



## Domestic Abuse

We define domestic abuse as an incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence, in the majority of cases by a partner or ex-partner, but also by a family member or carer. It is very common. In the vast majority of cases it is experienced by women and is perpetrated by men.

Domestic abuse can include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Coercive control (a pattern of intimidation, degradation, isolation and control with the use or threat of physical or sexual violence)
- Psychological and/or emotional abuse [2].
- Physical or sexual abuse.
- Financial or economic abuse.
- Harassment and stalking.
- Online or digital abuse.

### The stats

- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience abuse at some point in their lifetime
- Domestic abuse-related crime is approximately 8% of total crime.
- On average the police receive an emergency call relating to domestic abuse every 30 seconds.
- Women's offending is more likely than men's to be linked to their relationships
- Of young women offenders in custody, 40% have suffered violence at home and 30% have experienced sexual abuse at home

The Academy is registered with Operation Encompass

- Operation Encompass is a partnership between police and schools, a school can only join if the local police force has already joined Operation Encompass.
- One of the principles of Operation Encompass is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified.
- Every school appoints a trained Key Adult in the academy this is Denise Hopkins – the Key Adult is the person who receives information about police attended Domestic Abuse incidents and has completed training and will check in with the student to see what if any support may be required
- Operation Encompass is an integral component in child safeguarding and protection policies.



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[Home - Women's Aid \(womensaid.org.uk\)](http://womensaid.org.uk)