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Request:

Request and Response:

1. Does your local authority have a policy and/or protocol on how to respond to intimate partner abuse for child victims aged 12 to 17

Aged	Yes	No	Don't know
16 & 17	We have a domestic abuse and sexual violence policy that extends to all employees and sub-contractors of the council. We also have a commissioned integrated Domestic abuse and sexual violence service that offers crisis support and recovery for adults, young people and children. This includes a young person Independent Domestic Violence Advocate who works with young people who are experiencing domestic abuse within their own intimate relationships.		
Under 16	We have a domestic abuse and sexual violence policy that extends to all employees and sub-contractors of the council. We also have a commissioned		



	integrated Domestic abuse and sexual violence service that offers crisis support and recovery for adults, young people and children. This includes a young person Independent Domestic Violence Advocate who works with young people who are experiencing domestic abuse within their own intimate relationships.		
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If yes, please share the policy

Please find attached the current policy. Please note that we are currently in the process of ratifying a revised version which is due to be launched on 5th February 2020.

2. Do you collect data in your local area on the number of young people aged 16 or 17 who have experienced abuse within their own intimate partner relationships as set out in the 2013 Government's definition of domestic abuse (detailed below)?

"Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality."

Yes	Yes, we collect data on those who either report to the police or refer to our commissioned specialist service. This includes young people who are 16 or 17 and experience Domestic Abuse within their own intimate relationships.
No	
Don't know	

3. Do you collect data on the number of young people under the age of 16 in your local area who have experienced abuse within their own intimate partner relationship?

Yes	Yes, we collect data on the number of young people who refer to our commissioned domestic abuse and sexual violence service. This includes those who are under 16 and access the service for support.
No	
Don't know	

4. Does your local authority commission a specialist service for young people who victims of abuse in intimate partner relationships, eg. Young People's Violence Adviser or equivalent? (if the answer is no or don't know please skip to question 8)

Aged	Yes	No	Don't know
16 & 17	Yes, we commission an integrated domestic abuse and sexual violence service that includes crisis support and recovery support for adults, young people and children. This includes a children's and young person's Independent Domestic Violence Advocate who works with those aged 13+ who have experienced Domestic Abuse in their own intimate relationships. And recovery services for all ages.		
Under 16	Yes we commission an integrated domestic abuse and sexual violence service that includes crisis support and recovery support for adults, young people and children. This includes a children's and young person's Independent Domestic Violence Advocate who works with those aged 13+ who have experienced Domestic Abuse in their own		



	intimate relationships. And recovery services for all ages.		
Young people until they turn 18 with the option of transitional support	As above, the service is also available for adults so can support any age including the transition to adult support groups etc.		

5. If yes, what is the full time equivalent capacity of that service per week?

1 full time equivalent (FTE) Children and young people Independent Domestic Violence Advocate 13+ years

2 FTE Recovery workers Children's and Young People

6 FTE Delivering Health Relationships to Schools – children and young people

11 FTE Counsellors with Children and young people:

- 3 FTE young people @ 14+yrs
- 2 FTE Children @ 11+yrs
- 6 FTE Children @ 5+ years

6. How many children did your young people's domestic abuse service work with between 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019?

472 Under 18 years

7. How many 16 and 17 year olds did your young people's domestic abuse service work with between 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019?

99

8. How many children under the age of 16 years did your young people's domestic abuse service work with between 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019?

373



9. What other services does your local authority commission locally in addition to specialist services mentioned in response to question 4 to respond to cases of abuse in intimate relationship involving young people? (Please tick all that apply)

	Victims under the age of 16	Young people who harm under the age of 16	16 & 17 victims	Young people who harm aged 16 and 17
Refuge services			x	
Prevention work / awareness raising	x	x	x	x
Helplines (other advice services)	x	x	x	x
Drop in services	x	x	x	x
Crisis intervention services (if separate to YPVA service)				
Counselling services	x	x	x	x
Support groups	x	x	x	x
Other community based services				
Other please specify:				

10. If your local authority has a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, is feeling domestic violence considered a factor in its awarding criteria?

Unknown

11. If yes, between 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 in how many:

Applications was this recorded as a	
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factor	
Awards was this recorded as a factor	

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