



Domestic Violence
Intervention Project

Services for Perpetrators of Domestic Violence and Abuse in Hounslow

Part of the Hounslow Children Affected by Domestic Abuse (CADA) Project



Why offer support ?

In families where there is domestic abuse, we often find it is the non-abusive partner that is seen most often by professionals.

The focus is on whether the victim will disclose incidents, testify in court or leave the relationship – even though doing these things in isolation may substantially increase the risk to them.

Meanwhile, the abusive partner – who is after all the cause of the problem – slips through the net and is free to be violent and abusive again.

At the Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP), our aim is to get to the root of the problem by putting the focus back on the perpetrator of domestic abuse, thereby preventing future incidents and creating an environment where the other adults and children in the family are safe.

We're now in Hounslow working alongside local professionals to achieve this aim.

We'll be working closely with professionals such as the police, schools, housing and social care, to create a holistic service where services work together to address all the factors that can increase risk to a family. This includes mental health, housing, substance abuse and employment.

If a perpetrator of domestic abuse is willing to acknowledge their abuse and work towards stopping it, we will signpost and support them into an appropriate programme of behaviour change. This may involve us doing short pieces of direct work with them.



If the perpetrator is not currently willing to engage, we will work with local services to create an environment that makes it harder for them to reoffend. We will do this by providing training and case discussions to help professionals develop the key skills they need to disrupt and reduce further incidents of domestic abuse.

We will support workers to recognise signs of abuse, know how to motivate perpetrators to address their behaviour, increase their ability to assess the level of risk and work safely with families.

We will be working alongside Children's Social Care and schools to improve responses to perpetrators of domestic abuse.

How we work

Hounslow Children Affected by Domestic Abuse (CADA) Project offers a whole family, early-help, wrap-around response to domestic abuse. Domestic Abuse specialists work in partnership with the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub and schools to support children affected by domestic abuse and the non-abusive parent, whilst reducing the risk posed by the abusive parent.

The project has 3 key areas:

- 1** CADA practitioners based in the **Hounslow Domestic and Sexual Violence Outreach Service** provide therapeutic, specialist support for children and young people affected by domestic abuse and their non-abusive parents
- 2** **Stephen's Place Therapy** service for children affected by domestic abuse
- 3** **DVIP**, Richmond Fellowship's Perpetrator Service.

Support for non-abusive parents:

- Safety planning
- Empowerment, emotional support and advocacy
- Practical support and signposting to community and online resources
- Space to learn about ways to support your children's wellbeing and keep them safe
- Help to explore options and choices to make informed decisions

Support for abusive parents:

- The chance to talk
- Building healthy relationships, free from violence and abuse
- Strategies to prevent further abuse
- Developing and recognising alternative coping strategies
- Non-judgemental advice and information
- A one-to-one goal-setting service
- Signposting to services

Support for Adults

CADA practitioners deliver services which offer support for non-abusive and abusive parents.

**1 in 7 children
and young people
under the age of
18 will have lived with
domestic violence at
some point in their
childhood.**

(Radford et al, 2011)



Support for Children

Providing support for under 10s and 11-18s through our Domestic Violence Programme

Stephen's Place, Children's Therapy

Specialist 1-2-1 and child-centred therapy service for children impacted by domestic abuse offering a safe, consistent and confidential space for children to process difficult and confusing experiences using play and creative arts.

Support for children includes:

- Reassurance and emotional support
- Safety planning
- Daily routines
- Kindness
- Space to learn ways to keep calm and happy when dealing with feelings of stress and anger
- Improve self-esteem and wellbeing
- Signposting to services
- Self-Care

Contact us

For information about **DVIP's perpetrator services** contact:
DVIP.VPP@richmondfellowship.org.uk 020 7633 9181

For information on **Stephen's Place Children's Therapy** contact:
DVIP.Therapy@richmondfellowship.org.uk • 0208 748 829

To discuss support for **non-abusive parents** contact:
community.safety@hounslow.gov.uk

You can also contact the following staff directly on:
Under 10s domestic violence support programme
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11-18s domestic violence support programme
charlotte.roffey@hounslow.gov.uk • 020 8583 4156

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