



Ending
domestic
abuse

Connect

...at 2 years of service delivery



Children & young people (CYP)

The Connect CYP programme includes a range of interventions to fill the gaps and support children and young people who have witnessed, or been exposed, to domestic abuse within their families. The focus of the pilot is for CYP who are:

- Pre-school (0-5)
- In families who are staying together
- Affected by the impact of domestic abuse on parenting

How many children and young people have been supported?

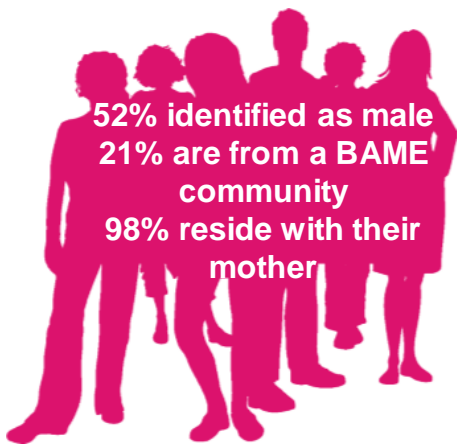
From 1st November 2018 to 31st October 2020



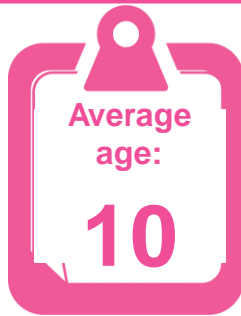
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Children and young people have been supported across all Connect programmes. The following **SafeLives Insights data** is based on those 261 individuals.

Who are the Connect children and young people?



52% identified as male
21% are from a BAME¹ community
98% reside with their mother



Average age:
10



39% referred by Children's social services

95% are new to the services
62% are receiving support with their parent

9% are between 3- 5 years
31% are between 6-8 years
30% are between 9-11 years
29% are between 12-17 years



11% have a disability
Of these, 37% have a learning difficulty

Who else is involved?

77% are being supported for historic abuse
For 76% who have witnessed abuse the perpetrator is their father
For 15% who have witnessed abuse there are multiple perpetrators



52% are known to Children's social care. Of these:
28% are a Child in need (S17)
26% are involved with Early Help
21% are under Child Protection (S47)



26% had education welfare involved at intake

What have they experienced?



93% have experienced* domestic abuse in the home

78% physical abuse
5% sexual abuse
42% H&S*
86% J&C*

6 years
Avg. length experiencing abuse



43% have been a direct victim** of abuse

95% emotional abuse
35% physical abuse
31% neglect
2% sexual abuse



5 years
Avg. length direct abuse



18% are harming others

89% using physical abuse
45% using J&C*
9% using persistent or unwanted contact
6% using sexual abuse



2 years
Avg. length harming behaviour

* In Children's Insights, experienced abuse is recorded as seeing abuse, but also hearing it or being in the home when it takes place or during the aftermath. **Direct abuse is recorded as being a direct victim of physical, sexual or emotional abuse, maltreatment or neglect.
*H&S – Harassment and stalking; J&C – Jealous, controlling & coercive

What concerns were identified?



48% Child's safety



36% Child's coping strategies



42% Child's relationships with family members



28% Child's living or learning environment



41% Child's mental health



25% Child's relationships with others

What support did they receive?

% are of those identified with needs



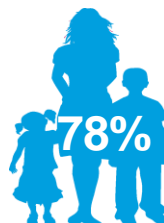
Were supported with safety/understanding of safety



Were supported with their mental health



Were supported in their relationships with others



Were supported in their relationships with family

What was their experience on leaving the service?

150 Exit forms have been submitted



80% reduction in CYP witnessing abuse
42% reduction in CYP experiencing direct abuse
43% reduction in CYP demonstrating harmful behaviour

47% reduction in CYP known to social services



95% improved safety following safety support
93% improved safety following mental health support
89% improved safety following support with family members
96% improved safety following support with other relationships



92% improved wellbeing following safety support
93% improved wellbeing following mental health support
83% improved wellbeing following support with family members
96% improved wellbeing following support with other relationships