



Safeguarding Children who are Victims of Domestic Abuse 25 -29 November 2024

On 25 November 2024, the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) officially launched its Safeguarding Practice Week, dedicated to [Safeguarding Children who are Victims of Domestic Abuse](#). This week-long event was designed for multi-agency professionals working with children and families within the Hampshire Local Authority area.

It is estimated that approximately one in seven children are victims of domestic abuse. Importantly, it is essential to recognise that these children do not merely ‘witness’ domestic abuse; under the law, they are seen as victims in their own right. The impact of domestic abuse can be profound, impacting a child’s development, behaviour, health, education, and overall wellbeing, often leaving lasting effects that extend well into adulthood.

In a coordinated effort with the Hampshire Domestic Abuse Partnership Board (HDAP), HSCP aimed to underscore the vital importance of protecting and supporting child victims of domestic abuse. Just like adult victims-survivors, children in these situations require access to high-quality support services that are both timely and accessible. It is imperative that services and practitioners collaborate not only to ensure the immediate safety of these children but also to facilitate their long-term recovery. This approach ultimately leads to more positive life outcomes for children.

During Safeguarding Practice Week, HSCP dedicated each day to different areas of multi-agency practice, equipping practitioners with valuable resources and tools to effectively respond to domestic abuse within families.

To raise awareness and encourage engagement during Safeguarding Practice Week, HSCP shared important messages on the [social media platform X](#), using the hashtag #domesticabusesafeguardingweek. The initiative also included a comprehensive email campaign, short films from STOP Domestic Abuse and Hampshire Children’s Services and promoting important key messages under the theme, ‘If you do one thing...’.

Further information and resources from the week, can be found in the schedule below:

Day	Topic
Monday	Overview Domestic Abuse Toolkit for professionals Domestic Abuse Toolkit for parents & carers

Tuesday	Support for children and young people
Wednesday	Domestic Abuse Training
Thursday	Practice Principles
Friday	Supporting multi-agency practitioners – Domestic Abuse STOP PACK