

Next steps

The Commissioner's **vision** is that:

All babies, children and young people who are subject to domestic abuse should receive an integrated and comprehensive response, rooted in understanding, prevention, effective intervention and long-term support.

Next steps

- **To understanding what children need**, the DAC will: Identify and promote best practice models for incorporating children and young people's voices into activities across the children's sector, DA sector, national and local Government.
- **To identify and bridge gaps in the postcode lottery**, the DAC will: conduct a mapping exercise to ascertain the provision and availability of high-quality domestic abuse support services specifically designed for children and write a policy report, making key recommendations to Government
- **To improve, professional understanding and prevent local variation in approach**, the DAC will: Improve support for statutory agencies through pressing for clearer Government guidance on roles and responsibilities in light of the legislative change recognising children as victims in their own right.
- **To improve capacity and multi-agency working**, the DAC will: ensure that multi-agencies, at a national and local level, work together effectively to support children and adult victims of domestic abuse effectively and efficiently

Next steps for the Children's Commissioner

- **To understand what children need from services after harm**, the Children's Commissioner will soon be publishing research based on interviews with child victims of sexual harm and abuse, findings from a data request to all police forces, and analysis of *Achieving Best Evidence* interviews with child victims.
- **To improve children's access to safety and justice**, the Children's Commissioner will continue working with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner and Victims Commissioner to ensure the needs and experiences of child victims are reflected in the Victims and Prisoners Bill (soon to become legislation) and refreshed Victims Code.
- **To further understand the drivers of violence in children's lives and relationships**, the Children's Commissioner will build on her work on the impact of pornography on children, and consider the impact of other online harmful content on children's lives and relationships.