


Extended Domestic Abuse Team CFWS

A new approach to domestic abuse work...

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Extended Domestic Abuse Team - Our Aims...

To *extend* the current work of both Children's Social Care and the Children & Family Well-Being Service for families experiencing issues in relation to domestic abuse...working towards a 'whole family approach'

To provide an immediate response to those families experiencing domestic abuse who do not meet the threshold for social care involvement or who may currently have to wait for services from CFWS, where the need for help and support is more immediate, reaching out to them at the point of crisis

Working towards preventing harm caused by Domestic Abuse by working with older children in care and care leavers to strengthen their understanding of healthy relationships

To provide intervention for adults who are causing harm in relation to domestic abuse...working towards a whole family approach to reducing harm in relation to domestic abuse

To provide training and support to schools in order to develop the support offered to children and families after the Police are called out to domestic abuse incidents



Support and Intervention Workers

To date we have had contact with **380+ families linked to 700+ children** and over **60% of those receiving contact within 48hrs of the referral being received into CFS**

Between one and four contacts over up to a four week period, with all receiving at least one telephone support call

Working with them to establish the support network

Working with them to create a safety plan

Gaining the voice of the adults and children in the home

Providing a level of safeguarding assessment and escalating to Children's Social Care if additional concerns arise

Signposting and making referrals to other agencies

Referring on for CFWS offer of groups or further family support if required ... whilst aiming to reduce the number of routine referrals to this service



Strengthening Relationships – Care Leavers

Reducing harm through developing a better understanding of healthy relationships and the impact of domestic abuse on children

Working with young people – Care Leavers and older Children in Care who are vulnerable to abusive relationships

Co-working cases alongside the allocated social worker or personal advisor

Intervention tailored to the needs of the young person

Working with young people to explore their own experiences of relationships and how this might impact their own relationships in the future

The focus is on healthy relationships – so can work with those vulnerable to being the person causing harm or victim of abuse



Engagement Workers

Reducing harm through increasing engagement, accountability & understanding of what is leading to abusive behaviours, and developing an increased understanding of the impact of domestic abuse on children

Working with adults of children subject to Child in Need or Child Protection Plans

10 core sessions – 8 intervention sessions plus pre/post intervention sessions with the allocated worker

Caring Dads 17 session group programme for fathers causing or harm to children through DA or other forms of abuse – launching in September

Working with people *as early as possible* to try and achieve change and reduce escalation of CFS involvement

We have progressed work with 35 adults - to date 12 having successfully completed the intervention and report a positive impact



Domestic Abuse Liaison Officers - Operation Encompass

An information sharing process between Police and schools to ensure schools have timely information about all police incidents involving Domestic Abuse

Encourage trauma informed practice and a whole school approach to support DSL's

Develop understanding around the process and how to appropriately support children by understanding the effects of DA on children living with it

Develop an understanding of behaviour that children could present with and why

Sharing simple & effective strategies that can enable children to feel safe and supported using case studies, children's voices & good practice examples

To date this training has been delivered to 500+ staff across 34 schools with a further 24 schools having training already booked throughout the remainder of 2023