

research in practice

Working with domestic abuse

The term domestic abuse encompasses a range of controlling and coercive behaviours, used by one person to maintain control over another with whom they have, or have had, an intimate or family relationship. This selection of learning resources about working with domestic abuse can be used to support evidence-informed practice with children, young people and families.



Read

Longer read: [Working with people who perpetrate domestic violence and abuse in families: Strategic Briefing \(2021\)](#)

Longer read: [Coercive control: Impacts on children and young people in the family environment: Literature Review \(2018\)](#)

Longer read: [Interpersonal violence and abuse in young people's relationships: Frontline Briefing \(2020\)](#)

Longer read: [Evaluation of domestic violence and abuse recovery programmes in Devon - Three whole family approaches: Research review \(2024\)](#)

Short read: [Rethinking domestic abuse in child protection: The importance of a Community of Practice: Blog \(2024\)](#)



Listen

20 minute chapters: [Rethinking children's social care responses to domestic abuse and violence](#)

1 hour: [The evidence base around domestic violence and abuse \(2022\)](#)

30 minutes: [Working with men: Sharing learning from Leeds \(2022\)](#)



Watch

12 minutes: [Domestic abuse and child protection research digest film series: Film one - Thinking differently, doing differently](#)

12 minutes: [Domestic abuse and child protection research digest film series: Film three - Doing differently: practice innovations](#)



Reflect

Reflect on and record your CPD using the button on each resource page. You can also bookmark and share resources with colleagues. Log and review your reflections in '[Your CPD](#)'.

For more resources, explore the [domestic abuse](#) topic page and the materials produced as part of the [domestic abuse and child protection Change Project](#).

Many of the resources were produced as part of a collaborative project with the [DRIVE Partnership](#) that aims to inform our response to perpetrators of domestic abuse within families where children's social care are involved.