

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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Operation Encompass



Every Moment Matters

Seven Minute Safeguarding

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What is Operation Encompass?

Operation Encompass is a partnership between police and schools.

Operations Encompass' aim is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified. Operation Encompass works as a partnership between the police and schools, notifying schools before the day begins if police have attended an incident of domestic abuse at an address when a child is registered as living. Every school appoints a trained Key Adult (at PaW the Key adults are Hannah Pallôt and Rachel Heffer). The Key Adult is the person who receives information about police attended Domestic Abuse incidents. This timely information sharing enables appropriate support to be provided for that child so that all interactions, from when the child first arrives at the school gates, are of a positive nature. Children are negatively impacted by experiencing

domestic abuse and without early intervention and support this negative impact can last through a child's life course. Domestic abuse can impact upon social, psychological, physical, emotional and behavioural outcomes with an often negative impact upon a child's academic success.

Experiencing domestic abuse has been identified as an Adverse Childhood Experience. Operation Encompass aims, by directly connecting police and schools, to secure better outcomes for children, to enable schools to better understand the impact living with domestic abuse has upon children, to help schools to better understand a child's lived experience and to therefore be able to support and nurture each child, making a child's day better and giving them a better tomorrow.

Why and when was Operation Encompass created?

Operation Encompass was the brain child of husband and wife Elisabeth and David Carney-Haworth OBE's. Elisabeth was the Headteacher at Torpoint Nursery and Infant school. [This short video](#) [<2 minute watch] explains how the experience of one child instigated the creation of Operation Encompass.

What are the Key Principals for the Police in relation to Operation Encompass?

- All police attended Domestic Violence and abuse incidents are shared with a school's trained Key Adult.
- Information should be passed to schools about all school aged children, this can mean 2 to 18 years of age.
- This information is shared with the schools prior to the start of the next school day (before 8:30am).
- DVA incidents from Friday through the weekend should be shared with the Key Adult on a Monday morning.
- DVA incidents during school holidays should also be shared.
- Incidents of child to parent abuse should be shared.
- Incidents of teenage relationship abuse should be shared.
- As all forces in England and Wales are now part of Operation Encompass cross border incidents should be passed wherever possible.

Want to know more?

Operation Encompass have created handbooks for school. You can find these through the links below:

- [Handbook for Schools](#)
- [Working to Break the Cycle of Domestic Abuse](#)
- [Supporting Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse](#)

'Children who are witness to domestic abuse are victims of domestic abuse. They do not need to be directly physically harmed, but suffer when they are exposed to domestic abuse and live in an environment of fear and intimidation.'

[Home Office: Response and Consultation Draft Domestic Abuse Bill](#)

The information shared by the police with the Key Adult should include:

- The context of the DVA incident so that the child /ren can be appropriately supported without putting anyone at risk.
- Information about whether or not the child was at the premises/ area where the incident occurred and if in the home, where the child was.
- Time of incident.
- The adults involved in the DVA incident.
- The voice of the child, including their demeanour.
- Police should collect data including numbers of children involved in notifications to schools.