



## **What is Operation Encompass?**

Operation Encompass is a new initiative from Merseyside Police. It follows in the footsteps of an extremely successful initiative in Knowsley to safeguard and support children and young people following a domestic abuse incident.

Children will often arrive to school the next morning shell shocked and unprepared following a domestic abuse incident. Operation Encompass aims to ensure that appropriate school staff are made aware early enough to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe and included.

## **How will it work?**

Each morning Merseyside Police will interrogate the Police system. An area specific search will be made, highlighting any violent or abusive incidents that would indicate domestic abuse. This will highlight all domestic incidents, be they criminal or non-criminal.

If there are children listed on the incident log as living at the home and aged between 4 and 18 years old then the details are taken. Each school has one or more Key Adult that will be contacted by the VPU officer if there is an incident highlighted on the system for any of their pupils. The incident log is then updated to reflect the communication made.

The staff in contact with those pupils will then be in an informed position to support them in a way that is right for that particular child or young person.