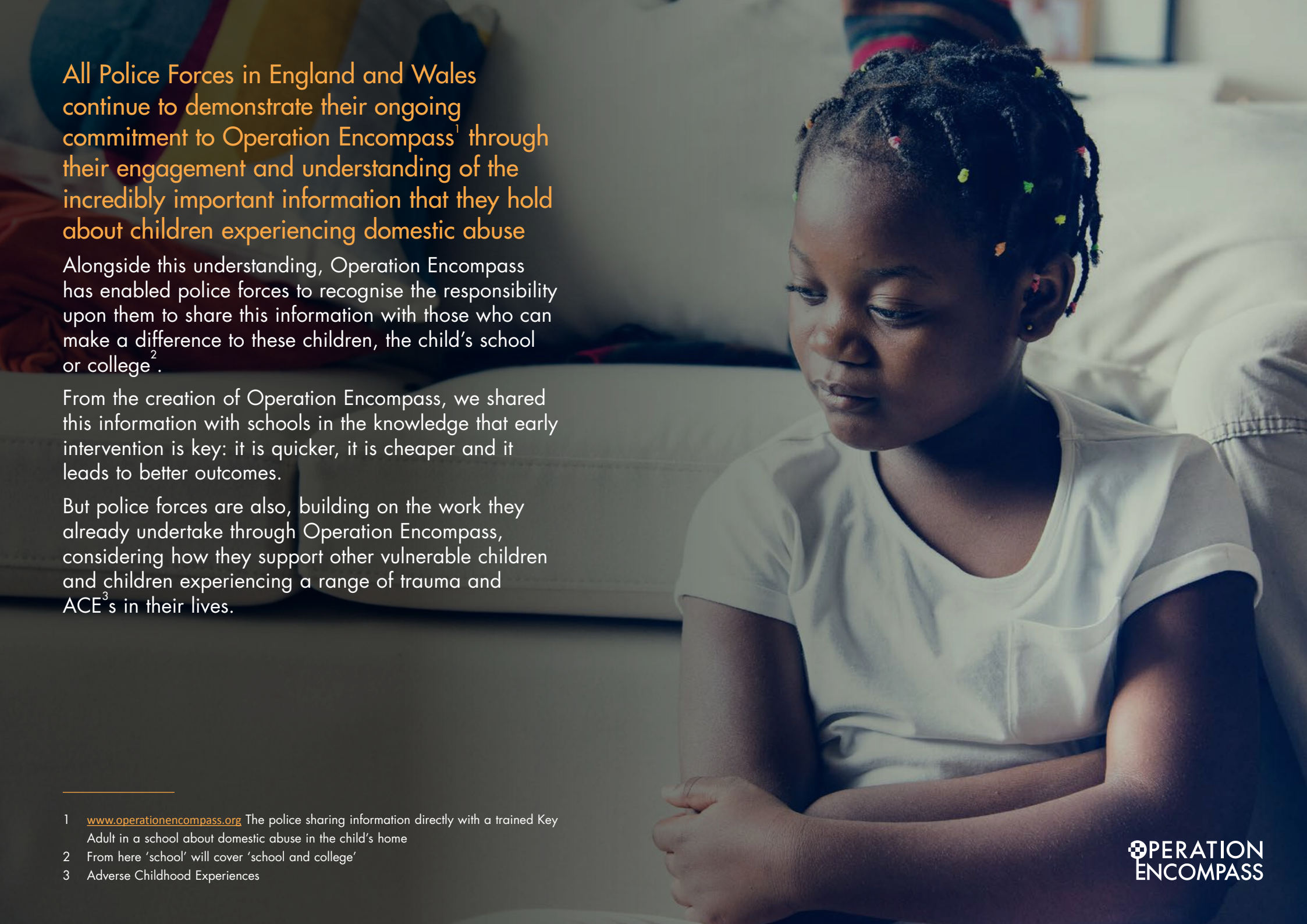




Operation Encompass: a Safeguarding Information Sharing Platform enabling trauma informed support for vulnerable children

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All Police Forces in England and Wales continue to demonstrate their ongoing commitment to Operation Encompass¹ through their engagement and understanding of the incredibly important information that they hold about children experiencing domestic abuse

Alongside this understanding, Operation Encompass has enabled police forces to recognise the responsibility upon them to share this information with those who can make a difference to these children, the child's school or college².

From the creation of Operation Encompass, we shared this information with schools in the knowledge that early intervention is key: it is quicker, it is cheaper and it leads to better outcomes.

But police forces are also, building on the work they already undertake through Operation Encompass, considering how they support other vulnerable children and children experiencing a range of trauma and ACE³s in their lives.

1 www.operationencompass.org The police sharing information directly with a trained Key Adult in a school about domestic abuse in the child's home

2 From here 'school' will cover 'school and college'

3 Adverse Childhood Experiences

Operation Encompass is already:

Supporting all police forces in England and Wales and further afield to share information about ALL domestic abuse incidents where there are children related to either adult involved in the incident and where there is domestic abuse in their own relationships.

Supporting various forces to share information about Domestic Abuse from 28 weeks of pregnancy through to 5 years of age⁴

Supporting various forces to share information about children missing from Home⁵.

And this work cements our commitment to share information about children where the information sharing is

- proportionate,
- safeguarding is key,
- timing is crucial



[View these booklets on our website](#)

⁴ Operation Encompass Early Years Police Guidance

⁵ Operation Encompass Missing Notifications Guidance for schools and Video for police and schools

Through Operation Encompass Police forces have already fulfilled the requirement to identify the most

- effective,
- secure,
- sustainable,
- simple yet
- safe way

...to share information with trained Key Adults in school about domestic abuse, and additional types of information sharing should follow the same well defined route; what is now referred to as the Operation Encompass Information Sharing Safeguarding Platform.

Sharing information in this way supports the work of both police forces and schools as they evolve into trauma informed organisations.

As with Operation Encompass, the sharing of information about Domestic Abuse, we encourage police to ensure that they have robust data around:

- Numbers and type of notifications sent
- Numbers of children within these notifications

And that they seek from schools:

- The times that they access the notifications
- The actions that they take to support the child/ren
- The impact of those supportive actions

The information shared with schools enable school staff to offer additional support and nurture, it enables them to have some appreciation of what a child's living experience might be and to react to this knowledge in a non-judgemental, nurturing and understanding manner.

Police forces must also ensure that schools are prepared to receive this information rather than merely communicating this through notifications; specific guidance is already available for Domestic Abuse, Early Years and Missing from Home notifications but many of the ways to support children explained through our work on domestic abuse available on our website, should also be helpful for schools supporting children experiencing ACEs and other trauma.

[\(Visit website\)](#)



This work is about culture change in our schools and police forces, it is about reflecting upon how we respond to all children who may be experiencing trauma in their lives, whether we are aware of it or not. It is about seeing a child's behaviour as a communication to us, no matter how that behaviour might manifest itself, the reasons may not be obvious.

As one young person said 'The bad things that happen to us don't define us, it's just important that sometimes people understand where we're coming from' .

Children's lives matter.

Operation Encompass will provide support for every police force; when your police force is preparing to share information around trauma and ACE's please contact us: info@operationencompass.org

Handbooks on the Operation Encompass website offer guidance for professionals with how to support children after receiving the notifications.

www.operationencompass.org

The free Operation Encompass Advice and Helpline is available for all professionals. All calls are answered by Clinical or Educational Psychologists who are familiar with Operation Encompass.

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Are you concerned about a child or children in your school who are experiencing domestic abuse?

Would you like FREE advice and a professional dialogue with an Education Psychologist about how to best support them?

Call the Operation Encompass Teachers' Helpline

0204 513 9990

(Charged at local rate)

Monday to Friday 8.00am to **EXTENDED TO 1.00pm**



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