



Impact of Domestic Abuse on Children

An estimated



130,000 children in the UK live in households with high-risk domestic abuse (high risk of harm or death).

And **many thousands more**



live daily with lower level domestic abuse.

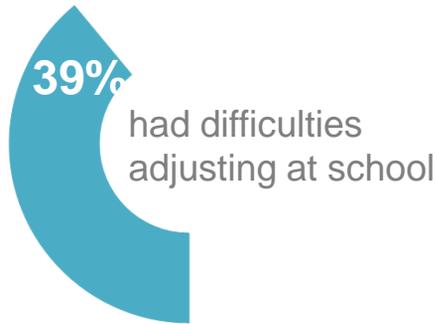
A strong relationship has been shown between the maltreatment of children in the home and domestic abuse of a parent. Many children also suffer from severe mental health issues as a result of exposure to domestic abuse.

Nationally, **SafeLives** found that in **877** domestic abuse cases in households with children...

Two thirds (62%)

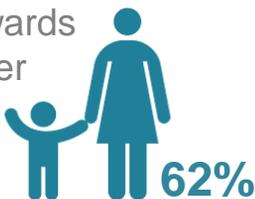


of the children exposed to domestic abuse were also directly harmed, emotionally, physically, and/or by neglect.

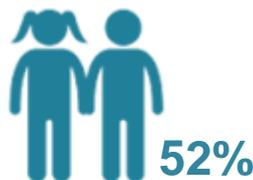


25% of the children exposed to domestic abuse exhibited abusive behaviours,

mostly towards their mother



or sibling



but rarely towards the individuals perpetrating the abuse.

The children were most commonly physically abusive, in **82%** of cases.

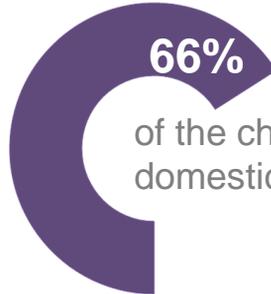


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Many local services in Bath and North East Somerset are working with children that are exposed to domestic abuse...

Children's Social Care

had **571** notifications of domestic abuse incidents in the financial year 2014/15.



of the child protection cases cited domestic violence as a risk factor.



In 2015 the **Police** recorded **42** under 18 year olds as being a witness of domestic abuse in B&NES.

In 2015/16 there were



366 children

affected by the



268

Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) cases in B&NES.

45%

of referrals to **Southside's Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs)**

between April 2013-June 2014 had children (**170**).

Of the 151 women referred to the **Julian House's Freedom Programme** in 2014:



60% had children

29% were pregnant

Unfortunately, national evidence suggests that many children exposed to domestic abuse are not known to specialist services or have to wait a long time before they receive any support.

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Only **54%** of the children were known to statutory children's social care prior to intake to the specialist service.

Only **9%** of the children were receiving support



from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) at intake to the children's service.