



24th August 2017

Dear Governor,

Re: Op Encompass

Hampshire Constabulary have been working with partners across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to establish a new information sharing process between the police and schools, called Operation Encompass. The aim is to go live in September 2017 and within your role as a safeguarding Governor we felt it important to advise you of this development.

The aim is for the police to inform the school, prior to the school day starting, when a child or young person has been exposed to or involved in any domestic incident. This disclosure will include risk information affecting the child or young person and what has been requested of professionals to resolve the issue. This new process improves current information sharing with the school's designated safeguarding lead (DSL) as it will supply 'live' information. The police will share with the DSL at the same time as we shared with Child Services. Given the role of a DSL they are already an appropriately trained member of school staff who is able to assess the information provided and disclose only what is necessary to ensure the safety and ongoing wellbeing of that child or young person. The timely disclosure of risk information will allow the DSL to make more informed decisions which ultimately will support the long term wellbeing and development of children affected.

Operation Encompass has been implemented in other areas of the country with excellent results and we believe it will make a real difference to children affected by domestic abuse in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. If I could encourage you to speak with your Head teacher about Operation Encompass and how it is supporting children in your school I'm sure this will strengthen the implementation process. If you would like to know more about Operation Encompass please visit www.operationencompass.org

Yours sincerely

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Director of Children's Services

