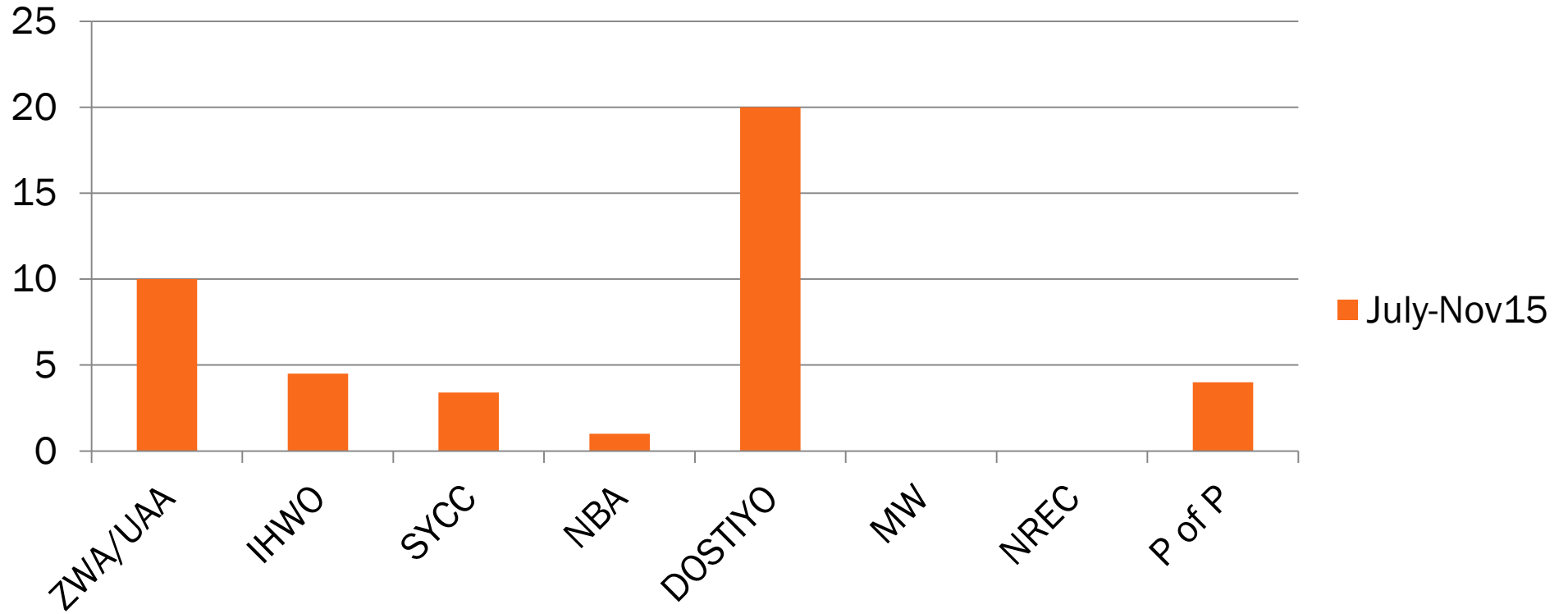




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# CURRENT IPV RELATED CASES

## July-Nov15





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**BME SRP CDO – It is worth noting the following information at this point of the NWF BME/BAME IPV feedback report :**

**Based on the information gathered to date by the BME SRP CDO during the meetings and discussions all the community organisations /groups involved with this NWF BME/BAME IPV project has shared that with the majority of IPV related cases that they have been supporting is never straight forward e.g. I need help because my husband or wife is physically abusing instead service users /community members tend to seek advice and support through their services for other matters such as for e.g. Immigration, financial/Benefit advice and it is only once they start supporting/working with the service users /community members on those matters that the IPV issues/support needs will start to come out/present.**





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## ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED

Domestic Violence(physical/mental abuse)

- Alcohol,
- Mother in laws,
- Personal Freedom- women who are not allowed to take part in things , hiding of Passports.
- Employment and modern slavery
- Language barriers
- Immigration(No recourse to public funds),

- UK born African children versus UK systems and African cultural norms (Schools and social workers need educating about cultural norms)
- Alcohol, drugs affect people in their 40s upwards.
- Housing/ Employment Agencies not delivering what they promise workers ,
- Churches & Pastors may also play a big part in influencing people's personal decisions.
- Self-confidence - peoples lack of self confidence in doing what is right for them may also be contributed by the church/pastor





## ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED CONTINUES

- Migration Issues (EU-Polish)/ verbal abuse-not good that members of the community involve with DV/IPV issues/crime and once deported can return without the authorities having knowledge of this fact and continue to inflict such behaviours on family/family members
- Divorce cases where children are involved someone admitting to a staff member that did hit their wife but just once and refusing for partner to see children
- Threats of false allegation negative impact on children
- Divorce/children- divorce is not an option where children are involved but there is a need to protect them
- Increase Isolation-home /social life (social in some instance where people are taking sides ostracising, bullying/community pressure/extended family/individuals & Affect children at school
- Rape/repeated rape
- Threats of deportation





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## ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED CONTINUED

Immigration /Clients under reporting and reluctant to seek help because:

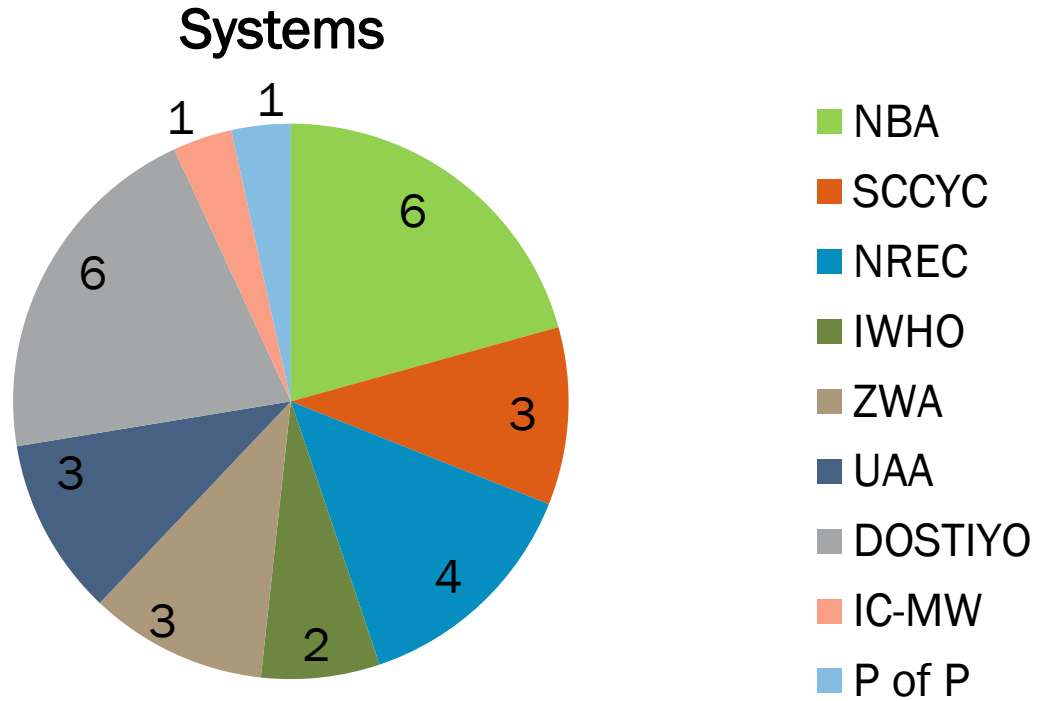
- They have not got the right papers and distrust of police within African communities
- Physical/Emotional and financial abuse, separation
- Pregnancies & maternity economically triggered pressure point for DV to occur
- Discrimination
- Males prospective - Male under reporting when it comes to DV





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# Systems shared/viewed/used across groups/organisations.



# Community Members Development Suggestions re Understanding BME/BAME IPV Support Needs & Issues Presenting:

**Prevention** re capturing the young: use schools, activities and support groups to introduce these programmes through mosque, churches, temples and youth groups-C2C/PCC project idea use drama similar to that done by LGBTQ-not just use hand out and leaflets

There isn't a hate crime unit anymore- hate crime to be more openly included and discuss when it comes to DV/IPV

**Language barriers** - No provision of interpreters e.g. Language, sign language at referral agencies, e.g. Community Law Services, although centre manager has spoken to CLS who said they would provide interpreters and then they don't, CAB needs 2 weeks' notice re supplying a interpreters at meetings where clients are referred-Not very helpful in emergency situations

# COMMUNITY MEMBERS DEVELOPMENT SUGGESTIONS RE UNDERSTANDING BME/BAME IPV SUPPORT NEEDS & ISSUES PRESENTING CONTINUE :

Development Sikh Camp- Men , women, children and youth group-educational, equality, alcohol

Formal training as well appropriate financial commitment/acknowledgement of and for services being rendered)

Churches also play a big part in influencing people's personal decisions - Need to get the pastors on your side –send invitation to pastors.

Chai & Chat group-both women & men

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**Champions**-Trained & Active Community Members-male/females

Recommendation: In dealing with DV and children you need to capture the stronger ones who have come out on the other side to share their stories positively.

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Dedicated person needed to deal with such matters within organisations which would be supportive of more cases coming forward. A generic worker will not work for all



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## Developments Needed from Com G/Orgs prospective re

### **BME SRP CDO Recommendation Re Areas for Development:**

- Community Group Members Meeting/Discussions of issues highlighted- sharing of good practice
- Internal Systems, electronic or paper in line with the appropriate policy and procedures /find a way re appropriately recording information without breaking client confidentiality
- Training and development: Community Group Members Meeting with IPV Support Service Providers through joint engagement meeting-community joint meeting -3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2015





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# Thank You.

# Any Questions?

