## **Domestic Violence**



Safeguarding children exposed to Domestic Violence and Abuse (DV&A) is important to the Greenwich Safeguarding Children Partnership , due to the risks posed to children living in an environment of DV&A and the impact this has on their safety and well-being. Domestic abuse is a crime and a major social problem affecting many families in the local area. It is a consistent feature of serious case reviews and is the most frequent contributory factor for children being made subject to a Child Protection Plan (CPP) in Greenwich.

This Partnership Fact sheet will provide practitioners across the network with tools, guidance and ideas about working with Domestic Violence and Abuse.

## Assessing the severity and the impact of DV&A

These links provide practitioners with overarching guidance and research in working with DV&A as well as our local Partnership Toxic Trio practice guidance, the role of MARAC and how to refer to them.

- Dash with guidance
- Barnardo's risk matrix
- DV handbook for Social Workers
- Wheel of power and control
- GSCB Toxic Trio Practice Guidance
- MARAC Referral Form updated

- London CP Procedures DVA
- NSPCC Learning From SCRs DVA
- http://www.gdva.org.uk/
- <u>http://www.safelives.org.uk/</u>

Talking to children and young people about DV&A can help practitioners gain a better understanding of the child's lived experience

DV - direct work too<u>l</u> DV - prompt questions DV - what I want Feeling safe My fears

## Safety planning

These tools can support safety planning with adults and children

- Under 10 safety plan
- <u>Safety Planning</u>
- Safety Plan 10+

## Talking to perpetrators

During assessment it is essential to talk to perpetrators where possible. The tool below may be helpful in such discussions.

Anger thermometer