

## Education Safeguarding - Additional Support and Advice Sheet.

### DOMESTIC ABUSE.

West Midlands Police – 999 (Emergency) 101 (Non Emergency)

**Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (Claire’s Law)** - This scheme aims to provide a formal mechanism for you to make inquiries about your partner if you are worried that they may have been abusive in the past, or about someone else’s partner on their behalf. If police checks show that the partner has a record of abusive behaviour, or there is other information to indicate that you may be at risk from your partner, the police will consider sharing this information with you or the person you are worried about. The scheme aims to help you to make a more informed decision on whether to continue a relationship and provides further help and support to assist you when making that choice. If you wish to make an application under the Scheme phone 101 (the non-emergency number for the police) and request to complete a Claire’s Law application.

**Operation Encompass** - As of September 2021, Birmingham schools will be taking part in a joint operation involving Birmingham Children’s Trust, Birmingham City Council, and West Midlands Police. This will formally be known as Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident.

For training, support and resources, please visit <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

For information or queries pertaining to Operation Encompass in Birmingham, please email [OpEncompassBham@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:OpEncompassBham@birmingham.gov.uk)

<http://www.ncdv.org.uk/> This is an extremely useful website that offers immediate advice, support and intervention for those who are suffering Domestic Violence. The NCDV work very closely with police, social care and Women’s Aid. Applications for injunctions can also be made via this site.

[www.stalkinghelpline.org](http://www.stalkinghelpline.org) – National Stalking Helpline provides guidance and information to anybody who is currently or has previously been affected by harassment or stalking. The Helpline can provide guidance on the UK law, reporting offences to the police, evidence gathering, and your personal safety. Telephone 0808 802 030

**National Rape Crisis Helpline** - 0808 802 9999 (Freephone)

**National LGBT Domestic Abuse Helpline** - Support for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people experiencing domestic abuse. 0300 999 5428 [help@galop.org.uk](mailto:help@galop.org.uk)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-violence-and-abuse-help-from-dwp/help-available-from-the-department-for-work-and-pensions-for-people-who-are-victims-of-domestic-violence-and-abuse> The government is fully committed to the prevention of abuse and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has a range of measures designed to support people who flee violent and abusive households.

[www.bswaid.org](http://www.bswaid.org) - Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid provide a range of services for women and children experiencing domestic abuse including family support, counselling and practical support and advice around issues of safety, housing, welfare benefits, debt, child contact amongst others. Drop-ins are available across the city: contact the freephone for details. Freephone helpline. 0800 800 0028. This is a free telephone service for women, friends or professionals seeking support or advice regarding domestic violence

[www.birminghamfreedomproject.org](http://www.birminghamfreedomproject.org) - Allens Croft Domestic Violence Project. Domestic abuse support groups, one-to-one support & activities for local women in South Birmingham. Tel. 0121 624 5775/07868 163 103

[http://mensadvice.org.uk/](http://mensadvice.org.uk) This is a website that offers help and support for male DA victims.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/domestic-abuse/keeping-children-safe/> The NSPCC website provides professionals with guidance and legislation, as well as opportunities for training for professionals, and resources and support for children and young people who have witnessed or experienced DV.

<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/> This website is designed to support, inform and advise children, young people and parents, who have been victims of crime.

[www.karmanirvana.org.uk](http://www.karmanirvana.org.uk) – Karma Nirvana provides support and advice around Forced Marriage (FM), Honour Based Violence (HBV) and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Cultural acceptance does not mean accepting the unacceptable. One of our key principles is that we never talk to or engage with your family. Our commitment and loyalty is to you and

as we understand the fears when family members become involved. Telephone 0800 5999 24

[www.paladinservice.co.uk](http://www.paladinservice.co.uk) Paladin (National Stalking Advisory Service) assists high risk victims of stalking throughout England and Wales. Telephone 020 3866 4107

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk> Barnardos offer information, reports and statistics regarding DV, as well as signposting to other services. This site provides access to their publications and research.

<http://www.refuge.org.uk> This is a useful page which dispels myths about DV, and provides further information about how to support women and children who have witnessed and experienced DV.

<http://www.nctsn.org/content/children-and-domestic-violence> This is a very specific site which offers advice and information as to how to help and support children that have witnessed DV.