

# Encompass Nottinghamshire

## Factsheet for Schools and Colleges (updated August 2017)

### Overview

**Encompass is a process that informs schools of police reported domestic abuse incidents where a child has been in the same household or is affected, during the next school day.**

The project was rolled out across the County between September 2014 and May 2015. There were briefings in each district to support schools in understanding the process and why incidents may or may not result in an Encompass call, and also with how to effectively use the information to support children and families.

### Process

- Following a domestic incident (which has been reported to the police) where a child has been in the same household or is affected, the MASH makes a phone call to the key adult in the child's school.
- This call will be made as soon as possible during the next school day.
- Schools can support children and families as they see fit, including contacting the Early Help Unit to discuss any specialist provision available to families and children facing domestic abuse.

Colleges are called also, if they can be identified through the information taken by police.

Calls are made to schools/colleges for pupils/students from the start of Foundation 2/Reception year through to 18. For younger children, the Specialist Public Health Team (previously Health Visiting), make a note on the child's health record. Schools should share information with their Practitioner (School Nurse) when appropriate, as they do not receive this directly for children in full time school.

### Key Adult

Schools select who the key adults are in their school to receive the information (usually the designated safeguarding leads in school)

Responsibilities of the Key Adult:

- To receive the information via phone call
- To make a record of information received and the actions taken (to be stored in the child's confidential file).
- To update relevant teachers, where appropriate, with information from the Encompass call

### Benefits

- Improved multi-agency information sharing with schools
- Staff are better equipped to be able to understand the root causes of a child's behaviour, for example behavioural issues, absenteeism, ill health, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse.
- Schools can appropriately respond to some of the warning signs that a child had witnessed domestic abuse.

### Encompass in Nottinghamshire

Since the project began roll out in September 2014 there have been calls to schools about 2202 children. Schools have welcomed the calls, as more information helps to understand pupils better and offer a tailored response. The City of Nottingham now shares incidents for children living in the City but attending County schools or vice versa.

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