

Our school has joined the 'Operation Encompass' scheme that goes live in Devon on the 27 November 2017.

This scheme has been founded by Sgt Carney-Haworth and his wife a teacher and head teacher Elizabeth Carney-Haworth in 2011 which allowed police to share reports of domestic abuse incidents in Plymouth where the children had been present, with key adults at the schools they attended.

In September 2014 the scheme was rolled out across the Merseyside Police force area before being picked up by Cheshire police and Cleveland Police's force area. It is now embedded in more than 15 force.

What is it?

Operation Encompass is an information sharing initiative between the police and schools. If a domestic incident occurred on the previous evening or weekend, the police would contact a key adult – Gaby Wood, DSL, or in her absence, Anja Toddington Deputy Safeguarding Lead, by the following school morning. The intention of this scheme is to have an opportunity to mitigate the toxic impact of that experience for the child at school.

This scheme is being rolled out nationwide to support a child with "some kind of attention, some kind of support and some kind of understanding". This helps key adults at school to potentially contextualise a child's behaviour when they arrive at school and allow the child a safe holding space and a feeling that they are not alone. 'Silent' or 'Overt' support is given dependent on the child's needs.

"The single most critical factor in how children exposure to domestic violence is the presence of at least one loving and supportive adult in their life. Children without any support, who are isolated or lack nurturing adults in their lives, are more e negatively affected by their exposure to domestic abuse. (Osofsky J.D.)

Helpful Contacts:

[Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse](#)

- Devon's domestic abuse helpline - 0345 155 1074
- Rape crisis helpline - 0808 802 9999
- [Stop Abuse For Everyone \(SAFE\) 030 30 30 0112](#)
SAFE specialised services to those affected by domestic violence and abuse
- [Victim care unit](#)
The victim care unit will help victims navigate and make informed choices about the organisation they wish to receive support from. T 01392 475 900
- Splitz: Devon Domestic Abuse Support Service:
www.splitz.org T helpline: 0345 155 1074 and admin@splitzdevon.org. We accept self-referrals and agency referrals. For self-referrals please call our helpline.