

Domestic Abuse: The impact on children and young people

For what age?	At what level?
Primary and Secondary Schools	Universal, targeted and more targeted (Waves 1 to 3)

Why do staff need to know about domestic abuse?

The impact of domestic abuse on children can be profound. Feeling fear in what should be a place of safety. Feeling afraid for and of the adults who are supposed to be caring for a child. The effects can be long lasting; something which happened when a student was very young may still have a major impact on their functioning when they are in secondary school.

Domestic abuse is a hidden issue, it happens within families or intimate relationships, and it results in shame and fear. Because it is hidden many of us really aren't aware of how common it is or of the reasons why it is so difficult for those who experience it to deal with it. Notifications are beginning to build increasing awareness.

How can schools help?

- Having an understanding of the impact of domestic abuse on parents and on children
- Recognising the signs of domestic abuse including what you might see in school if a child is/ has experienced domestic abuse
- Understanding how experiencing domestic abuse may affect a child's learning and presentation in school.
- Understanding how you can support children and young people who are affected by DA or experiencing it directly and their parent(s), including strategies and interventions which may be helpful
- Knowing about services that can provide practical support to families who have experienced or are experiencing domestic abuse.

How can I access training?

To access centralised training, including at the TaMHS Conference if appropriate, please visit: [LGSS | Learn booking website](#)

Training at your school, or within clusters, for your staff can be commissioned from the Educational Psychology Service by contacting the TaMHS Administrator: tamhs@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk or by speaking to your Link Educational Psychologist

What do delegates say about this training?

After attending this course, I feel able to help children to manage emotions and cope with home life.

Following attendance at this course, I feel more able to identify the signs of domestic abuse and offer support.