

10 things you should know about Operation Encompass



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Operation Encompass is a joint operation between NCC Children's Services, Northumbria Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

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Operation Encompass was initiated in February 2011 with the purpose to *'safeguard children and young people (4-16 years old) who are affected by domestic abuse by ensuring appropriate services are made aware of an incident at the earliest possible opportunity.'*

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Domestic Violence and Abuse - Home Office definition

Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass, but is not limited to, the following types of abuse: financial, sexual, physical, emotional and psychological.

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| 4 | The school's child protection policy must make reference to the Operation Encompass duty, recognising that the school see this as a safeguarding issue. |
| 5 | <p>Children can perpetrate domestic abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCC have been involved in a multi-agency Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) following the killing of a mother by her 16 year old son in 2015. • All professionals need to be aware of the Home Office Guidance 'Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse' (APVA) • We must ensure that the child/young person and the adult are being safeguarded and supported. • Any concerns regarding Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse should be discussed with children's social care or adult safeguarding - 01670 536400. |
| 6 | <p>School Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform parents that the school is part of Operation Encompass, and remember to update each year • Consider school prospectus and website awareness • Key adult to check their mailbox by 10am and again at lunch for any Operation Encompass emails • Ensure that Operation Encompass information is secured to ensure that information remains confidential. |
| 7 | <p>Whole School Awareness</p> <p>It is important all staff have a basic understanding re DV and the impact it can have on children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic violence may teach children to use violence. • Violence can affect children in serious and long-lasting ways. • Where there is domestic violence there is often child abuse. • Children will often blame themselves for domestic violence. • Alcohol misuse is very common contributing factor when violence occurs in families. • Pregnant women are more vulnerable to domestic violence. |
| 8 | <p>Operation Encompass Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police attend a DV incident in a home where a young person lives • Police record details of any child living at the address: name, age and school • CCN created and sent to Children's Social Care • Children's Social Care take any further action if appropriate • Operation Encompass admin notify school key contacts via email • School inform relevant staff • Young person supported as appropriate |
| 9 | <p>Support for Adults and Children</p> <p>Domestic Abuse Support Service Northumberland (DASSN) - 01670 820199</p> <p>DASSN@placesforpeople.co.uk</p> |
| 10 | <p>Key Contact</p> <p>Vicky Kinneavy MASH Education Liaison Officer victoria.kinneavy@northumberland.gov.uk</p> |