

Operation Encompass

What is Operation Encompass?

The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in a domestic abuse incident. Following an incident at home, children will often arrive at school distressed, upset and unprepared for the day.

North Tyneside Council, the police and nominated Key Adults in school are working together, to make sure that school staff are made aware of an incident early enough to support pupils in school.

Operation Encompass in North Tyneside

North Tyneside Council, Northumbria Police, and all schools in the borough are taking part in the scheme, to help provide additional new support which will benefit children and young people in North Tyneside and improve multiagency sharing of information.

How does it work?

Schools across North Tyneside have nominated two members of staff who will be known as Key Adults. All Key Adults will attend specific training to the role.

Each morning a police officer reviews all domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school but which might have had an impact on a child attending school the following day. Where children were present, witnessed or involved in a domestic abuse incident and aged between 4 and 16 years old, the officer sends this information to Children's Social Care Front Door Service.

Staff from the Front Door Service send this information in a secure format to the identified Key Adult. The Key Adult checks their emails every day and the staff in contact with those pupils will then be in an informed position to support them in a way that is right for the child.

This information will be shared on school days during school term and, when incidents occur on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or over a holiday period, the police will contact the Front Door the following Monday.

For more information about Operation Encompass, please contact Mrs Bryson or visit www.operationencompass.org