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Lancashire County Council's approach to supporting children as victims of Domestic Abuse



Lancashire



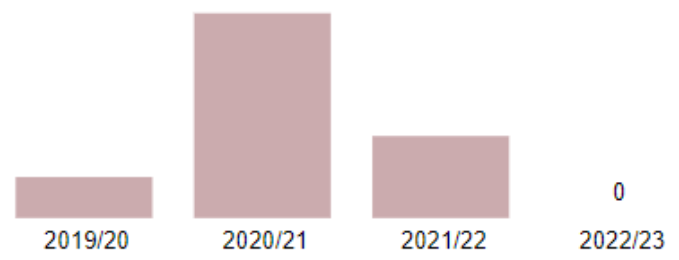
- 1 Tier One local authority
- 12 Tier 2 local authorities
- 2 Unitary local authorities
- 5 acute trust hospitals
- Population: 1,253,154
- 10 domestic abuse services



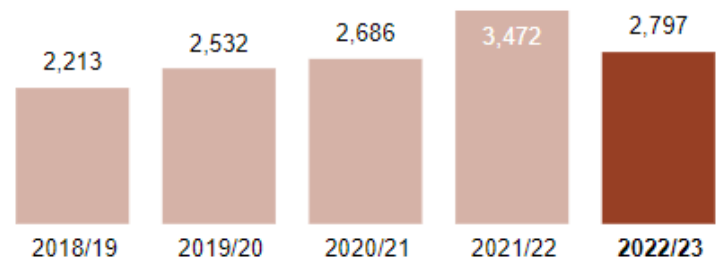
Prevalence of Domestic Abuse in Lancashire - Children

Financial Year
 2022/23
 Lancashire Area
 Lancashire 12

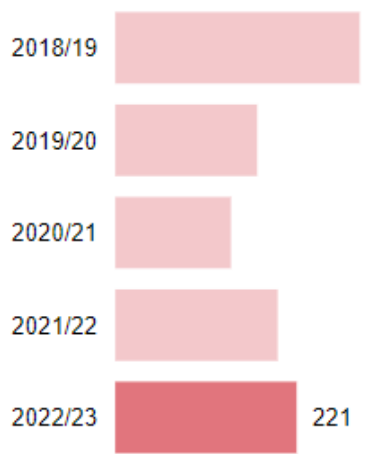
Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews by Financial Year



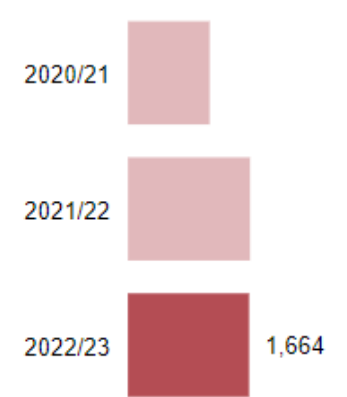
Children in families referred to MARAC (2022/23 Apr-Dec 22 only)



DA Crimes by Financial Year



Child victim or witness of DA by Financial Year



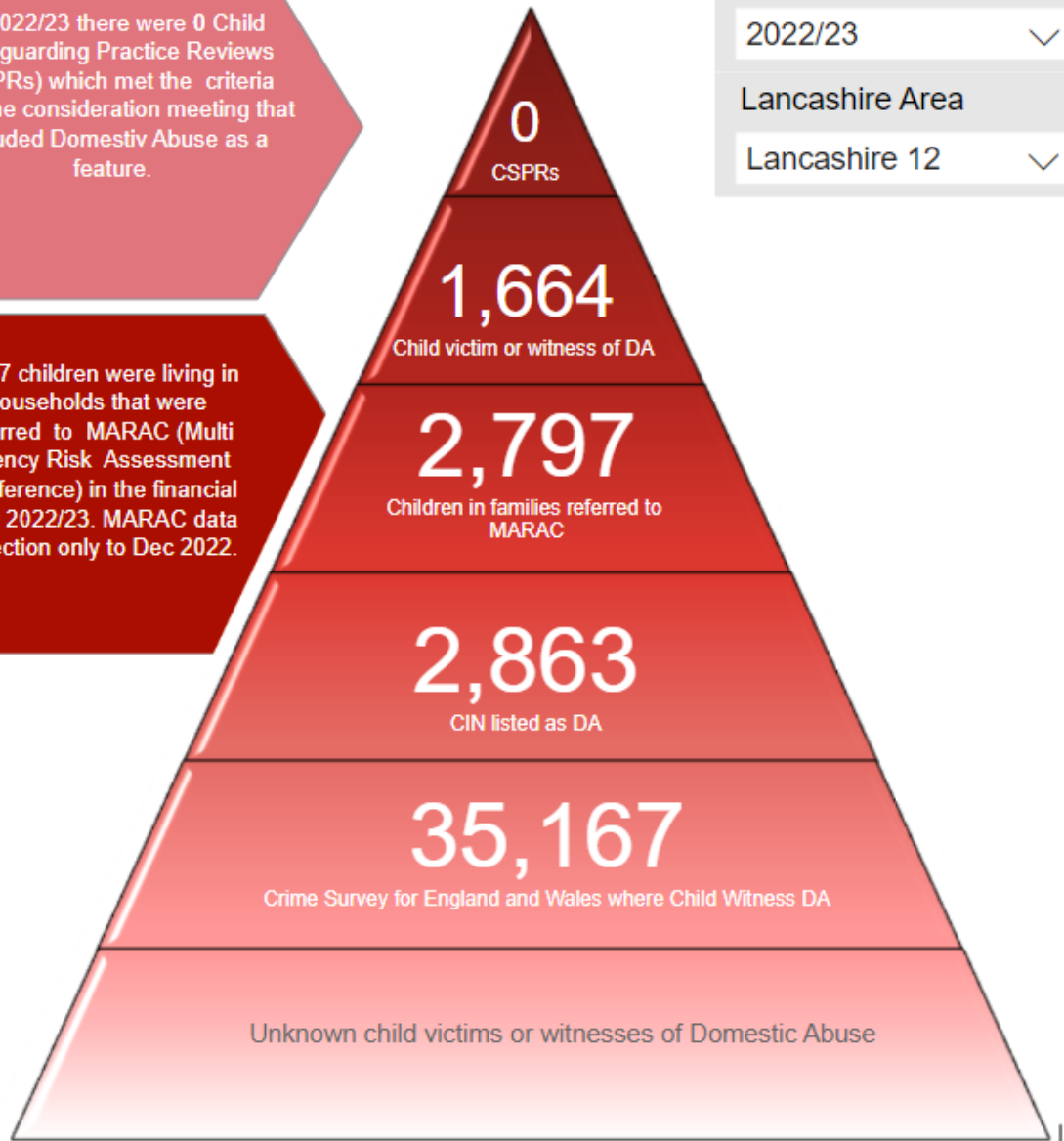
In the financial Year 2022/23 there were 1,664 Domestic Abuse incidents or crimes recorded by Lancashire Constabulary which had a child victim or witness (age 0-17 years) in the Lancashire 12 area.

In 2022/23 there were 0 Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPRs) which met the criteria after the consideration meeting that included Domestic Abuse as a feature.

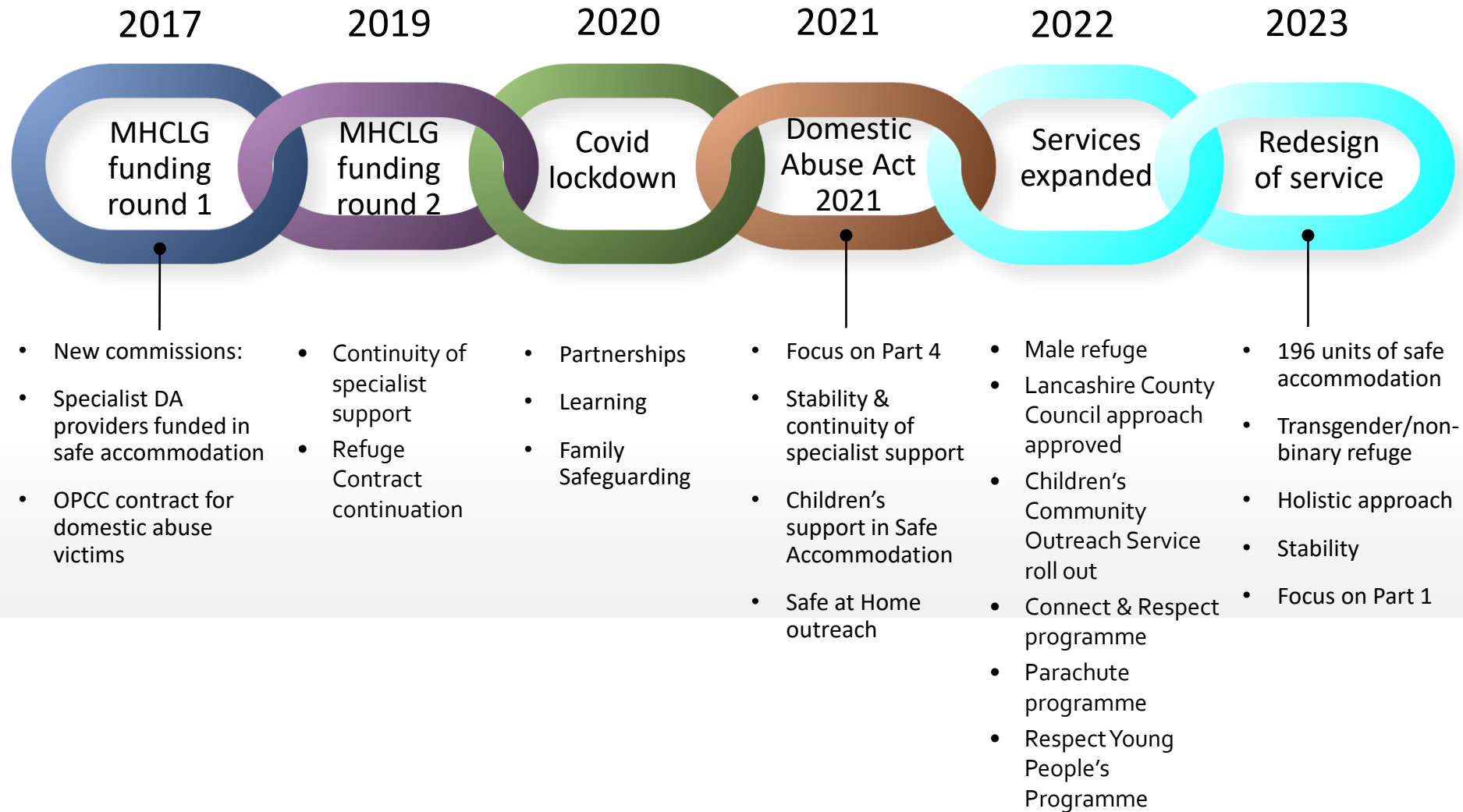
2,797 children were living in households that were referred to MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) in the financial year 2022/23. MARAC data collection only to Dec 2022.

In the Lancashire 12 area, 2,863 out of 15,145 (33%), episodes of children in need (CIN) during 2022/23 listed Domestic Violence (parent) as a factor in their assessment. 1,664 (13%) listed domestic violence (child) as a factor and 889 (6%) Domestic Violence (person). An episode of need may have more than one factor identified at the end of assessment recorded.

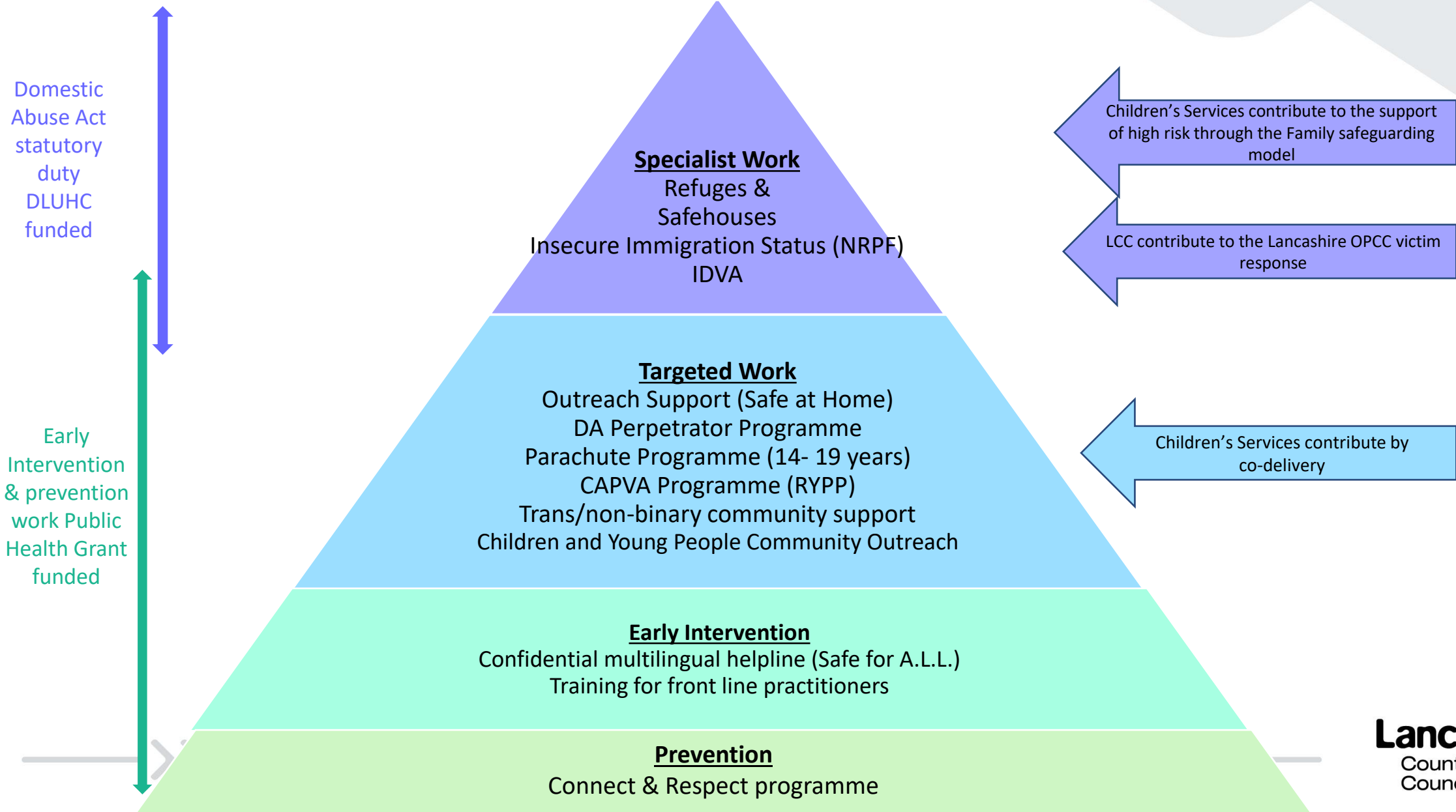
The Crime Survey for England and Wales 2019 found 11.92% of women and 7.6% of men witnessed domestic abuse before the age of 16 years. (This figure wasn't updated in 2020 or 2021) If we look at the 0-15 year old's in the 2021 census, this would equate to 35,167 children in the Lancashire 12 area.



Development of Domestic Abuse Support in Lancashire



Lancashire County Council Domestic Abuse Public Health Commissions

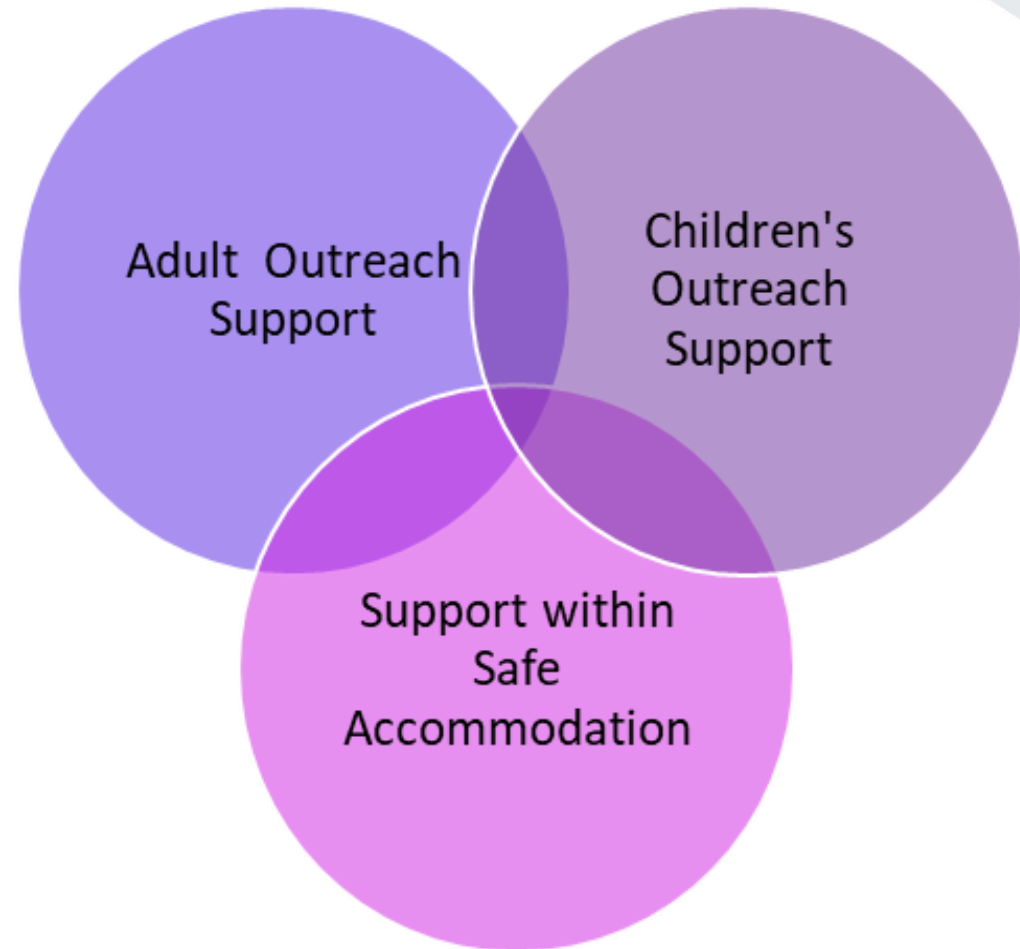




Specialist domestic abuse providers in Lancashire



New holistic
domestic
abuse
commission



Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Part 1 – Children being recognised as Victims in their own right

- Engagement with Councillors
- The Lancashire Domestic Abuse Partnership board widened remit
- Consistent offer across all areas
- Training
- Children's Services
 - Domestic Abuse Practitioners
 - Reducing Parental Conflict
- CSAP independent scrutiny report
 - Focused sub-group



Going forward

- Understanding the communities we work in to identify gaps and needs
- More investment in specialist services for children
- Constant awareness raising
- Training for all
 - Improved recognition of various presentations
 - Learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews

