



# Safeguarding Futures, One Child at a Time

Operation Encompass provides crucial information, enabling teachers and Key Workers to play a proactive and informed role in protecting and supporting children today, while also aiming to secure their future well-being.

This action-oriented focus concentrates on both the immediate and lasting impact of the support given to a child experiencing domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass is a beacon of hope for children experiencing domestic abuse.

As Operation Encompass reaches its fifteenth year there have been many significant milestones, not least that it is one of the most successful social impact initiatives in the field of safeguarding vulnerable children.

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Operation Encompass, born out of the outrage over helplessness in Cornwall, has grown into a nationally and globally adopted initiative that transforms the lives of children experiencing domestic abuse. The charity addresses the trauma and isolation these children face, ensuring they receive the support they need in their formative years, especially at school.

Operation Encompass broke through significant barriers, including data protection concerns and cultural resistance, by demonstrating how professionals could cooperate beyond their formal obligations to change lives. The initiative's simplicity and effectiveness led to its rapid spread from Cornwall to national and international acclaim. Driven by a small, dedicated group of volunteers, the charity has seen its approach embedded in police forces and schools worldwide. These volunteers, motivated by success and tireless dedication, have extended their efforts to create a landmark website offering free resources and a national helpline.

For its exceptional work in shaping the future of vulnerable children, Operation Encompass is highly deserving of public recognition.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Citation from KAVS nomination 2024 by Deputy Lord Lieutenants



# Minister for Victims and Safeguarding 2024

*"...I wanted to take the time to thank you for your tireless efforts to ensure that vulnerable children and young people are protected against the devastating consequences of domestic abuse.*

*...The landmark Domestic Abuse Act 2021 recognised children as victims of domestic abuse in their own right; Operation Encompass, the notification scheme created by yourselves is operational across all 43 Police Forces in England and Wales; and an amendment to the Victims and Prisoners Bill has been tabled seeking to put the notification scheme (Operation Encompass) on a statutory footing.*

*None of which would have been possible without all your work over the years to protect and support children who are victims of domestic abuse."* <sup>2</sup>

# Making a Difference Every Day

**A core principle of Operation Encompass since its inception has been that all resources, services and support are provided free.**

This means that financial barriers do not prevent staff in educational settings, police or other professionals from accessing the training and resources which enable them to provide that immediate support and nurture which emanate from Operation Encompass notifications.

It ensures that the multi-agency collaboration of publicly funded organisations created by Operation Encompass is not jeopardised by funding restrictions.

This has meant that Operation Encompass has, through eliminating costs to any participants, ensured that all police forces and educational settings can fully participate and respond quickly to the needs of children experiencing domestic abuse, regardless of their budget or financial position. This enhanced awareness, through the creation of a wide network of trained individuals, has led to swifter action being taken. This ability to offer timely interventions can reduce the psychological and emotional impact of domestic abuse on children, potentially minimizing the need for more intensive, hard to access and costly interventions later on.

Providing all our support without charge ensures that every child who needs support can receive it, regardless of the financial capacity of the police forces or their educational setting. Thus, the cost-free training of and support for professionals has effectively increased the protection network around children impacted by domestic abuse, ensuring that they receive immediate care, attention, nurture and support.

# National Online Operation Encompass<sup>3</sup> Key Adult Training<sup>4</sup>

The Operation Encompass training enables Key Adults in educational settings to understand some of the facts and dynamics of domestic abuse for both adult and child victims and the day-to-day actions that staff in these settings can take to support children.

This **free training**, with open access to all who wish to participate in this course has, since its launch in mid 2020, delivered over **£4.725 million pounds worth of free domestic abuse training to the education workforce and beyond.**

The wide-ranging Operation Encompass booklets are also available for all to download free of charge and they enable those working with children to understand how they can support children experiencing domestic abuse including what is expected after the Operation Encompass notification arrives in school<sup>5</sup>.

Many other resources are provided on the Operation Encompass website that offer support for all educational settings and police forces.

In person and online bespoke training sessions have also been led for education and early years staff and police officers.

The training together with the additional support materials, have effectively increased the protection network around children experiencing domestic abuse, ensuring that professionals have a level of understanding about domestic abuse so that they can create environments where children can receive immediate nurture, care, attention and support.

This upskilling of the workforce of all whose role is to work with children of any age, means that ALL children experiencing domestic abuse, whether there has been an Operation Encompass notification or not, will receive an understanding and informed response from the professionals who care for them.



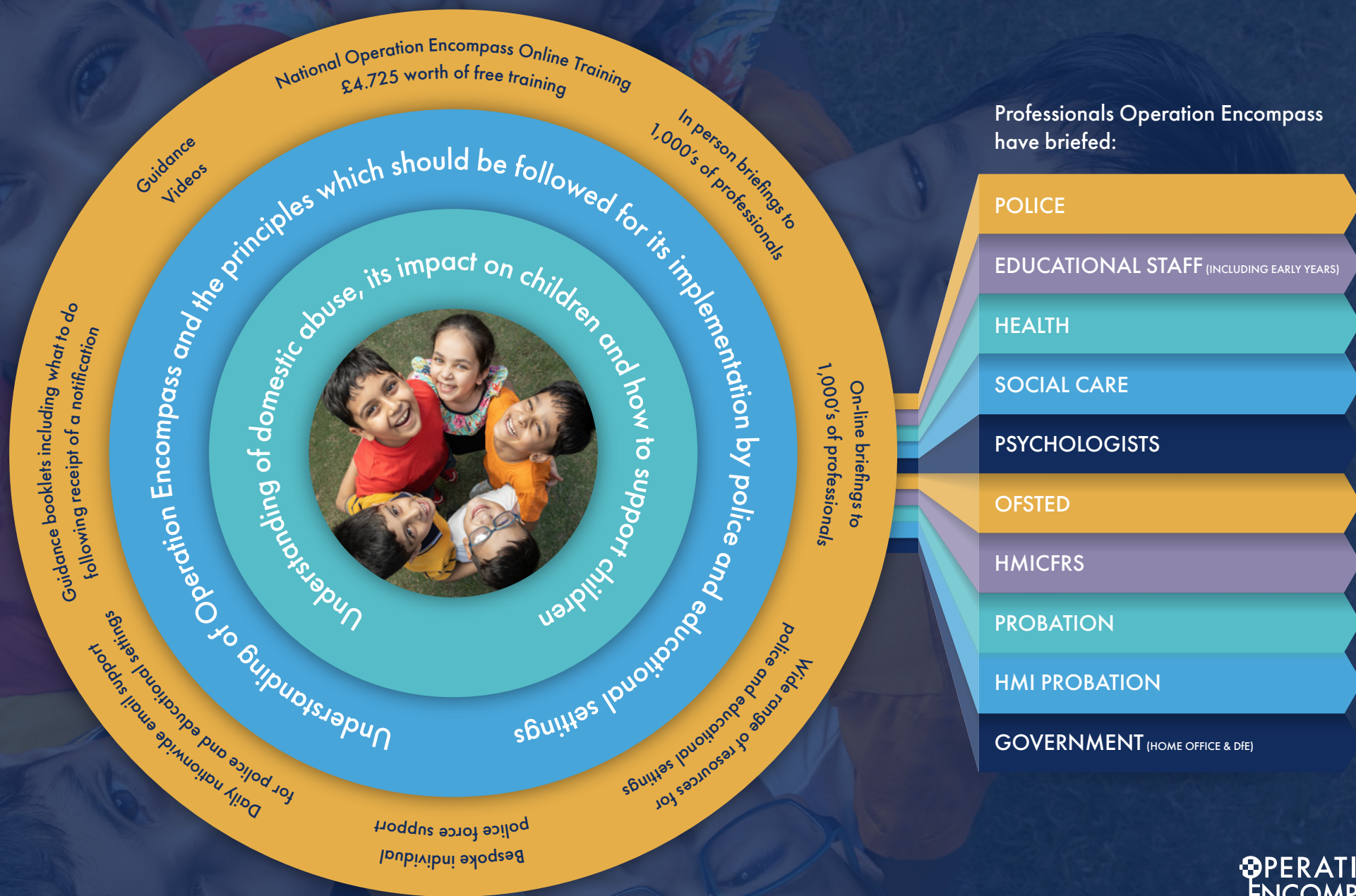
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has provided over  
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<sup>3</sup> This is the only accredited Operation Encompass training

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.operationencompass.org/operation-encompass-on-line-key-adult-briefing>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

# Additional free Operation Encompass resources and support for police and educational settings



## Profit, personal gain or a moral imperative?

The CEO positions of Operation Encompass are roles which are undertaken on a voluntary basis. This underscores the commitment to child safeguarding as a moral imperative rather than a financial undertaking, a commitment to the ethos of service to others and dedication to social good, not profit or personal gain.

These voluntary roles also ensure that any donations made to the charity are directed at the core mission, supporting children and are not funnelled into paying salaries.

Undertaking these roles at a personal cost rather than a cost to the charity, reflects that both CEOs, as the creators of Operation Encompass, have a personal and emotional connection to the cause, linked to their dedication to change and passion for helping to achieve better outcomes for children.





## The Notification

How can we place a value on an Operation Encompass notification?

There are over 2,000 Operation Encompass notifications going out to schools in **England and Wales alone** each day and while a precise monetary value is hard to quantify, the **human, social, educational, and economic benefits** provided by the Operation Encompass notifications are immense, with a long-term impact that outweighs any immediate costs.

The impact might be measured across several dimensions:

- Emotional and Psychological Support for Children
- Health Outcomes
- Educational Outcomes
- Economic Impact
- Safeguarding and Risk Reduction
- Social Value
- Reducing Future Domestic Abuse



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# NPCC<sup>6</sup> PREVENT Strategy

Operation Encompass forms part of the **PREVENT** strategy in the joint NPCC and College of Policing National Policing Statement 2024 For Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)<sup>7</sup>

‘Operation Encompass acts as an excellent example, and the only DA scheme recommended by HMICFRS. It highlights how timely and accurate sharing of data and intelligence can enable, in this case, an education partner to respond differently, with a focus on the trauma and impact of domestic abuse within the home’. PREVENT Strategy July 2024

Since its initial collaboration in 2012, Operation Encompass continues to align with the Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy as it focusses on **early intervention, safeguarding children, supporting vulnerable victims, promoting collaboration, addressing trauma, raising awareness, and contributing to the long-term prevention of violence.**

The work of Operation Encompass, particularly in helping children impacted by domestic abuse, supports the broader goals of reducing violence against all victims and creating a safer, more supportive environment for victims.

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<sup>6</sup> National Police Chiefs Council

<sup>7</sup> <https://news.npcc.police.uk/resources/vteb9-ec4cx-7xgru-wufnu-5vvo6>



The worth of Operation Encompass, valued by police and educational settings across our country and beyond, can be measured by the change we make in the life of one child, but Operation Encompass is enabling change to be made in the life of thousands of children every day

To end domestic abuse, we have to support children today

**Operation Encompass is making a difference every day**





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