

Exercise: Distinguishing between coercive control and situational violence

Listen to the BBC Law in Action podcast on coercive and controlling behaviour. The podcast gives details of the first conviction under the new offence of controlling and coercive behaviour. We hear from Gemma Doherty (starting at around 1.30) who describes the abuse she experienced from her partner.



BBC Law in Action podcast
(click to listen)

Imagine you are a practitioner working with someone in a similar situation. Note down below the instances of:

- > Specific violence
- > Coercive control.

How would you record this with a view to providing evidence should the situation go to court?

Specific violence	Coercive control