



I am personally both thrilled and privileged to announce that Devon and Cornwall Police will be implementing Operation Encompass across the force during the Autumn term 2017, with Cornwall commencing 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Operation Encompass will form a key part of our information sharing and Domestic Abuse strategies to protect and support children and young people in our force area. The scheme is used widely across the country and is supported by, amongst many others, Her Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary, The Children's Commissioner and C4EO who have fully validated Operation Encompass as good practice. Operation Encompass' crucial role is further cemented by the fact that Dame Esther Rantzen and Dame Vera Baird, QC and PCC are both patrons of the scheme.

**Operation Encompass is a police led, school based early intervention safeguarding scheme which supports children and young people exposed to Domestic Abuse.**

Operation Encompass was created to ensure that prior to 9.00 am on the next day the school will be informed that a child or young person has been exposed to a domestic abuse incident. This knowledge, given to the school's trained Key Adult allows the provision of immediate early intervention through overt or silent support, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child.

**Key Adults:** the Key Adult role is undertaken by the Designated Safeguarding Lead in the school.

A specific awareness raising briefing (am only) has been devised for all Key Adults in each school and college and this will ensure that the 'raw sensitive and dynamic information' given by Operation Encompass is dealt with appropriately in every setting.

We are able to offer up to 2 places per school for the Head Teacher and DSL or the DSL and Deputy DSL. Listed below are the venues and we would ask that you book your places as soon as possible but by the latest on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 so that we can ensure coverage of all schools.

**A school that has not sent either the Head Teacher or a DSL to a briefing cannot be part of Operation Encompass.**

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