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And What Next?

Developing an evidence-based multi-agency service response to APVA is *work in progress*

Sharing learning locally, regionally and nationally to ensure best practice

A staged-approach will allow us to identify and respond to common themes and issues as they emerge.

Specialist support must be part of a wider plan to support children and parents involved with APVA across Northumberland

Steering group will report to the NSCC

What Happens Now?

The multi-agency APVA steering group is establishing:

- criteria for cases to be worked with in the initial phase of the programme
- the referral process for these families (12 cases over 6 months)
- an evidence base for measuring the scale of need beyond these 12 cases
- training needs for wider workforce working with APVA

1 What is APVA?

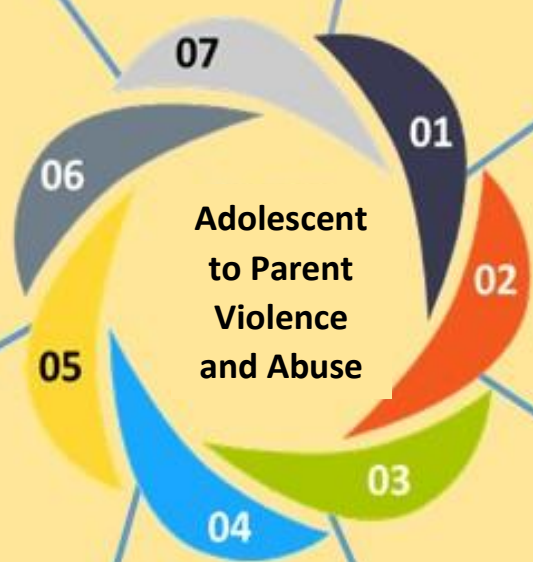
There is currently no legal definition, but APVA is a form of domestic abuse in which a parent is experiencing physical violence or controlling and coercive behaviour from their child. (Although the main focus is on teenagers, it is recognised that parents may be fearful of younger children.) APVA may present as a single violent incident, but is more likely to be a pattern of behaviour including damage to person or property, threats, stealing from the parent, humiliation or verbal abuse

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And here in Northumberland

APVA is particularly relevant in Northumberland because of our recent Domestic Homicide Review, 'Sarah'. This focused on the death of a mother who was stabbed by her 16 year old son who had significant learning and mental health difficulties. APVA is an NSCC priority and guidance is available at:

www.proceduresonline.com/nesubregion/



Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse

'Respect' Approach

6 staff from relevant social care teams have completed 'Respect' training which equips them to provide a structured intervention with 'victims and perpetrators' of APVA. This will include cases across both early help and social work levels. The trained workers will each work with 2 cases in addition to their general caseload during the initial reporting period June 2018-March 2019.

The APVA workers do not become the lead professionals for the child

Identifying the Problem

Northumbria Police will be labelling APVA via Child Concern Notifications when they are called to domestic abuse incidents (using 13-19 age criteria) Children's Social Care is also recording APVA on relevant referrals. This will start to identify the scale of need and identify priorities for the APVA action plan

Regional Situation

There is a regional response to APVA and Northumbria Police are working closely with safeguarding partners to achieve this. The Previous PCC has funded specialist training for a group of staff in each local authority area to support development of a responsive service to work with young people and parents.

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