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 Autumn 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. <u>You are not required to use or complete this document</u>. 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 has been extended to **10PM on Monday 7th October 2024**. We can only accept response to the survey via the online link which you can access here: <u>https://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/V28TTY/</u>

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.

Problems with the survey links or any questions? Please contact: research@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk



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Your contact	1. 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	
	 ∨es 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	
	U nu	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 to have a service to the number of locations where it is to have a service types.	Next, you will be asked to indicate how	
	delivered.	many different types of specialist	
	○ Two ○ Three	services that your organisation provides	
	C Innee C 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 coasts 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 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.	

	focus on children affected by domestic abuse.
	Services focused on Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG or VAWDASV) that do not have a specific
	for Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse).
	• Services or interventions for child sexual abuse and exploitation (these were recently mapped by the Centre
	Creche facilities provided while the parent or carer is supported.
	Advocacy for a child's school place.
	interventions.
	• When children are being helped indirectly because their parent or carer is being supported, e.g., parenting
	You do not need to record information about the following types of services or interventions:
organisation	
your	research team at: research@domesticabusecommissioner.independent.gov.uk.
provided by	specialist services for babies, children and young people that your organisation provides, please contact the
services	on 8 separate services or interventions. If you think you need more than 8 opportunities to capture all of the
about the	young people affected by domestic abuse. You will have space within the questionnaire to provide information
Information	This section is about the actual services or interventions your organisation provides for babies, children and

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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) Progress	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 Mavor.	area, you will be asked to choose	
		the relevant area within England or	
	12. 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.	
		the different locations.	

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Who provides the service and what category of service is it?	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. Practitioners who work with adults and children Children and Young People's IDVAs Children's Workers within a refuge Specialist Youth workers Children's Counsellors 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):	In this section you will be asked to indicate what types of workers deliver the service and how you would categorise the type of service.	
Main focus of the service	15. Is the main focus of the service prevention and early intervention? Please tick all that apply. Other group work with young people to prevent domestic abuse and promote healthy relationships Other group work with young people 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 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 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	In this section we provide a 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".					get 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? 0 What is the maximum age for children and young people who are accepted for this service? 0 21. Which children are the target population for this service? 0 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 0				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)	
	 Young people who are victims / survivors in own intimate relations 						
	Young people who are exhibiting abusive behaviour in own relation	nships					for the service.
	Children and young people who involved in CAPVA (Child and adolescent to parent violence and abuse)						
	None of the above (please describe in the space provided):						
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Additional and	-		Service is can	Anoth vice organisi be provide ssed service	ner ation Service i sa less	is	This question lists a series of
intersecting needs		specifically tailored for F this population.	to this by ti population popula and is but is used by used them the regularly. regul	his tailored ation this s not populat d by so we t m to ref larly. peop	d for suitable for this populatio tion, of childre and your er people.	e Don't on know en ng	additional and intersecting needs, and asks you to indicate to what
	Black and minoritised children and young people	0	0 0		0	0	extent the service can
	LGBQ+ young people	0	0 0	0	-	0	
	Non-binary Trans young people Children and young people with special educational needs including learning	0	0 0	0	-	0	accommodate babies, children
	Children experiencing problems with drugs or alcohol	0	0 0		0	0	and young people with these
	Children experiencing problems with drugs or alconol Deaf children and young people	0	0 0		-	0	
	Physically disabled children and young people.	0	0 0) ()	0	0	needs, e.g., is the service
	Children and young people with mental health needs	0	0 0			0	specifically designed for them? Or
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		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	
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does the service		were helped by the service during	
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	
5	O Children are seen within 24 hours	babies, children and young people	
	O Between one and two days	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
	Between three and seven days More than a week but less than a fortnight	typically have to wait for the	
	Over a fortnight but less than a month	service.	
	Between one and three months		
	O Between four and six months		
	O More than six months but less than a year		
	At least one year or longer		
	O Don'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	0	
		has to turn away referrals due to	
		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. Xee, the service of designed to work with children and their pare obvicin extents or extents	supports the child and their	
	 Yes, the service is designed to work with children and their non-abusive parents or carers. Yes, the service uses a whole family approach, sometimes working with the parent or carer who has perpetrated abuse. 		
and their	Ves, sometimes, we will work differently with each referral according to what is needed .	parents or carers together,	
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.	The second question asks whether
○ Yes	young people can access the
○ Yes, if supported by a professional	
○ Yes, if 16 or older	service without the support of their
○ Yes, if we are confident that the young person is Gillick competent*	parent or carer.
O No, they need a parent or carer to know they are attending our services	
None of the above. Please describe in the space provided:	
29. Does your service support children and young people to advocate for themselves with statutory services (i.e., Children's Social Care, the police).	The third question asks whether
O 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.	
O 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	the service provides advocacy
Yes, we can refer children and young people to specialist advocacy support in the area	services and how these are
No, the children we support are too young for this	
No, this service does not focus on this type of support.	provided.
Other (please specify):	

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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)£ 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 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCCs) and NHS Trusts Funding from Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCCs) and NHS Trusts 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 Fourc Funding administered by national Domestic Violence and Abuse charities Funding administered by national Domestic (Nicluding 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? Ves 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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