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Dear Colleague

I'm writing to you to update you on the changes to Operation Encompass, which follow on from my letter of December 2025.

Firstly can I thank you for all providing dedicated DSL mailboxes with generic email addresses, we have now built them into the IT system that allows West Yorkshire Police to send the Encompass referral direct to your school.

The benefit of this is that there will no longer be a delay in the system whilst we await the Local Authority support in identifying correct schools. It will therefore allow you and your colleagues to provide support to the child following a domestic abuse incident that they are linked much sooner.

On the 30th April educational facilities will receive an email notification directly from police into the email provided for DSLs. You will also receive more information about the incident to allow you to better support the child affected. This includes

- The name and date of birth of the child
- The relationship of the child to the victim and suspect
- The police reference number
- The reported time and date
- The location, time and date of the incident
- Whether the child was present or not present at the time
- The voice of the child as recorded by the officer attending
- The context and the circumstances of the event

Your Encompass Leads in the Local Authorities across West Yorkshire will continue to receive the information under the existing process. They will also receive information directly if the parents or carers refuse to disclose the child's education setting, the child is missing from education or they are home educated so that appropriate action can be taken.

West Yorkshire Police have completed its internal training to all frontline officers which includes the importance of capturing the child's school or if they are home educated or missing from education. The training also highlights the impact of domestic abuse on children and how officers must capture the voice of the child.

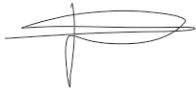
The good news for schools is that there is no expectation on you to do anything differently once you have received a notification. The core principles of Operation Encompass delivery remain the same.

If not already done so, Designated Safeguarding Leads must complete the key training package on the Operation Encompass website. This will support the embedding of Encompass in your school and ensure children receive the most appropriate response the next day.

[Online National Key Adult Training : Operation Encompass](#)

Of course, as with any new system teething issues may arise and your feedback is important to ensure we get this right. As different Local Authority areas administer Encompass slightly differently, your local area lead will advise on how they expect you to respond should the information from parents or West Yorkshire Police be inaccurate or incorrect.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for all your support on helping us to deliver the best and most effective Operation Encompass.



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