Guide to working through the survey: Providers of specialist domestic abuse services for babies, children and young people

The Domestic Abuse Commissioner's (DAC) Office is surveying providers of domestic abuses services for babies, children and young people (BCYP) during August and September 2024. This document was created to help you prepare for the survey by having access to the questions in advance before you go online to complete the survey. You are not required to use or complete this document. You will be able to complete the survey if you have good knowledge of the following:

- the service(s) that you provide,
- the BCYP that are helped by the service,
- the number of BCYP supported during the previous financial year, and
- the full cost to deliver the service.

The closing date is **Tuesday 17th September 2024**. We can only accept response to the survey via the online link which you can access here: https://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/V28TTY/

Thank you in advance for helping us with this survey. It is so important that we obtain an accurate picture of the provision for children across England and Wales so that the Commissioner can provide evidence-based advice to the new government on what is needed for children affected by domestic abuse.

Any questions? Please contact: research@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk



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Your contact	Please provide your workplace email address in the space below to allow us to verify your response. We will only contact you if we have a question about the survey required	You will be asked for your work email	
details		address so that we can contact you with	
		any queries about the survey.	
	2. Do you want us to retain this email address so that we can contact you about future projects via our newsletter? (If you do not want us to retain your email address, we will delete it after the data cleaning and analysis for this project is complete) required	Next, we will ask you if you would like us to	
	○ Yes ○ No	retain the email address so that we can	
		contact you about other work related the	
		DAC Office.	
Your consent	3. Please respond to the statement below with either Yes or No.	If you consent to the survey, you will be	
for this survey	"I consent for my anonymised responses to be used to further the work of the Domestic Abuse Commissioner in relation to children and young people affected by domestic abuse." - required	taken to questions about your	
	○ Yes ○ No	organisation. If you do not consent, you	
		will be directed to the end of the survey.	
About your	4. What is the name of the organisation providing the service(s)? - required	You will be asked to provide the name of	
organisation		your organisation.	
	5. How many different specialist services does your organisation currently deliver to children affected by domestic abuse? Please note that for this question, we are trying to count the number of different service types, not the number of locations where it is delivered.	Next, you will be asked to indicate how	
	One	many different types of specialist	
	○ Two ○ Three	services that your organisation provides	
	O Four	to babies, children and young people	
	Five or more	affected by domestic abuse. You may	
		provide the same service in more than	
		one location; however, we are only	
		counting types of service here. We ask	
		about for locations further on.	

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Type of organisation	6. Which of the following descriptions apply to your organisation? You can tick more than one description. Domestic abuse voluntary organisation Children's voluntary organisation Local authority in-house service Health Service organisation By and for* voluntary organisation Other (please specify):	This is a multi-choice question where you can indicate what type of organisation delivers the service.	
Service closures during the previous five years	7. Thinking about the past five years, did your organisation have to cease any specialist domestic abuse services that you used to offer to children and young people? (Please tick the option that best explains what happened with the service). Yes, we had to cease the service(s) for funding reasons. Yes, we ceased the service(s) for reasons other than funding. No, but we had to absorb some or all of the costs of the service(s) within our organisation to continue the service(s). No, we have not ceased any specialist services for children. Don't know or Not applicable.	This question asks if your organisation has had to cease any services for children and young people affected by domestic abuse during the last five years. If you answer 'yes', you will be directed to a multi-choice question which asks what type of service was closed.	
Youth Panels or Lived Experience Groups	8. Does your organisation have a youth panel or a young persons lived experience group who influence the operation of your service(s)? Yes No No, but we are planning to develop one No, but we collaborate with another organisation that has a young person's group/panel	This question asks whether your organisation has a youth panel or young person's lived experience group that influences the operation of your services.	

Information about the services provided by your organisation This section is about the actual services or interventions your organisation provides for babies, children and young people affected by domestic abuse. You will have space within the questionnaire to provide information on 8 separate services or interventions. If you think you need more than 8 opportunities to capture all of the specialist services for babies, children and young people that your organisation provides, please contact the research team at: research@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk.

You do not need to record information about the following types of services or interventions:

- When children are being helped indirectly because their parent or carer is being supported, e.g., parenting interventions.
- Advocacy for a child's school place.
- Creche facilities provided while the parent or carer is supported.
- Services or interventions for child sexual abuse and exploitation (these were recently mapped by the Centre for Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse).
- Services focused on Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG or VAWDASV) that do not have a specific focus on children affected by domestic abuse.

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Information about	9. What is the name of the service or intervention that you provide?	First, you will be asked to provide	
the services		the name of the intervention or	
provided by your		service.	
organisation	10. Is this service provided by just your organisation or is it provided by a partnership or consortium of organisations?	You will then be asked to indicate if	
	It is provided solely by our organisation. It is provided in partnership another organisation, or as part of a consortium with other organisations.	the service is provided solely by	
		your organisation or by a	
		partnership or consortium of	
		organisations.	
	11. Is the service provided nationally, regionally, locally or multiple different locations?	Next, the survey will ask you to	
	Service is available nationally and not at a location (e.g., online service, telephone helpline). Service is provided at one Local Authority or Police and Crime Commissioning (PCC) area only.	indicate whether the service is	
	Service is provided at multiple Local authority or PCC area across England and Wales (or wider)	provided nationally, regionally or	
	Other (please specify):	multiple different locations.	
	Where is the service located? (1st Service)	If the service is provided in one	
	For services that are located in one area only. We have provided a drop down list that includes all England and Welsh local authorities and councils (district, borough, metropolitan, unitary, county) and police and crime commissioning areas (PCCs) including areas where police and crime are the responsibility of the Mayor.	area, you will be asked to choose	
	·	the relevant area within England or	
	Use the searchable alphabetical drop-down list of Local Authority and Police and Crime Commissioning Areas to select your area.	Wales using a drop-down list of	
	Ashfield District Councily	local authorities and police and	
		crime commissioning areas. If the	
		service is provided in multiple	
		areas, you are given space to list	
		the different locations.	

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Who provides the	13. Who provides the support within this service? Please tick the profession(s) that best describe the practitioners providing the support. You can tick more than one option.	In this section you will be asked to	
service and what category of service is it?	Practitioners who work with adults and children Children and Young People's IDVAs Children's Workers within a refuge Specialist Youth workers Children and Young People's Participation or Engagement Workers Children's Counsellors Children's Therapists Specialist practitioners for children at risk or have experienced harmful practices including FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) Volunteers and People with Lived Experience of Domestic Abuse Other (please specify other types of workers):	indicate what types of workers deliver the service and how you would categorise the type of service.	
Main focus of the	15. Is the main focus of the service prevention and early intervention? Please tick all that apply.	In this section we provide a	
service	Not applicable Healthy relationships group interventions delivered by specialist domestic abuse organisations within educational settings Other group work with young people to prevent domestic abuse and promote healthy relationships Mentoring to prevent domestic abuse and promote healthy relationships Whole family intervention services for babies / expecting parents Training and tools for professionals working with children and young people affected by domestic abuse Behaviour change intervention for individual child or young person Behaviour change intervention for groups of children and young people 16. Is the main focus of the service to provide information and advice to children and young people about domestic abuse? Please tick all that apply Not applicable Information and advice services designed for children and young people (face to face) Information and advice services designed for children and young people (online/digital) Helplines for children and young people	detailed list of different service types. The services are grouped according to whether they are prevention and early intervention, information and advice, crisis support or recovery.	

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About the young	20. What is the age range for the children and young people supported by this service? Drag the slider scale to the right to get the correct age for each question. Perinatal services can be recorded as "0".						et the	The first question in this section	
people you support	What is the minimum age for children and young people who are accepted for this service? What is the maximum age for children and young people who are accepted for this service? What is the maximum age for children and young people who are accepted for this service? 21. Which children are the target population for this service? You can select more than one target population if appropriate Children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse in their own home or family Young people who are victims / survivors in own intimate relationships Young people who are exhibiting abusive behaviour in own relationships					0	asks you to indicate the minimum and maximum ages of the babies, children and young people that that are accepted for the service. The second section asks you to indicate the target population(s) for the service.		
	Children and young people who involved in CAPVA (Child and ado	escent to par	rent violence	e and abu	Another				
Additional and		Sanrica ie	Service is accessible		organisation S provides a	ervice is less		This question lists a series of	
intersecting needs		specifically tailored for this population	y to this y population r and is used by them regularly.	by this population but is not used by them regularly.	population, of	suitable for this opulation children ad young people.	Don't know	additional and intersecting needs, and asks you to indicate to what	
	Black and minoritised children and young people	0	0	0	0	0	0	extent the service can	
	LGBQ+ young people Non-binary Trans young people Children and young people with special educational needs including learning	0	0	0	0	0 0	0	accommodate babies, children	
	disabilities and/or are neurodiverse. Children experiencing problems with drugs or alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0	and young people with these	
	Deaf children and young people	0	0	0	0	0	0	needs, e.g., is the service	
	Physically disabled children and young people. Children and young people with mental health needs Girls and Young women	0	0	0	0	0	0	specifically designed for them? Or	
	Boys and Young men	0	0	0	0	0	0	could it be accessed by them, but	
								they tend not to be referred or use	
								it, etc.	

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How many babies,	23. How many children or young people who were helped by this service during the previous financial year April 2023-March 2024.	Here, we ask you to provide a	
children and	Please provide a numerical figure, e.g., "eighty-nine children" should be written as "89" in the box below.	figure for the number of babies,	
young people		children and young people who	
does the service	If you are unable to provide an exact number, please provide an estimate.	were helped by the service during	
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reach each year		the previous financial year	
		between April 2023-March 2024.	
Waiting times	24. For approximately how long do children and young people usually have to wait to receive this service?	The first question asks for how long	
	Children are seen within 24 hours	babies, children and young people	
	Between one and two days Between three and seven days	typically have to wait for the	
	More than a week but less than a fortnight	service.	
	Over a fortnight but less than a month	Service.	
	O Between one and three months		
	Between four and six months		
	More than six months but less than a year		
	At least one year or longer		
	On't know 25. Does this service ever have to place children on a reserve or additional waiting list because you receive more referrals than you have the		
	capacity or funding to support?	This is followed by two questions	
	○ Yes ○ No	that ask whether the service has to	
		place children on a reserve or	
	26. Does this service ever have to turn away referrals because you receive more referrals than you have the capacity or funding to support?	waiting list or whether the service	
	○ Yes ○ No	has to turn away referrals due to	
		,	
	27. Does this service provide support for shilden and their parents or except tenether?	capacity or funding.	
How does the	27. Does this service provide support for children and their parents or carers together? Please tick one option that best describes the service.	The first of three questions in this	
service support	No, the service only works with children.	section asks whether the service	
work with parents	No, the service always works with children and adults separately. Yes, the service is designed to work with children and their non-abusive parents or carers.	supports the child and their	
and their	Yes, the service uses a whole family approach, sometimes working with the parent or carer who has perpetrated abuse.	parents or carers together,	
	Yes, sometimes, we will work differently with each referral according to what is needed.	·	
parents/carers?	None of the above. Please describe in the space provided:	separately or whether only the	
		child is seen.	

28. Can children and young people access the service without the support of their parent or carer? Please tick one option that best describes the service. Yes Yes, if supported by a professional Yes, if 16 or older Yes, if we are confident that the young person is Gillick competent* No, they need a parent or carer to know they are attending our services None of the above. Please describe in the space provided:	The second question asks whether young people can access the service without the support of their parent or carer.	
29. Does your service support children and young people to advocate for themselves with statutory services (i.e., Children's Social Care, the police). Yes, we will attend meetings with the children and young people we are supporting and advocate for them or support them to advocate for themselves. Yes, we discuss this in sessions with the child or young person and help them prepare for advocacy, but do not attend meetings with them Yes, we can refer children and young people to specialist advocacy support in the area No, the children we support are too young for this No, this service does not focus on this type of support. Other (please specify):	The third question asks whether the service provides advocacy services and how these are provided.	

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Sources of funding for this service	30. What was the total amount of funding for this service during the previous financial year April 2023-March 2024? Total amount (please do not include decimal places or commas, e.g. £35000)E 31. How do you currently fund this service? Please tick all of the different sources of funding that you receive from the options below. Funding from Local Authorities Funding from Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) including government grants administered by PCCs e.g., Ministry of Justice funding. Funding from multi-agency partnerships, e.g., Local Safeguarding Children's Partnerships, Community Safety Partnerships Funding from Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCCs) and NHS Trusts Funding from Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCCs) and NHS Trusts Funding through Criminal Justice Boards, Probation and Prison services Central government grants (direct funding that is not administered by PCCs or local government). Grants from Charitable Trusts (including regional, specialist and nationwide charities or trusts e.g., National Lottery, Comic Relief, Family Founc Funding administered by national Domestic Violence and Abuse charities Funding administered by national Domestic Violence and Abuse charities Fundraising and income generating activities (including donations, events, crowdfunding, sponsorship, private/corporate funding). Internal reserves Other (please specify):	Here we ask you to record the total funding required to deliver this service during the previous financial year between April 2023-March 2024 We also ask you to indicate the different sources of funding for this service and where the majority of funding came from.	
Does your organisation provide any other services for children affected by domestic abuse?	33. Do you provide any other services for children and young people affected by domestic abuse that you have not told us about? Yes No	This final question will either direct you to the next set of questions where you can record details about another service you deliver to babies, children and young people affected by domestic abuse, or it will direct you to the end of the survey.	

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