## Domestic Abuse: The impact on children and young people

### For what age?
Primary and Secondary Schools

### At what level?
Universal, targeted and more-targeted (Waves 1 to 3)

### Why do staff need to know about domestic abuse?
The impact of domestic abuse on children can be profound. Feeling fear in what should be a place of safety. Feeling afraid for and of the adults who are supposed to be caring for a child. The effects can be long lasting; something which happened when a student was very young may still have a major impact on their functioning when they are in secondary school.

Domestic abuse is a hidden issue, it happens within families or intimate relationships, and it results in shame and fear. Because it is hidden many of us really aren’t aware of how common it is or of the reasons why it is so difficult for those who experience it to deal with it. Notifications are beginning to build increasing awareness.

### How does this training help children and young people?
This training is designed to give you an opportunity to think about domestic abuse, its impact on parents and on children, what you might see in school and how it may affect a child’s learning and presentation in school.

It aims to help you think about what you can do in school which can make a difference, to give you suggestions of strategies, interventions and services which may be of practical support to you.

The objectives are as follows:
- Be able to recognise signs of domestic abuse and understand how it affects children and young people
- Be aware how common it is and that it is often a hidden problem
- Be aware of how you can support children and young people who are affected by DA or experiencing it directly and their parent(s)

### Where can I get training from?
To access centralised training for this course, including at the TaMHS Conference if appropriate, please visit:
[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/tamhs](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/tamhs)

Training at your school, or within clusters, for your staff can also be commissioned from the Educational Psychology Service by contacting the TaMHS Administrator: tamhs@northamptonshire.gov.uk or by speaking to your Link Educational Psychologist.

### What do delegates say?
- After attending this course, I feel able to help children to manage emotions and cope with home life
- Following attendance at this course, I feel more able to identify the signs of domestic abuse and offer support