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## Legal and Democratic Services

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Dear Ms Thompson

### Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request for information

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

#### Response

1. *Has Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council Children's Services department arranged for its social care staff to attend domestic abuse training on The Safe & Together Model? (As set out in the BASW England: Domestic Abuse Guidance for social workers April 2021).*

**No**

2. *If the answer to question 1 is yes, please tell us the number of staff in this department, and by their job title, that have attended this training as of 8th August 2022.*

**N/a**

3. *If the answer to question 1 is no, please tell us if your children's services department has arranged for its social care staff to attend domestic abuse training on Women's Aid Change That Lasts Programme? (As set out in the BASW England: Domestic Abuse Guidance for social workers April 2021).*

**No**

4. *If the answer to questions 1 and 3 is no, please tell us if your children's services department has provided any other specific training to staff to deal with domestic abuse cases?*

**There is some training on offer via the Calderdale Safeguarding Partnership – see below for more information**

5. *If the answer to question 4 is yes, please tell me the name of this training, how it was delivered, it's duration and whether it was mandatory or optional?*



***The Partnership offers an e-learning course, Awareness of Domestic Abuse and Violence, which is a requirement for anyone attending its face-to-face courses.***

***It also offers 3 face to face courses currently:***

- 1. Domestic Abuse: what's risk got to do with it? - this is a 3-hour course.***
- 2. Domestic abuse: the impact on children and young people – staff have to have completed the e-learning before attending this course.***
- 3. Domestic Abuse: recognising coercive control – staff have to have attended “What’s Risk got to do with it?” before attending this course.***

***These are all optional training courses for social workers and other staff in the department (and partner agencies). They need to be proactive and register for the courses. Training needs would be identified through staff supervision and CPD planning.***

***6. If the answer to question 4 is yes, please also tell us the number of staff in this department, and by their job title, that have attended this training as of 8th August 2022?***

***2019 (in person)***

***17 CSC staff undertook What’s Risk Got to do with it  
Coercive Control  
DA and the impact on children/young people***

***2019 (in person)***

***13 CSC people undertook What’s Risk Got to do with it  
DA and impact on children and young people***

***Feb-April 2020 – 20 CSC staff undertook the e-learning course  
Since July 2020, 16 CSC staff members have undertaken the e-learning.***

***During lockdown, the courses that are now in person were online***

***Training from 2021 - to date:***

***What’s risk got to do with it?***

***social workers 2***

***Housing working 1***

***Family Intervention team workers 2***

***Business support staff 3***

***Youth worker 1***

***Outreach worker 1***

***Recognising Coercive Control***

***Family Intervention worker 1***

***Impact on children and young people***

***social worker 1***

***student social worker 3***



7. If the answer to questions 1 and 3 is no, please tell us if your children's services department has provided any other specific training to staff on Controlling and Coercive Behaviours (Coercive Control) to deal with domestic abuse cases?

**Please see above q5**

8. If the answer to question 7 is yes, please tell me the name of this training, how it was delivered, its duration and whether it was mandatory or optional?

**Please see above q5**

9. Has Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council Children's Services department arranged for its social care staff to attend training on the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (and the Statutory Guidance July 2022)?

**No**

10. If the answer to question 9 is yes, please tell us the number of staff in this department, and by their job title, that have attended this training as of 8th August 2022.

**N/a**

I hope this is helpful to you and any feedback from you would be welcomed.

If for any reason you are unhappy with our response, you are entitled to approach Tracie Robinson, Corporate Information Manager, Calderdale MBC, Town Hall, Crossley Street, Halifax HX1 1UJ to request an internal review. Please note your request must be made in writing and submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you remain dissatisfied with our decision, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act you are entitled to contact the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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