Briefing

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Domestic Abuse Support Team

What we do

The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Domestic Abuse Support Team provides help at the earliest opportunity to stop domestic abuse from escalating.

A team of 12 professionals review referrals made by Police and intervene to prevent cases from becoming high risk.

Previously, households which weren't deemed to be high risk didn't receive any help.

This approach meant that some families were missing out on meaningful support at the earliest opportunity.

Now, the Domestic Abuse Support Team steps in to give bespoke advice to adults to break unhealthy patterns of behaviour.

The Team is one of the first of its kind in the country and has made a real difference by keeping women and children safer.

Our approach

Every day, the Team reviews new cases of domestic abuse to decide what kind of intervention is needed.

Low to medium risk cases stay with the Commissioner's Domestic Abuse Support Team while high risk cases are handled by Police.

Specialists in the Domestic Abuse Support Team can give advice to families, help children settle better in school, or run parenting workshops.

For more complex situations, the Team can plan for safety, support families through court, or assist those moving into refuge.

Referrals can also be made by midwives, schools and healthcare professionals, too.

This joined-up approach means demand is taken off Police, and families get help earlier, preventing the need for more intensive support later on.

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Domestic Abuse Support Team In Numbers

2024

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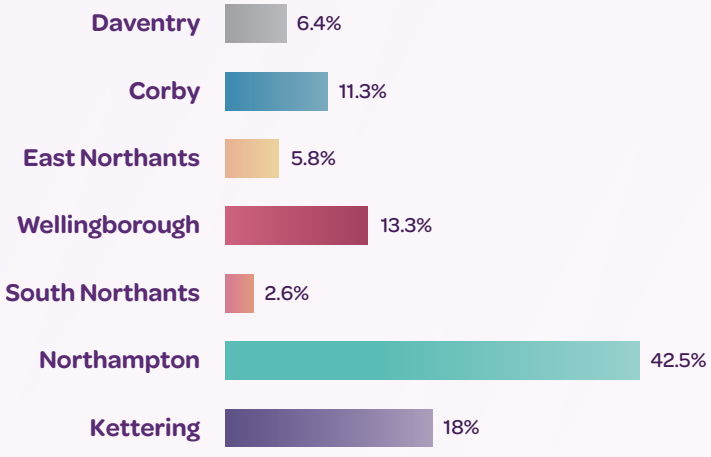
The Domestic Abuse Support Team has been running for **four years.**

In 2024, Practitioners accepted **2651** domestic abuse referrals, contacting each family or individual victim to offer support.

Each week, on average, **60** referrals are referred to the Domestic Abuse Support Team.

Where has the Team been working?