

Operation Encompass



Operation Encompass is a police and education safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse.

It ensures that there is a notification to a school's trained Designated Safeguarding Lead /Officer (known as key Adult) prior to the start of the next school day after an incident of police attended domestic abuse where there are children related to either of the adult parties involved. This sharing of information enables appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child.

<https://www.operationencompass.org/>

Vulnerable Person Assessment (VPA)

When Cheshire Police receive a call for concern from a member of the public the following action is taken.

If a vulnerable person of school age is identified, an operation encompass report is created and sent directly to a school.

If a VPA is raised, in addition to the operation encompass report, it will be fed into the service(s) appropriate to the level of need identified, for example, Children's Social Care, Early Help or Education.

If a professional is already allocated to the child in question, the VPA will be directed to that particular person who is then responsible for the sharing the VPA with school.

If the level of need is not immediately obvious, the VPA is referred into the Daily Multi Agency VPA meeting. Professionals discuss the case, agree the level of need, and forward the VPA to the most appropriate service (i.e. Early Help, Children's Social Care, Education etc.)

On occasions a VPA may not be raised if it is judged that the operation encompass has identified a level of risk which can be managed effectively at school level. For further information or clarification around VPAs, please contact the vulnerability hub.

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