

**TITLE:** Effectiveness of therapeutic programs for perpetrators of domestic violence**Name:** Anna Więcek-Durańska**Affiliation:** Assistant Professor at Maria Grzegorzewska University**Country:** Poland**Email ID:** [a.wiecekduranska@gamil.com](mailto:a.wiecekduranska@gamil.com)**ABSTRACT (upto 300 words)**

The paper presents analyses and research results on the effectiveness of one of the key programmes addressed to perpetrators of domestic violence who are serving their sentences in prison.

The results obtained indicate statistically significant differences in return to crime depending on whether the convicted person participated in the programme for perpetrators of violence or not. Among the convicts in the experimental group, i.e. those who had completed the program, the return-to-crime rate was 37%, whereas in the control group it was 55% – that is, it was significantly higher among those who had not completed the programme.

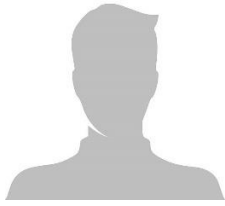
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