

10 things you should know about Operation Encompass



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Operation Encompass is a joint operation between Gateshead Council, Northumbria Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner. This operation started in Gateshead in April 2015.

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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 (2013) - 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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Data from Northumbria Police, Gateshead Area Command - from January 2018 to September 2018

- 4064 DVA incidents reported = average of 451 per month or 15 per day
- 4029 CCN submitted
- 400 cases discussed at MARAC (high risk)

'The psychological impact of living with domestic abuse is no smaller than the impact of being physically abused'.

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The school's child protection policy must make reference to the Operation Encompass duty, recognising that the school see this as a safeguarding issue.

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Children Can Perpetrate Domestic Abuse

- There has been a multi-agency Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) following the killing of a mother by her 16 year old son in 2015 (Northumberland)
- 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.

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Operation Encompass Process – Police attend a DV incident in a home where a young person present → police record child name, age and school → CCN sent to Specialist Support Team (SST) → SST notify secure school email addresses (2) by 10:00 → school informs relevant staff → young person supported as needed → log updated to record actions → inform SST of response and actions by email (within 48hrs)

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School Actions

- Inform parents that the school is part of Operation Encompass
- Consider school prospectus and website awareness
- Check your mailbox by 10.30 am and again at lunch time for any Operation Encompass emails
- Operation Encompass information must be secured to ensure that information remains confidential
- If young people are in alternative provision the DSL of the school should inform the DSL of the provision of the issues raised.

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