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Domestic Abuse Support Team (also known as DAST)

What is the Domestic Abuse Support Team (DAST)

DAST are an internal team within Children and Families providing direct work with families experiencing domestic abuse.

The team consists of an operations manager, team leaders, social workers and family support workers.

What are the main types of support available from DAST

The service provides:

- Consultation
- Domestic abuse risk assessments (DARA)
- Relationship work with partners wishing to remain together
- Individual work with members of the whole family regarding domestic abuse
- Work with children who have been the victim of domestic abuse. This includes a Feeling Safe Group for victims and their children
- Co-working complex cases where domestic abuse is the primary issue.
- The new Caring Dads programme

How to make a referral to the Domestic Abuse Support Team

The worker for the child should complete an Edge of Care Referral on MOSAIC. This will be picked up by the DAST team leader for review and allocation. (see [MOSAIC guidance on completing the Edge of Care Referral](#))

Once the referral has been accepted by DAST, the worker will be assigned on MOSAIC. It is possible that a referral can be given priority over other families waiting for assessment, depending on the urgency of concerns to be addressed.

Case notes of sessions and a final summary will be recorded within MOSAIC. In some instances, a report will be provided when specifically requested by the allocated worker.

How to consult with the service

Any Children and Families worker can seek consultation with DAST in respect of any family that are currently open to Warwickshire Children & Families Service. Details of the consultation will be recorded on the child(ren)'s MOSAIC record.

To seek consultation, the worker should email dast@warwickshire.gov.uk requesting the service and providing details of the children (including MOSAIC id's), a brief summary and a contact number for the worker. The duty worker will respond within a maximum of 3 working days.

If it is deemed appropriate for a referral in to DAST, then the allocated social worker will be responsible for completing the Edge of Care referral form on Mosaic.

Key contacts and more information

The DAST can be emailed at DAST@warwickshire.gov.uk. We aim to respond to emails in 3 working days.

Sarah Gallagher is the team leader for DAST and contactable via SarahGallagher@warwickshire.gov.uk

Julie Low is the team leader for Caring Dads and contactable via JulieLow@warwickshire.gov.uk

Rachel Watt is the operations manager for DAST and Caring Dads and contactable via RachelWatt@warwickshire.gov.uk

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