

# Safeguarding News



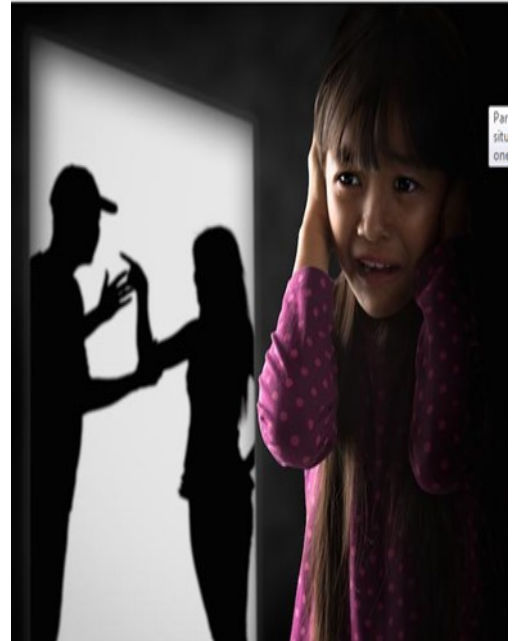
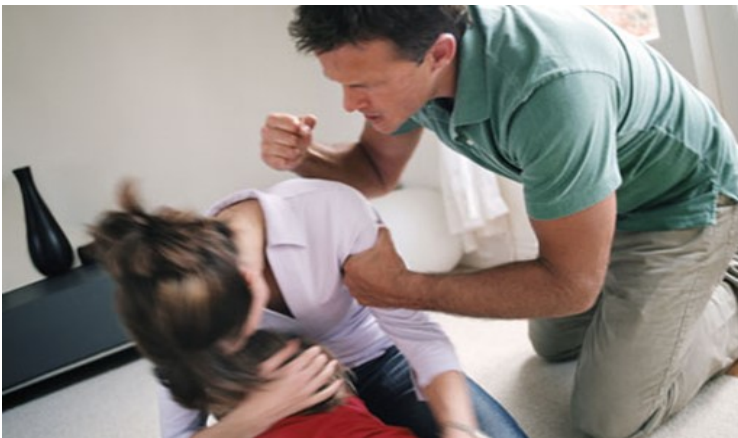
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## Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse is any type of controlling, bullying, threatening or violent behaviour between people in a relationship. But it isn't just physical violence – domestic abuse includes any emotional, physical, sexual, financial or psychological abuse.

It can happen in any relationship, and even after the relationship has ended. Both men and women can be abused or abusers.

Witnessing domestic abuse is child abuse, and teenagers can suffer domestic abuse in their relationships. Domestic abuse can seriously harm children and young people.



Children and young people can experience domestic abuse by:

- Seeing Abuse
- Hearing it from another room
- Seeing a parent's injuries or distress afterwards.
- Be hurt by being nearby or trying to stop the abuse.

## Warning signs to look out for.

- Low self Esteem
- Poor social skills
- Parentification
- Drug and alcohol use/abuse
- Running away from home
- Self harm
- Poor Academic performance
- Criminal activity
- Early and risky sexual activity

If you have concerns about a young person that you know or want more information on these topics please speak to a member of your safeguarding team