

## Domestic Abuse update

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<b>Report title: Domestic Abuse update</b>	
<b>Report to:</b> People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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<b>County Divisions affected:</b> Not applicable	

### 1. Introduction

This item has been requested by the Chairman as an initial introduction to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and update on the issue and challenges of Domestic Abuse in Essex with a focus on children.

### 2. Action required

**The Committee is asked to consider:**

- (i) **The attached update; and**
- (ii) **Identify any follow-up scrutiny actions**

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee last discussed Domestic Abuse within a broader discussion about Children and Families Services and its response to the pandemic on 18 March 2021. A link to the relevant agenda paper (with information on domestic abuse on pages 9-12 of that report), and the minutes are below.

[PAF 18 March 2021 - Children and Families Services update](#) (see pages 9-12)

[PAF 18 March 2021 minutes](#)

### 4. Update and Next Steps

The update is attached in the Appendix. Next steps are as proposed under Action Required.

Expected attendees to support the discussion:

County Councillor Beverley Egan, Cabinet Member – Children’s Services and

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Early Years.

Clare Burrell - Head of Strategic Commissioning and Policy

### **5 List of Appendices**

Power Point briefing titled - Domestic Abuse Act 2021