

7 Minute Briefing

Practice Learning Line of Sight Event - Children living with domestic abuse



1 Background

North Lincolnshire Children's MARS Board hold Practice Learning Line of Sight events three times a year across different themes. This is part of our [Scrutiny and Assurance Framework](#).

After a process of single agency case audits, line of sight panels meet with practitioners and supervisors to discuss a small number of cases. We identify areas of best practice also learning and further improvement relating to multi agency practice then agree strategic action.

7 Further information

- Keep in touch with the government's [Domestic Abuse Bill](#) as it progresses through parliament
- Look through the Children's MARS website Policies, procedures and guidance section:
[Helping Children and Families \(Threshold Document 2016/20\)](#)
[Assessing Need and Providing Help](#)

6 Reflect on the learning

To inform your practice you can:

- Book onto the: Children's MARS Honour Based Abuse, Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation training event taking place on 14 January 2020
- Access The Blue Door Domestic Abuse Training Programme Including MARAC and DASH awareness. This training is accessed via email to info@thebluedoor.org
- Discuss complex cases with your supervisor in the context of collaborative working across agencies
- Take a look at: [SafeLives website](#)

2 Why it matters?

An area of focus of the Children's MARS Board is to reduce the harm from domestic abuse.

As a joint priority with the Community Safety Partnership, the Practice Learning Line of Sight event aimed to contribute to the shared outcomes so that individuals are safe, strong and resilient and that people are enabled to recover and withstand adverse effects by reducing the impact of domestic abuse.



5 Top actions

- Education and training continues to be further developed relating to recognising the signs of coercive control and behaviours also honour based abuse
- A flexible non-convicted perpetrator programme has been developed to work with perpetrators, victims and children within a multi agency context and this will be implemented over the next year so that families get safe, stay safe and become independent of services
- We continue to further develop prevention work including a focus on helping children and young people in domestic abuse households understand healthy relationships to break the cycle of inter-generational abuse

3 Good practice

- The importance of relationships - evidenced through strong relationships between practitioners with children and families also good multi agency working relationships and collaborative working across agencies
- Children, young people and families are at the centre – enables a personalised approach, where work is structured around the needs of the family
- The impact of individuals - tenacious approach is making a difference
- Good use of evidence based practice and expertise

4 Key learning

- Further training on specific aspects of domestic abuse
- Resources and bespoke programmes needed for non-convicted perpetrators to effect change when families wish to remain together
- Continue prevention work with children and young people to break the cycle