



CHILD TO PARENT VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

Findings from a UK survey and the
Merseyside CAPVA Project

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What is CAPVA?

- CAPVA has no single definition, laws or policies relating to it.
- It can involve any act of violence, abuse, coercion, financial abuse or criminal damage in the home (or other environment) by a child/adolescent towards a parent, often following a continued pattern of multiple behaviours.
- Due to its hidden nature, it is very difficult to determine prevalence or measure its impacts.

Methodology



Prolific

Online survey platform to recruit eligible participants



Include criteria

Adults aged 18+ who are parents or caregivers of at least one child in the United Kingdom

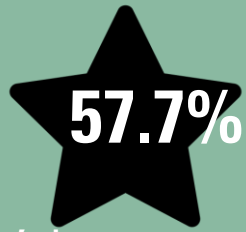


Sample size

Overall, **2200** parents and caregivers participated in the survey

KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES

How would you rate your current knowledge of CAPVA?



I don't know anything
about it



I know all about it

Three most common forms of CAPVA



Physical



Verbal



Property
damage

Support awareness

No



65%

Don't know



31%

Yes



4%

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF CAPVA

This section presents findings on the prevalence and nature of CAPVA experiences reported by survey respondents.

44%

Knew someone else who
has experienced CAPVA

16%

(15% across Northwest)
Had personally experienced CAPVA

Number of children
experienced abuse
from



79%

Time
experienced
CAPVA for



67%

Gender of child
committing
CAPVA



59%

Age when
behaviour begun



33%

Currently
experiencing
CAPVA



25%

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF CAPVA

This slide looks at comparisons between groups and their experiences of CAPVA

There were significant differences across groups:



Females $p<0.01$



Lowest income $p<0.001$



Age those 60+ $p<0.001$



Not in a relationship $p<0.001$



White ethnicity $p<0.05$

CONSEQUENCES OF CAPVA AND ACCESSING SUPPORT

SUPPORT SEEKING

Victim consequence



Psychological/emotional wellbeing **88%**



Relationship break down **38%**



Physical Health **32%**



Wider family relationships **27%**



Friendships/ social connections **21%**

Child consequence



Psychological/emotional wellbeing **76%**



Friendships/ social connections **33%**



Wider family relationships **26%**



Employment/ education **22%**



Physical Health **21%**

41%

Had spoken to someone in relation to their experiences of CAPVA

- Family member
- Friend
- Dr / healthcare worker
- Social worker
- Childs school (e.g. teacher)

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Recognise and Respond (Ask and Act)

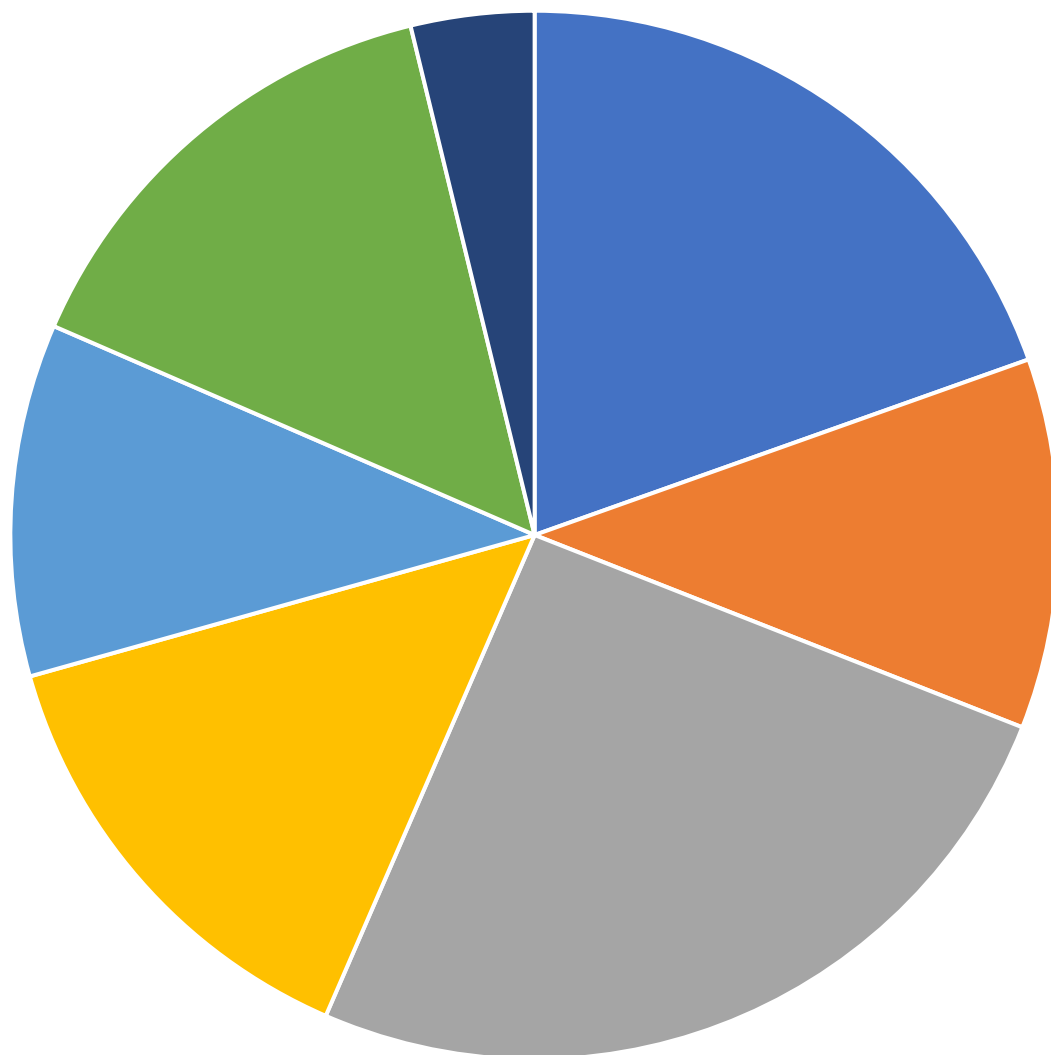
8 online sessions delivered

279 places booked-**143** attended

137 booked on up to December

64 teachers for twilight session (one school)

1 in person (Workforce Champions) **21** attended



■ Early Help & Family Support

■ Education

■ Health

■ Management / Coordination / Other

Respect Young People's Programme

Delivery sites

- Swindon
- Derbyshire
- Leicestershire
- Cambridgeshire
- Wiltshire
- Calderdale
- South Wales
- Camden
- Cornwall
- Blackburn and Lancashire
- York and North Yorks
- Across Northumbria (police district)
- Manchester
- Bedfordshire
- Norfolk
- Stafford
- Hampshire
- South Yorks
- Merseyside-Liv/Sef
- East Riding of Yorks
- Scotland (Renfrewshire)
- Gibraltar
- Taiwan

[CAPVA services directory | Respect](#)

Merseyside RYPP Places

- **SWACA x 5**
- **MDVS x 1**
- **DMAT x 2**
- **SLDAS x 2**
- **Early Help Central Link (St Helens) x1**
- **Holy Cross School St Helens x1**
- **Sefton C x 3**

Our Ambition

If I was a parent
experiencing CAPVA...



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