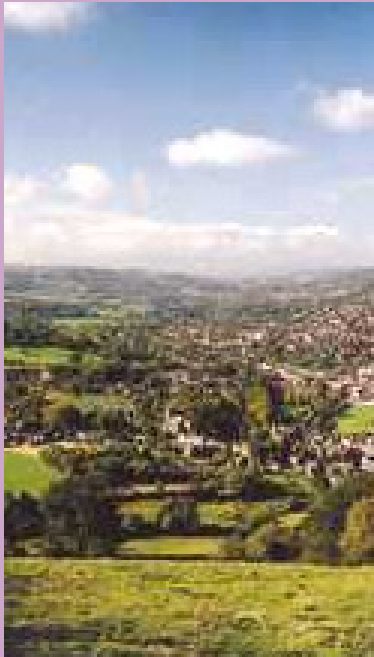


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Impact of Domestic Abuse on Children and Younger Adults

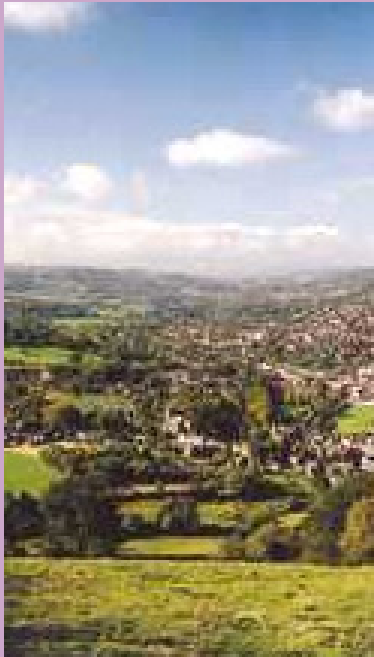


Domestic Violence and Children

- **Police notifications re pregnant women: 370**
- **Police notifications re children: 9554**



- 1. Children are twice as likely to have neglect confirmed in their first five years if domestic abuse present**
- 2. 7 out of 8 serious case reviews triggered by an assault on a young child originated in families where domestic violence was an issue.**
- 3. Such parents are often known to probation, police or adult services, but not to children's services.**



4. Domestic abuse is rarely only violence. It is frequently associated with psychological attacks that impact negatively on the victim's wellbeing. This results in:

**Feelings of poor self-worth and degradation contributing to a recurrent choice of an abusive partner and attendant issues.
More frequent use of alcohol and medication and attendant issues.
Depression, low self-esteem and preoccupation leading to diminished emotional availability to children, reduced household organisational skills, and attendant issues.
Lack of parental guidance and boundaries leading to perception of child as having "behaviour problems."
Perpetrator exploits a mother and child's fear for each other.
Hearing as well as witnessing domestic violence and abuse is in itself a form of emotional abuse that undermines both children and babies emotional wellbeing and their healthy development.
Child hood experiences can compromise future adult parenting limiting the life chances of future generations.
Domestic abuse is known to be associated with inter- generational child abuse.**

Reference – Carolyn Davies and Harriet Ward (2012) Safeguarding Children Across Services – Messages from Research. Published 2012, Jessica Kingsley Publishers. ⁴



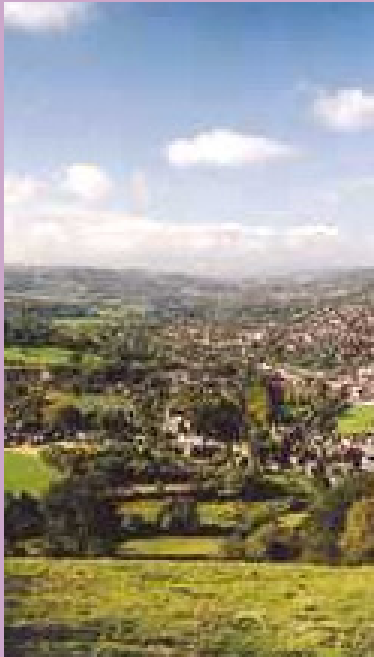
Funding and services to specifically address the needs of children and younger adults impacted on by domestic abuse



Between 2013 and 2016 CAYA has contracted services out at an annual cost of £268.000 per annum.

Providers for each CAYA locality are:

- Trident Reach the People Charity in South Derbyshire and South Dales, Erewash and Amber Valley
- High Peak Women's Aid in High Peak and North Dales
- North Derbyshire Women's Aid in Bolsover and North East Derbyshire, and Chesterfield



Outreach

Outreach - an average of 8 sessions per customer covering the key components of :

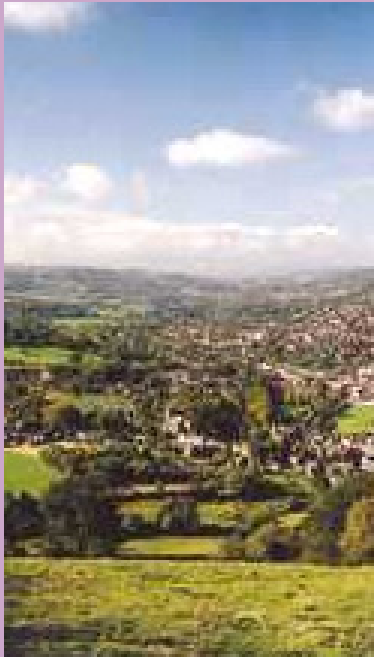
1. Safety Planning – making a personal plan to stay safe in vulnerable scenarios
2. Interpersonal relationships – promoting positive expectations of own and others behaviour
3. Self Esteem – Concentrating on both building self-esteem and reducing feelings of culpability for current and past family scenarios
4. Growth and development opportunities – introducing children to opportunities that build resilience and promote support networks

Refuge work

As above, but an additional focus on the under-fives accessing local children centre services, school age children having opportunities to complete school work and engage in out of school opportunities, giving the voice of the child a greater prominence amongst the refuge staff team, and transitions from refuge to community accommodation

Group Work provided as volume of referrals, age, need and location direct

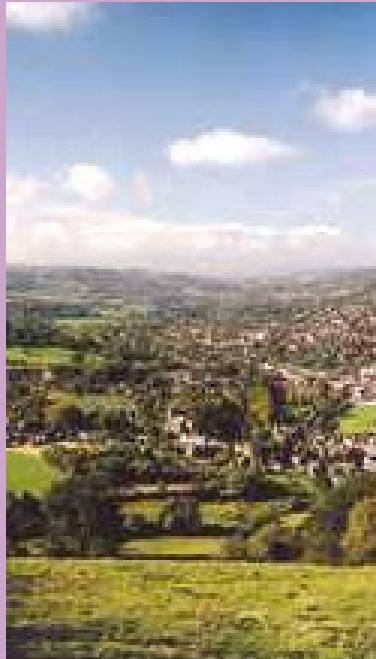
A variety of formal “off the shelf” group curriculum components are nationally available to draw on in response to the need of each particular group



Services provided by CAYA

“A key message for all who work together to safeguard children is programmes that prevent the occurrence of abuse are likely to be more effective than those that address the consequences.....Numerous studies have demonstrated that parents who maltreat tend to hold distorted beliefs and unrealistic expectations regarding the developmental capabilities of children, the age appropriateness of child behaviours and their own behaviour when interacting with them. This can result in misreading children’s intentions and behaviour and attributing hostile intent, which in turn has been linked with over active and coercive parenting, angry feelings in parents, child behaviour problems and the use of harsh punishment. Thus programmes which are designed to address adults own experiences of poor parenting and/or the psychological consequences of abuse can make a valuable contribution”

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Services that Intervene in the Intergenerational Transmission of Abuse

Evidence Based Parenting Programmes delivered through CAYA and partners

CAYA and Public Health funding is estimated to spend £2,366,000 on investment in and on the delivery of 9 evidence based manualised parenting programmes. Many participants are or have been negatively impacted on by the common safeguarding cluster of domestic abuse, mental health, alcohol and/or substance misuse.

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1. Living with Children/ Living with Teenagers - 90 places per annum. Targeting parenting issues below Incredible Years threshold
2. The Incredible Years - Targeting parenting of children below or on edge of “conduct disorder”. 600 family places per annum
3. PEEPS - Early Years family group work concentrating on child development through play and development activities. 504 family places presuming a whole years attendance
4. HENRY programme - targeting healthy eating and lifestyles. 96 places per annum
5. Family Nurse Partnership - . Two year programme targeting teenage parenting capacity. 150 families at any one time
6. Every Child a Talker – currently 954 customers per year in children centres. Many more in early year’s settings and infant schools. Addresses delayed speech, language and communication in Early Years

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7. Talk Boost – delivered through schools at Key Stage 1. Catch up in speech, language and communication skills.

8. Strengthening families- targeting family of and young person at risk of alcohol and substance misuse. New programme - volume to be agreed

9. Multi Systemic Therapy - 50 young people per annum on the edge of custody or care

In addition The Freedom Programme is offered across the county in both children centres and Family Support Units. Although not “robustly” evidenced based, service users speak highly of its impact.

Young Carers service at a cost of £120,000 p.a., provides support to 120 young carers per annum, some of whom live in domestic abuse households.



Current Position

- Early screening and intelligence sharing
- Section 47 child protection enquiries
- Delegated Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) functions
- Domestic violence referrals – providing advice on thresholds with police
- Missing children – management of all police generated missing children
- Intelligence sharing and decision-making (Section 47 thresholds) on high risk child sexual exploitation cases;
- Intelligence sharing with the Police Dangerous Persons' Management Unit



Current Key Strategic Issues

Commissioning – Improved community safety synchronisation or joint commissioning between CAYA and adult services confirmed.

Voluntary perpetrator programme:

Multi Agency practice solution to male perpetrators in families is exclusion. The result is many men moving on to abuse other women and children. There is a particular need for evidence based services to address intimate partner violence: for adult victims, affected children and for perpetrators.



DV Services Provided by Adult Care

Accommodation and Support Team Domestic Abuse Contracts (Refuge and Support)

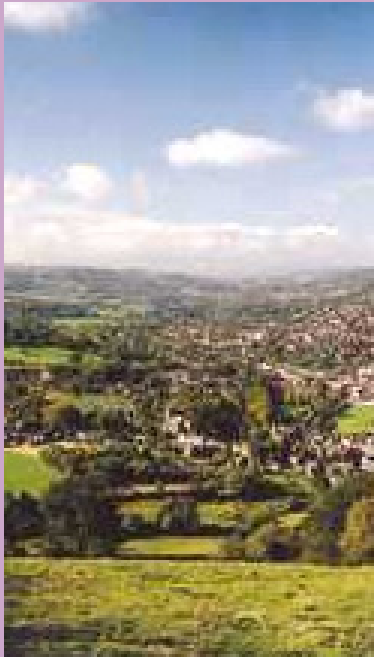
We currently operate 4 services under two contracts which started in October 2012:

Area	Units	Provider
High Peak & North Derbyshire Dales	37	Derbyshire
Amber Valley & South Derbyshire Dales	42	Directions
		£319,978
Bolsover, Chesterfield & NE Derbyshire	69	Trident
Erewash & South Derbyshire	56	NDWA
		£529,860
TOTAL	204	£849,838



Other Directly Funded Adult Care Services

Independent Domestic Violence Adult Care Services	£167,441
Community Alarms	£ 48,638
Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Help Line	£ 1,200
Outreach Service & Ethnic Minority Refuge	£ 23,720
Rape Crisis Help Line	£ 10,266
North Derbyshire Women's Aid Core Services	£ 140,000
Total Adult Care Spend	£1,241,122



Governance Arrangements

- Partnerships are the key to the structure and we have a significant and wide breath of representation across the County
- Serious Sexual Violence / Domestic Violence Board meets quarterly and brings together partners from Police, Adult Care, CAYA, Health Commissioners, Community Safety, Fire & Rescue, Voluntary Sector and provides the strategic direction for the Co-ordinating Group who develop the Strategic Plan and Policy Formation
- The Co-ordinating Group report to the Board and receive reports from the local Domestic Abuse Action Groups; MARAC's (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences) and the Serious Domestic Violence Conference Groups. The Co-ordinating Group will also aim to resolve operational problems through the Board.



Going Forward

- Adult Care have embedded awareness of Domestic Violence in the Safeguarding Processes
- Domestic Abuse Practice Guidance and Toolkit is on the Safer Derbyshire Web Site
- Our Accommodation and Support Contracts are working to capacity, we have increased our contracted support from 102 to 204 units whilst achieving a 14% saving on the contract value
- Think Family Charter is being developed to remind staff in social care to consider ALL family members and report concerns to respective organisations
- Care Bill bringing Local Authority statutory responsibility for Safeguarding Adults Board in 2014 and representation from the NHS and Police