

**Domestic Abuse Practitioner Standard (DAPS)  
Training  
Multi-Agency Programme  
2019–2020**

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## Introduction

Sunderland has a domestic abuse multi-agency training programme for 2019 – 2020.

This is called the 'Domestic Abuse Practitioner Standard' (DAPS) training. In 2019-20 there are 2 levels of training on offer. Please note that level 1 is a pre-requisite for level 2. The courses are a full day and will help you understand coercive and controlling behaviour, recognise the signs, symptoms and indicators of domestic abuse, understand the issues affecting victims and their families and respond safely and effectively when someone needs protection, help and support.

### Who are the courses for?

The training programme is primarily aimed at managers, frontline workers and volunteers who may come into contact with victims of domestic abuse, perpetrators of abuse and /or children living in families where domestic abuse is occurring.

The training courses are suitable for staff from many different sectors and organisations, including, but not limited to:

- Specialist domestic and sexual violence service providers
- Health professionals, for example, midwives, health visitors, GPs, nurses, mental health services
- Adult social care practitioners and managers
- Children's social care practitioners and managers
- Early help staff
- Children's Centres and voluntary sector children's organisations
- Education sector
- Housing, homeless and hostel services
- Alcohol and drug services
- Criminal justice agency staff including police, probation, courts etc.

Please read the outline for each course you are interested in attending to ensure the course aim and learning objectives are relevant to your role.

### **About the multi-agency training**

The courses listed in this programme are delivered in a multi-agency setting. Please note that due to the multi-agency nature of these courses, we can only accept a maximum of four people from the same organisation on each session. This training provides participants with the opportunity to share their experience, skills and knowledge and learn about other agencies' roles, responsibilities and limitations in relation to the topics covered.

All of the courses are delivered using various training methods including small group work, DVDs, PowerPoint presentation, trainer led inputs, skills practice and case studies. The training is highly interactive and based upon current best practice and evidence of what works well in response to domestic abuse.

The multi-agency training is delivered using a 'train the trainer' model using a small pool of staff. Trainers will come from one or two of the following agencies: Wearside Women in Need; Health (CCG and STSFT); the Council; Together for Children; and Gentoo.

### **Content warning**

Please be aware that this training programme deals with potentially emotive subjects. The content and materials used may be upsetting to anyone who has been personally affected by domestic abuse. Information is provided about helplines and local and national support agencies that can be contacted should you feel the need to talk to someone other than your colleagues or manager following attendance on a course.

### **Single agency training**

In addition to these multi-agency training events – which are delivered using a 'train the trainer' model – Sunderland's specialist domestic abuse service provider (Wearside Women in Need - WWiN) has staff who can also deliver the DAPS training on a single agency basis. Depending upon their capacity, they may be able to offer tailored training to meet your organisation's specific requirements. There would however be a charge for this. For further details of single agency 'in house' training opportunities or to discuss your organisation's requirements and to receive a quote you can contact WWiN via:

[jackie.siggens@wwin.org.uk](mailto:jackie.siggens@wwin.org.uk)

### **Equal Opportunities**

We are committed to a policy of Equal Opportunities and of valuing and respecting difference and diversity. We aim to provide access to training regardless of a person's ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or religion.

We aim to ensure that all our courses are inclusive and avoid discrimination in all respects. This is an integral objective in our planning and preparation of the training and at all times we undertake to:

- ~ Ensure that all participants are treated as individuals
- ~ Respect the opinion and experience of others
- ~ Appropriately challenge discriminating language or any oppressive behaviour

If you would like to discuss any specific access requirements prior to booking on a course, or provide feedback relating to this following attendance on a course, please contact the Learning and Skills Service on 0191 561 2620 or [info.twca@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:info.twca@sunderland.gov.uk)

## Training terms and conditions

### Charges for attendance

Training is free to most organisations operating within Sunderland. Profit-making organisations and organisations operating outside of Sunderland are welcome to attend but there will be a charge for the training and it will be dependent upon availability of places. To discuss this, you can contact [julie.smith@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:julie.smith@sunderland.gov.uk)

### Refreshments

Tea and coffee is provided on the courses but we are unable to provide lunch.

## Pre-requisite e-learning

As a pre-requisite to Level 1, you should complete a short E-Learning course titled 'Awareness of Domestic Abuse & Violence' which is available from the following link:

<https://www.safeguardingchildrensunderland.com/p/training-1/e-learning-virtual-college-icon>

## Booking Process and Nomination Form

Anyone wanting to register for a place on the DAPS Level 1 or Level 2 course needs to complete the nomination form (see overleaf) and return it to:

Learning and Skills Service, Room 1.42, Civic Centre, Sunderland, SR2 7DN

Telephone: 0191 561 2620

Email: [info.twca@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:info.twca@sunderland.gov.uk)

Submission of a nomination form does not guarantee a place as some courses may be fully booked. Your training place will be confirmed via the Learning and Skills Services. If the course is full, they will place you on a waiting list and you will be notified as and when new dates are arranged.

It is IMPORTANT that if you are unable to attend your course, please contact the Learning and Skills Service on 561 2620 at your earliest convenience so that your place can be allocated to someone on the waiting list.

## Domestic Abuse Practitioner Standard Training Nomination Form

To request a place please complete the nomination form and return to:  
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**Telephone: 0191 561 2620**  
**Email: [info.twca@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:info.twca@sunderland.gov.uk)**

Course Title (state if level 1 or level 2)	
Date and Time of Course	
Your Name	
Your Job Title	
Your Organisation	
Your Department Service Area	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	
Ethnicity	
Special Requirements	
Line Manager	
Line Manager Telephone	
Where you nominated to attend by your line manager	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you completed the e-learning module	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you previously undertaken any Domestic Abuse Training	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, what?	
If yes, when?	

*Information in relation to course attendance is recorded on a computerised database. This is for the purpose of monitoring attendance and for statistical analysis.*

## Domestic Abuse 'Awareness Raising' (DAPS Level 1)

The CPD Standards Office

CPD PROVIDER: 21778

2018 - 2020

[www.cpdstandards.com](http://www.cpdstandards.com)



### What is the aim of this course?

To raise participants' knowledge and understanding of the nature and impact of domestic abuse.

### What will the course cover?

By the end of the course, the learner will:

1. Know the Government definition of domestic abuse
2. Explore the different types of abusive behaviours used by perpetrators of domestic abuse
3. Comprehend the impact of domestic abuse on victims and survivors
4. Know the prevalence of domestic abuse
5. Recognise the myths relating to the causes of domestic abuse
6. Explore how discrimination in society contributes to the experience and impact of domestic abuse
7. Know the specialist support services and interventions available for victims, children and perpetrators

### Who should attend?

This is a basic level awareness raising course. The course is suitable for anyone who may come into contact with victims of abuse, perpetrators and / or children living in families where abuse is occurring.

**Time:** 9.30 am to 4.30 pm

All courses will take place in Sunderland

## Dates

Level 1	How to register
3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019	Complete and submit the nomination form that comes with this flyer
2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2019	Complete and submit the nomination form that comes with this flyer
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Complete and submit the nomination form that comes with this flyer
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020	Complete and submit the nomination form that comes with this flyer

## Additional information:

This is a Domestic Abuse Practitioner Standards (DAPS) course which has been developed and accredited by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria and equates to 6 CPD hours / points.

## Domestic Abuse 'Ask and Act' Training (DAPS Level 2)

The CPD Standards Office

CPD PROVIDER: 21778  
2018 - 2020

[www.cpdstandards.com](http://www.cpdstandards.com)



### What is the aim of this course?

To enable participants to 'Ask' clients if they are experiencing domestic abuse and to 'Act and Respond' safely so the harms caused by domestic abuse are reduced.

### What will the course cover?

By the end of the course, the learner will:

1. Further build on their understanding of what domestic abuse is
2. Recognise the indicators of domestic abuse
3. Understand the purpose of targeted enquiry and employ good practice when undertaking targeted enquiry
4. Respond to disclosures safely and effectively
5. Understand the purpose of risk identification, employ good practice when undertaking risk identification / checklists and follow referral pathways
6. Understand responsibilities around confidentiality and information sharing

### Who should attend?

The course is suitable for anyone who may come into contact with victims of domestic abuse and perform roles that enable them to facilitate and respond appropriately to disclosures.

To attend this course, applicants must have previously attended DAPS Level 1 domestic abuse awareness raising training course. This could be the course provided in this programme or training received elsewhere. You will be required to give details when registering for the training.

**Time:** 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

All courses will take place in Sunderland



**Dates:**

<b>Level 2</b>	<b>How to register</b>
14th Nov 2019	Complete and submit the nomination form that comes with this flyer
3rd Dec 2019	Complete and submit the nomination form that comes with this flyer
21st Feb 2020	Complete and submit the nomination form that comes with this flyer
3rd Mar 2020	Complete and submit the nomination form that comes with this flyer

**Additional information:**

This is a Domestic Abuse Practitioner Standards (DAPS) course which has been developed and accredited by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria and equates to 6 CPD hours / points.

## Domestic Abuse 'Trusted Professional' Training (DAPS Level 3)

### UNDER DEVELOPMENT

#### What is the aim of this course?

To be confirmed – the level 3 course is currently in development; it will be finalised and ready for delivery in early 2020.

#### What will the course cover?

To be confirmed, but is likely to include learning outcomes relating to:

- Power dynamics in the practitioner-victim working relationship and 'system-induced risk'
- Working with victims and survivors of domestic abuse:
  - Developing a survivor centred, needs-led approach
  - Developing a strengths-based approach and identifying / utilising protective factors
  - Trauma informed practice
  - Intersectionality
  - Expanding a survivor's space for action
  - Stages of Change model and motivational interviewing
  - Challenging practitioner assumptions / biases relating to myths about domestic abuse
  - Providing basic information on options for information and support
- Working with the perpetrator in mind
- Impact on children and strengthening the mother-child relationship

#### Who should attend?

The course will be suitable for anyone who comes into contact with victims of domestic abuse, perpetrators and / or children living in families where domestic abuse is occurring and who have **significant, regular contact with victims and / or perpetrators and who might be expected, with training, to identify and respond to their initial support needs rather than immediately signposting or referring them to a specialist domestic abuse service.**

To attend this course, applicants must have previously attended both DAPS Level 1 and 2 courses in this programme. You will be required to give details when registering. Alternatively, you may have attended one of the previous Level 1 and Level 2 domestic abuse courses that ran between 2015-2018.

### **Times, dates and venues:**

To be confirmed – this will be an advanced level, modular course, and will be around 3 days in duration.

**If you would like to receive further information about this course when it is available, please email [julie.smith@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:julie.smith@sunderland.gov.uk) You are not registering to attend the course at this stage – you are only registering your interest. The course organiser will contact you with further information and joining instructions when the course becomes available.**

### **Additional information:**

This course will be developed and accredited by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria and CPD hours / points will be confirmed at a later date.