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Safeguarding Newsletter - December 2022 Issue 2 - Domestic Abuse

Safeguarding in Woodlands School is considered everyone's responsibility and as such our school aims to create the safest environment within which every pupil has the opportunity to achieve.

KCSIE 2022 update.

The acknowledgement that witnessing domestic abuse can cause long term emotional harm reflected in terminology of victims rather than witnesses.

Highlights the emotional and psychological impact of a child being present during domestic abuse.

Kate Brown, CPS Domestic Abuse lead, said:
"Growing up in a violent and toxic home has a hugely damaging and long-lasting impact on children."

Today's guidance, which recognises them as victims, not only offers them automatic support but means the effect on them is considered as part of the justice process

Information:

- Each year, nearly 2 million people in the UK suffer some form of domestic abuse.
- 1.3 million victims are female and 600,000 victims are male.
- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will suffer domestic abuse at some time in their lives.
- Although men and women both suffer domestic abuse, the abuse suffered by women is more physically severe and is more likely to result in injuries and hospitalisation. It is likely to go on for longer.
- The age group most likely to experience domestic abuse is those aged under 25.

In this half term's safeguarding assemblies, the students learnt what constitutes a healthy relationship in opposition to an unhealthy relationship,

More information and sources

- [Safe lives](#)
- [Office of National Statistics](#)
- [National Crime Survey](#)
- [Women's Aid](#)
- [Mankind](#)
- [NSPCC](#)
- [The Guardian](#)
- [Information about government consultation on new domestic abuse laws](#)