

Operation Encompass

Supporting children through key adults

Domestic Violence and Young People
Awareness Raising for Key Adults

What is domestic abuse?

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 includes but is not limited to the following types of abuse:

- Physiological
- Physical
- Sexual
- Financial
- Emotional



Controlling and coercive behaviour

Controlling behaviour

Controlling behaviour is a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour.

Coercive behaviour

Coercive behaviour is an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim.





It is estimated that **1 million** children in England and Wales alone live in homes where there is domestic abuse



**Kent
Police**

Medway
COUNCIL

What children may experience

- Overhearing violent incidents
- The victim and children being degraded and belittled by the perpetrator
- Drug/alcohol misuse
- The destruction of property or belongings
- Other family members being hurt or intimidated; abuse of siblings and/or family pets
- Forced participation in the abuse and degradation of their parent/carer
- Overseeing or being made to watch their family member/carer being physically assaulted, raped or sexually assaulted



What children may experience (continued)

- The aftermath; such as injuries and/or distress of carer
- Arrests; neighbours observing incidents
- Being deprived of family and social contacts which reduces the likelihood of disclosure
- Attempted suicide
- The death of the victim





“I’m scared that my dad will find me and kidnap me. My mum saw him near where we live. I worry about getting off a bus. He has a car and could drive past. He knows where we are.”

A secondary boy

"Hearing voices inside my head; people shouting. I told the doctor and he says I'm not bonkers."

Primary boy



"I have pictures in my head... I see it happening over and over again. I was brought up with violence. What do you do if you can't get the picture out of your head?"

A Primary boy

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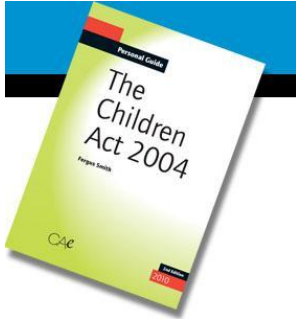
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Operation Encompass was created to ensure that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools for the benefit of the child.

This knowledge, given to schools, allows the provision of immediate early intervention through 'silent' or 'overt' support, depending upon the needs and wishes of the child.

On what legal basis can this information be shared?





Children Act 2004

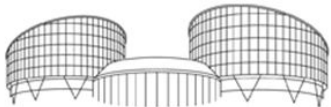
- The sharing of information through Operation Encompass is justified by police in section 11(2) Children Act 2004.



Data Protection Act 1998

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- The sharing of this information satisfies the Data Protection Act, specifically Schedule 3, para 10



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

Article 8 European Court of Human Rights

- The sharing of information relating to domestic violence satisfies the requirements of Art. 8(1)

The information from the police

KENT Police will send an Op Encompass Notification via email to the school's designated key adult containing the following information:

Child's Name & D.O.B:	<u>Add Name</u>	<u>DOB:</u>
Present:	<u>Yes/No</u>	
Did the child witness the incident:	<u>Yes/No</u>	
Time and Date of Incident:	<u>Date/time</u>	
Time & Date of police attendance:	<u>Date/time</u>	
Child spoken to by police:	<u>Yes/No</u>	
Normally resides at the location:	<u>Yes/No</u>	
Normally resides with an involved party:	<u>Yes/No</u>	
Relationship of involved parties to child:	<u>Add Relationships</u>	
Kent Police Reference:	<u>Add Ref</u>	
Referral emailed to:	<u>Add name of school</u>	
Summary of incident		

Our vision is to notify schools within 24 hours of an incident being reported to Kent Police.

The Key Adult

The Key Adult will be the person nominated by individual schools to receive and review the notifications each day.

They will then be able to assess the type of support needed for their pupil.

At FSG this will be the DSL: Matt Buckley



Information storage

Operation Encompass information should be stored in accordance with the storage requirements for safeguarding/child protection files.

Where a child already has such a record, Operation Encompass information should be included within this.



What happens after the notification?

The next steps...

The notification is one of fact rather than of circumstance. Please consider the following;

- Any additional information you hold as a school about the family/child which will help you to make the decision about what to do next.
- Plan what level of support is needed for the child to ensure positive interactions at school
- Briefly record any decision you make e.g. spoke to adult victim.



Examples of overt support

- Talk to the child and understand their needs
- Talk to the parent who is the victim
- Use Early Help processes to access additional support
- Talk to the child about how they can keep themselves safe at home
- PSHE Healthy Relationships curriculum



Vision of Kent Police

- Currently, over 400 primary schools in Kent and Medway are already participating in this operation.
- Kent Police will continue to refer incidents of domestic abuse to the local authority in accordance with established safeguarding procedures.
- Kent Police wish all schools to be “**Operation Encompass**” schools to ensure that all children throughout Kent and Medway receive the same support.