



TT7 Groupwork

How do you assess children affected by domestic abuse?

- Table 1: Lifecentre** - broad assessment of client needs including DV. YOS - holistic assessment which includes section on DV. Would like this to trigger specific assessment if DV issues highlighted. ASSET (common assessment tool for YOS).
- Children's Services** - No specific tool for DA. CAF. **Probation** - no direct work with children. SARA and OASys assess offender and risk posed.
- Table 2:** Open questions regarding children's welfare - indicators= school attendance/ sleeping problems etc. Informal assessment then pass to professionals who have formal assessment tools. Access key sources of info re: children's welfare eg. school
- Table 3:** Addaction - not always working directly with children so identifies children's needs through assessment of parents. **FRT** - CAF. **Young Carer's Service** - CAF - plus IA/ Core assessment contribution.
- Table 4: Intensive Support team** - referral form with risk assessment incorporated. **DARP** - programme specific RA. **FRT (under 10s)** - Receive initial core assessment which contains info re: DA. **Family Nursing Under 10** - Info re: Freedom Programme. **Conclusion:** Patchy and therefore want a universal tool
- Table 5: RISE** - Children's Assessment form

Where do you go for expert advice on children affected by domestic abuse?

- Refer to CAP where appropriate
- Children's Services/ Social Care (limited by high thresholds)
- YOS
- FIPs
- CAMHS
- County Risk Assessment team - within CP framework
- WORTH Services
- No specialist domestic abuse service for children in WS
- C & YP Planning Forums
- Assistance for the child: Childline/ The Hideout/ Pastoral Support at school