

Operation Encompass Domestic Violence notifications to schools

As you will be aware Operation Encompass is part of a range of work to tackle domestic violence and abuse within Kirklees. This initiative draws on the principles of a police led initiative “Operation Encompass” which was first developed in Plymouth and later adopted in other force areas.

Children’s services, West Yorkshire Police, Kirklees Education safeguarding and schools across the area have developed a Highly efficient process to provide better support to children affected by domestic violence.

The Kirklees process involves notifying schools and educational establishments when one of their pupils has been present at an incident of domestic violence where the police have attended. This notification will be done the following morning- Before the start of the school day, before 9am.

The purpose of the notification is not to duplicate or replace any safeguarding interventions that may occur as a result of the police intervention, but to provide information to schools so that they can better support the pupil the next day in whatever way is appropriate. The process will always be followed in conjunction with current safeguarding procedures and guidelines.

The process starts with a daily download from police systems, detailing all domestic violence incidents they have attended, with names and dates of birth of any children present. This is then crossed checked with the Kirklees school admission data base to identify the schools attended. A phone call will then be made by Kirklees education staff to designated safeguarding leads in the schools to inform them of the incident

Sometimes certain cases will also be discussed at the DRAMM meetings (daily risk assessment management meeting). At the time of the encompass call we would then also gather information to take to the DRAMM meeting to discuss how we can best support these families with a multi-agency response.

The operational delivery will form part of the Front Door and be delivered by Education staff based within the Front Door and Education safeguarding.

As part of the protocol schools are being asked to write to parents to inform them about their participation in the scheme.

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