



There is evidence from the schools involved across the country that the process of early reporting has a meaningful impact on learning as well as emotional health and well-being and the often silent victims, the children, are receiving support they would not have previously had.

There is further evidence to support that the early information given from Operation Encompass allows the Key Adult to access appropriate services the first time and prevents re-referring.

Operation Encompass has also enabled domestic abuse to become an issue, which can be discussed. Parents are acknowledging the impact that domestic abuse has upon their children. Schools have found that parents will now come in to talk about what is happening at home as they know the police will have already informed the school of an incident. Parents will also come in and report incidents that have occurred which may not have led to the police being called, but will still have caused distress to the children.

Teachers are much more aware of the impact of domestic abuse upon children and are developing their own awareness of what constitutes domestic abuse.

Children will now enter school and tell their teachers that there has been an incident at home; Operation Encompass has shown them that this is not something, which needs to be hidden, and that the staff in their school will help.

This type of early intervention and support should be every child's right.

To conclude; it is clear from this research the potential Operation Encompass has with regards to supporting those children and young people who are faced with being exposed to the distressing scenes of domestic violence.