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INTRODUCTION

For Baby's Sake is a manualised whole-family programme that addresses cycles of domestic abuse [DA]

Developed by the Stefanou Foundation, *For Baby's Sake* aims to improve parental mental health/parent-child attachments

Two Local Authority areas. Co-parents with DA receive therapeutic support through pregnancy to the child's second birthday

King's College London evaluation includes analysing process-related data [e.g. anonymised case notes of families in the programme], recruiting families to assess their outcomes, and interviewing staff, families/stakeholders about their experiences of *For Baby's Sake*

AIM

This presentation describes the key components of the evaluation and some preliminary early findings

METHODS

Process-related data includes:

- Charting the details and characteristics of families referred to and retained on the programme, and staff capacity and skills
- Assessing fidelity to the programme manual
- Examining the success of the programme's implementation within the two Local Authority areas

Family outcomes data includes:

- Charting experiences of DA; health; quality of life; parental stress; parent-child interactions; infant temperament and development

Qualitative data includes:

- Interviewing staff, families, stakeholders about their views and experiences of the programme over time

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

FAMILY DATA: FROM THE EVALUATION



N=27 women
Mean age =28



N=13 men
Mean age =29



Married/co-habiting:
37% women
54% men



First child:
40% women
38% men



White British ethnicity:
75% women
85% men



Self-reported mental illness:
44% women
54% men

VOICES OF FAMILIES: FROM THE EVALUATION

"I think because I've seen it growing up, I've come to realise, going through a lot of this stuff, that maybe I thought it was normal"

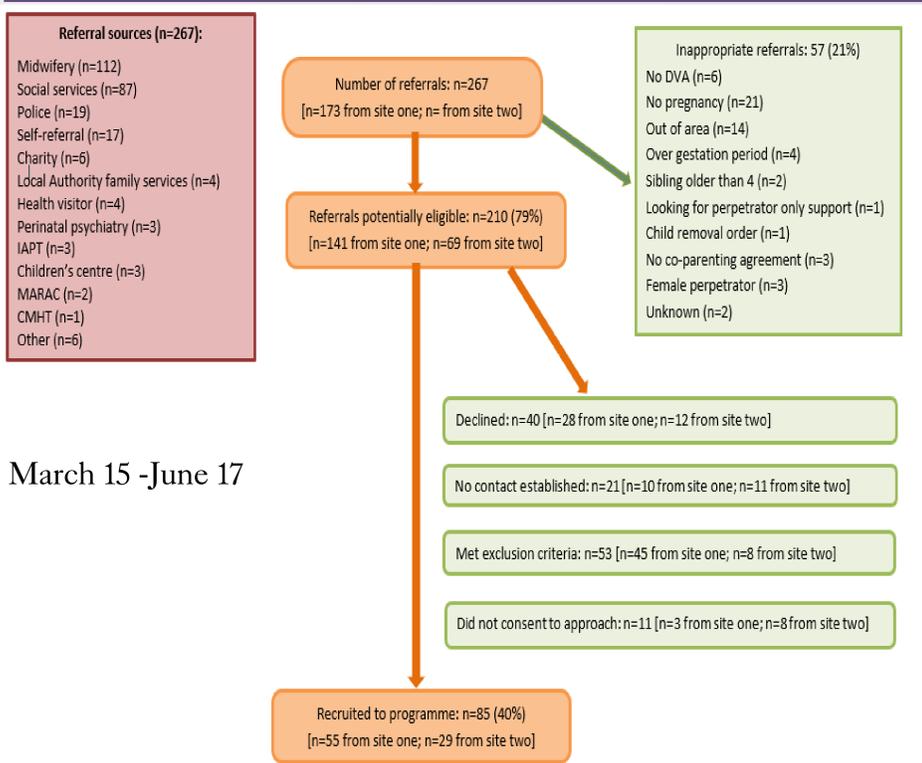
"I can learn to be a better father, really. Better than my dad was"

VOICES OF STAFF/STAKEHOLDERS: FROM THE EVALUATION

"I really enjoy this model of working. I think this is the way forward... because you get so much more of a rounded picture of what's going on"

"They've got a good couple of years to work with the client, whereas if you're in a social work role you've got that six weeks and that's it"

PROCESS DATA: RECRUITMENT TO PROGRAMME



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CONCLUSION

Early interventions for domestic abuse are necessary to promote healthy outcomes for families, and prevent intergenerational transmission of abuse. It is important that new innovations in this field are carefully designed, implemented and evaluated.