

Operation Encompass



**Supporting children and young
people exposed to domestic abuse**

Children in school

Children who are experiencing domestic abuse at home can arrive at school in the morning, in a high state of anxiety about what they may have been exposed to (seen or heard) the night before.

They may be exhausted through lack of sleep with heightened stress.

So, what is Operation Encompass?



Operation Encompass was created so that prior to the start of the next school day, a nominated **Key Adult** will be informed that a child or young person has been involved in a domestic incident the previous night.

This knowledge, given to schools, allows the provision of immediate early intervention depending upon the needs and wishes of the child.

The Key Adult

The Key Adult (Ruh Alford / Paula McAdams) or their deputy will be the person available each day to receive the details of the incident which are often **raw, sensitive and dynamic** and then assess the type of support needed for the child.

