



## **Policy Statement**

# **Children who live in households where there is domestic abuse**

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“Children and Adults have the right to live free from Domestic Abuse”

## **North Lincolnshire will:**

- Equip children and adults to expect to have and enjoy healthy relationships where violence and abuse is not acceptable
- Identify and work to minimise harm to children who live in households where there is and or where they are affected by domestic abuse with the safety of the victim and child(ren) being a priority for all agencies
- Offer early intervention to work with children and families to reduce risk and enable those harmed by domestic abuse to live free from abuse and those who perpetrate harm to change their behaviour
- Respect the right to family life and for individuals and in doing so expects those whose behaviours harm others to change their behaviour and reduce harm so families can stay together
- Support adult victims and children who want to leave the relationship to do so. Within this children will be supported to express their wishes and feelings and decisions will be made to support their long term health and development
- Work to reduce harm in the long term when parents separate and when behaviours continue to harm their children
- Pursue all means to prevent harm and continuing harm as part of our plan to reduce and or prevent repeat victimisation
- Equip our staff to understand and work to reduce harm to self, family or others and with those who need help to do so within our community