



Domestic Abuse

Policy and Practice Guidance 2025

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South Gloucestershire Child Protection Procedures can be found on the South West Child Protection Procedures (SWCPP) [website](#). **Domestic Abuse procedures are available [here](#).** This two page guidance document must be read alongside the SWCPP procedure.

What is Domestic Abuse?

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 says that behaviour is 'abusive' if it consists of any of the following:

- Physical or sexual abuse;
- Violent or threatening behaviour;
- Controlling or coercive behaviour;
- Economic abuse;
- Psychological, emotional or other abuse;

Under the 2021 Domestic Abuse Act children are now viewed as victims of Domestic Abuse if the Abuse is happening between their parents/carers.

There are many signs that domestic abuse is taking place. The government has produced this [helpful guide](#).

What are the signs?

Are there any resources to use?

South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership have a page on their website which includes information and resources you can use directly with families. The resources are [here](#).

Information about MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) is available [here](#).

Information about perpetrator programmes is also on this [page](#).

It is really important that when you think domestic abuse is happening you use the DASH (Domestic Abuse Stalking & Harassment) tool to identify levels of risk. The DASH tool is [here](#) and there is also a young person's DASH [here](#).

Domestic Abuse Training

We have multi agency training for professionals from any organisation working with children or adults that aligns with national and local legislation, policy, guidance, learning from reviews and best practice. You can read more and book a place [here](#).

- You can contact the Compass Team who will help identify the right help for the child compass@southglos.gov.uk
- You can complete a [Request for Help Form](#)
- If you are worried about a child being at risk of significant harm you should contact the ART Team **01454 866000**
- If you suspect a child may be in immediate danger, you should dial [999](#) immediately

How do I report Domestic Abuse?

This Quick Guide has been produced by the [South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership](#)
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