



Dear Headteacher/Safeguarding Lead

RE: Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service, Children and Young People's Outreach Support Service

Since September 2020 we have been running a CYP Outreach Support Service for children and young people who have experienced or witnessed domestic abuse. We have been working within schools to support children and young people who have been referred to the service via a parent who is working directly with one of our Independent Domestic Violence Advisors.

Excitingly, we are now in a position to be able to open the service up to external referrals via school or college settings and welcome your referrals for any children or young people that you are working with who meet the criteria for our CYP Domestic Abuse Outreach Service.

We offer 1 to 1 support to children and young people aged 7-18 years that have experienced or witnessed domestic abuse within the home. We will arrange to meet with your child at school regularly for support sessions in relation to aspects of their lives that may be struggling with, such as:

- Managing difficult emotions such as anger and anxiety.
- Helping children to make sense of their experiences & cope with change.
- Developing healthy coping strategies & problem-solving skills to build resilience.
- Learning about healthy relationships with both their family and friends.
- Exploring behaviours in relation to what they have experienced.
- Healthy friendship & relationships awareness.
- Encouragement to pursue interests, developing confidence and self-esteem.

Information regarding the service and referrals accompany this letter and any information regarding safeguarding or any other policies that may be required are available upon request from SDASS.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further questions regarding the service.

Yours Faithfully

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