

Domestic Abuse – Operation Encompass resources – for schools to access – National and Local/North West

Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is a police and education early information sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support for children and young people experiencing domestic abuse. Information is shared by the police with a school's trained Key Adult (DSL) prior to the start of the next school day after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident thus enabling appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child.

Operation Encompass Teachers' Helpline

For FREE advice from an Education Psychologist about how best to support children affected by domestic abuse, teachers can call the Operation Encompass Teachers' National Helpline on 0204 513 9990, available Monday to Friday, 8am-1pm.

More information here:

<https://www.operationencompass.org/SM4/Mutable/Uploads/medialibrary/OE-teachers-helpline-info-040121.pdf>

Website: <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

Supporting your child with domestic violence (Young Minds)

Website: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-domestic-violence/>

Children to be legally defined as victims

Although in the past children have been seen as 'witnesses' to domestic abuse. The new Domestic Abuse Bill, currently in its Third Reading, will define children as 'victims' for the very first time. The Bill says that a victim of domestic abuse includes a reference to a child who sees or hears, or experiences the effects of the abuse the adult is their parent or someone who has parental responsibility for the child, or are related to the them. (See Domestic Abuse Bill Part 1, Section 3 <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2709>)

Let's Talk (All Change)

Let's Talk is a creative project that involves using the arts to develop innovative services for families affected by domestic violence. Let's Talk have some good resources to encourage children to talk about their experiences and feelings, including a book of creative ideas.

Website: http://letstalkproject.co.uk/?page_id=10

Domestic Abuse, Recovering Together (DART™)(NSPCC)

In the NSPCC's 'Domestic Abuse, Recovering Together (DART™)' groups, children and mothers

can talk to each other about domestic abuse, learn to communicate and rebuild their relationship.

The service, which has been recognised by the Home Office, also provides children and mothers with an opportunity to meet others who have lived through similar experiences.

For further information: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services-children-families/dart>

Lancashire: Violence Reduction Network

Website: <https://www.lancsvrn.co.uk/resources/>

Salford/Manchester: Survivor Project

The Survivor Project was established to relieve the physical and mental distress of women and men who have been subject to domestic abuse either at present or in the past. In addition they support children affected by disruption in the home because of violence or abuse.

Website: <https://thesurvivorproject.co.uk/affects-on-your-children>

Lancashire: Nest

Website: <https://nestlancashire.org/further-help-and-support/domestic-abuse/>

North West: Brighter Lives

<https://brighterlivesnorthwest.co.uk/>

North West: The Look out programme

<http://www.the-lookout.org.uk/professional/>

National Domestic Abuse Helpline

Freephone 24-Hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Website: www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk (access live chat Monday - Friday, 3pm - 10pm)

Freedom Programme

Freedom Programme is a domestic violence programme which was created by Pat Craven and evolved from her work with perpetrators of domestic violence. The programme provides information, not therapy.

Website: <https://www.freedomprogramme.co.uk/>

Refuge Programme

Freephone 24-Hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: **0808 2000 247**

or visit www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk (access live chat Mon-Fri 3-10pm)