

Operation Encompass – Report 2020/21 – Quarter 1, 2, and 3 (Sept 2020 to July 2021)

Introduction:

Encompass is a partnership between Greater Manchester Police, Bolton Safeguarding Children Partnership and designated school/college staff, known as Key Adults. Working together to safeguard children, Greater Manchester Police inform the Key Adults within schools/colleges about any domestic abuse (DA) incident where the child or young person has been present. This will enable the school/college to take appropriate steps to support their pupil during what could be an emotionally difficult time. Key adults within the school/college are then able to accommodate the school day to lessen the impact and to support the child if they need it. In its simplest form, they are given some leeway, comfort and support from the school/college or other services. This can make a huge difference to children and allows them to have a safe space.

The information shared is only that which is required to safeguard children including:

- Date and time of incident
- Brief circumstances
- Police action if appropriate

Brief data analysis from school OE returns into the SET as at 19/07/21:

The increase in DA from Covid along with improved reporting is evident from the data returns showing figures in the academic year 2020/21 up to May 2021.

A very encouraging sign was that 81% of schools/colleges had submitted their Term 2 returns which is the best return thusfar. In Term 1 67% had sent in their returns whilst 64% of schools/colleges returned their data in the last term three.

Referrals into MAASS also show an increase:

Year	Total OE notifications As noted on SET database	MASSS referrals - Figures from OE school returns	Early Help Started as indicated by school returns
2018/19 TOTAL	443	58	7
2019/20 TOTAL	375	51	4
2020/21 up to May 21	1124	146	28
Entire 20/21 year	1809	261	36

(Figures will change for 2020/21)

It is encouraging to note that Early Help Assessments are being initiated with 36 commencing since September 2020. The launch of the Threshold document in July 2021, along the start of the

Integrated Front Door will provide the ability to focus on smoother approaches to our vulnerable pupils from September 2021 and is hoped that this can increase the Early Help support.

Following on from a visit to a number of schools highlighted by the Police for high levels of OE alerts, an OE offer has been created to launch with schools, similar to the OE commitment letter. The positive approach to the OE commitment has meant that only one school in the Borough remains to send in their commitment letter and this is an independent school that has just recently made contact with the SET team. Many thanks to all schools that have completed and sent in the commitment letter. Please ensure the OE/DA offer is evident on your school website.

Before the start of the new term in 21/22 a detailed information communication will be sent to all schools/colleges that will include ALL the key information that will be required for the OE and DA agenda. Please do look out for this and save in your systems.

Partnerships in the Borough

Links have been made by the SET with the various DA networks, forums, services and agencies. The SET team have met key staff from Endeavour and Fortalice in the summer holidays to see how we can work in a joint approach to support schools/colleges. The SET continues to meet Gemma McKee and Guy Heyes of the Police on a bi-monthly basis to share issues and good practice.

If there are any issues, thoughts, ideas or developments around the DA/OE alert then please do let Imtiaz Kala at the SET know and he can follow up queries with the Police. Schools/colleges may of course also go to Guy Heyes, the Police OE lead in the Borough.

Themes and trends to focus on:

- Review the DA offer including the support being offered to parents and pupils – Audit DA provision as part of the wider Section 175 safeguarding arrangements
- Reflection on the SRE curriculum and teaching around safer relationships, power, and respect, focusing on the new Ofsted changes
- The use of Early Help as an intervention to support families suffering from DA
- Clusters revisiting their local DA offer with the sharing of good practice around resilience and wellbeing for pupils and parents/carers
- Identifying local services and agencies providing support around DA
- Recording referrals into Early Help/Integrated Front new/OE figures around DA
- Report OE/DA figures to Governors/trustees to allow for critical challenge on DA
- Clusters reviewing their safeguarding training and provision linked to the prevalence of DA within the catchment

Initiatives to continue:

- To maintain the 'commitment' declaration completed and to send any updates back to 'SET@bolton.gov.uk'
- Promote your domestic abuse offer to families (provided by SET)
- To continue their OE termly return excel spreadsheet and improve return from 81% achieved in Term 2 of the 2020/21 year
- Clusters begin to discuss DA as a standard safeguard item on their agenda to raise its profile and share good practice

- Utilise the OE email on a daily basis and train your key DSL/safeguard staff on the 'Key Adult' session being offered within the Operation Encompass website
- Promote and develop the use of the Operation encompass helpline and access to Education Psychologist - <https://www.operationencompass.org/>
- Work with and liaise with the Police to ensure timely, appropriate, and specific OE alerts arrive
- Website: **Provision in the Borough**: Detailed phone numbers from **Page 43 – 53** – Please keep this document handy so that it is easily accessible.



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Endeavour: linda.charnock@endeavourproject.org.uk Tel: 01204 394842

Fort Alice: The Support Centre is open from Mon to Wed 9am-5pm;
Thurs 9am-7pm and Fri 9am-4pm.

The first contact should always be by telephone 01204 365677

National Networks:



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Operation Encompass Teachers' Helpline:

For FREE advice from an Education Psychologist about how best to support children affected by domestic abuse, teachers can call the Operation Encompass Teachers' National Helpline on 0204 513 9990, available Monday to Friday, 8am-1pm.

More information here:

<https://www.operationencompass.org/SM4/Mutable/Uploads/medialibrary/OE-teachers-helpline-info-040121.pdf>

Website: <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

Supporting your child with domestic violence (Young Minds)

Website: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-domestic-violence/>

Salford/Manchester: Survivor Project

The Survivor Project was established to relieve the physical and mental distress of women and men who have been subject to domestic abuse either at present or in the past. In addition they support children affected by disruption in the home because of violence or abuse.

Website: <https://thesurvivorproject.co.uk/affects-on-your-children>