



**DONCASTER  
SAFEGUARDING  
CHILDREN  
PARTNERSHIP**

# Good Practice Briefing

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Primary school child aged 7 with some patterns of non-attendance, who presented at school in an upset state after bringing herself to school. Previous history of DV.

On average victims of domestic abuse will experience 35 incidents before reporting to the police for the first time, therefore identification of domestic abuse is a challenge in itself.

Ensuring staff safety when attending the property.

School staff exercised professional curiosity and contacted home to explore the reasons the child provided for non-attendance. Following this phone call school staff made the decision to complete a home visit.

School staff were immediately curious as to the reasons why the child had brought herself to school and was upset and this was explored with the child who stated only that mum was at home sat on the sofa and that she had been sent alone, which was unusual.

- On-going pastoral support for child.
- Appropriate referrals to the police and safeguarding teams made.
- Domestic abuse support offered.

Same day home visit with two staff was completed where significant domestic abuse was identified to Mum who presented with physical injuries. Mum was supported to attend school whilst police and partner agencies were contacted and mobilised.

Dad was arrested and mum was supported with counselling and alcohol abuse support.

As a result of this intervention the children have been safeguarded