

The power and control wheel was first developed in 1979 by the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, Duluth, Minnesota (Cooper-White, 1995:103) and has been adapted for this study. The original wheel (see Appendix 7) specifies a variety of abusive behaviours that battered women may experience, becoming encircled and hemmed in by them all. Figure 4.3 is a version of the wheel created out of the experiences of women taking part in this study.

This clergy sexual exploitation power and control wheel comprises nine distinct mechanisms/manoeuvres/deceptions used by clergy. These cover the dynamics of targeting, grooming, and entrapment. Often used simultaneously they ensnare women, and provide new understandings of the way sexually exploitative clergy operate.

Figure 4.3: The Clergy Sexual power & control wheel exploitation

