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DOMESTIC ABUSE AND THE WORLD CUP

The FIFA World Cup started earlier this month and people around the world are excited to watch their nation play. It is useful to bear in mind that such sporting events often lead to an **increase in incidents of domestic violence**.

A 2013 Lancaster University study found a **38% increase** in domestic abuse reports when England loses, and **26%** when they win or draw.

During Euro 2024, police forces recorded 351 football-related domestic abuse incidents across England and Wales, up from 193 in 2021.

Whilst domestic abuse organisations agree: football does not cause domestic abuse, Jo, CEO of RISE UK, goes further, arguing that foregrounding the tournament risks obscuring the real issue. Abuse is a perpetrator's choice, not a consequence of circumstance.

For schools/colleges, tournament periods are a prompt to stay alert:

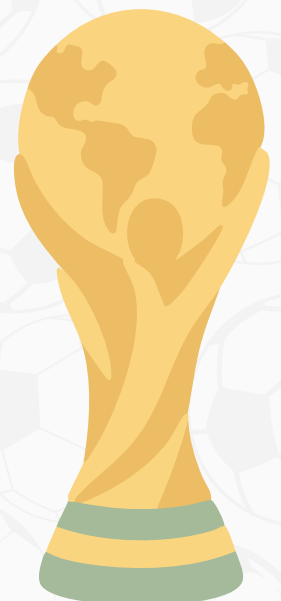
- Unexplained absences
- Changes in mood or behaviour
- Disclosures referencing tension at home

Useful contacts

- National Domestic Abuse Helpline (Refuge): **0808 2000 247**
- Men's Advice Line (Respect): **0808 8010 327**

Further reading

- RISE UK: riseuk.org.uk
- Women's Aid Football United: womensaid.org.uk/what-we-do/football-united
- NPCC Euro 2024 statement: npcc.police.uk



CHILD-TO-PARENT AGGRESSION

Child-to-Parent Aggression and Violence (CAPA, sometimes referred to as CAPVA) describes a pattern in which a child or young person uses physically or emotionally harmful behaviour towards a parent or caregiver in the home. It is more common than most people realise, and significantly under-reported.

Research commissioned by the Mayor of London's Violence Reduction Unit found that at least 40% of parents or carers who experienced violence from their children chose not to report it, with shame and fear of criminalisation among the most common reasons.

Separate research from [Respect](#) found that CAPVA featured in between 21 and 27% of youth offending caseloads, and accounted for between 64 and 67% of police domestic abuse incidents where the suspect was under 18.



Families experiencing CAPA often present to school/college staff before they reach any other service. The impact shows up in children's behaviour, attendance, and emotional wellbeing: presentations that schools are already managing, often without the fuller picture of what is happening at home.

CAPA First Response

CAPA First Response CIC is a specialist organisation working with families affected by child-to-parent aggression. Their approach is non-blaming and relational: they work to understand the reasons beneath the behaviour rather than managing its surface presentation. They support children and young people up to 18, and up to 25 where there are additional needs or neurodivergence, diagnosed or not.

They operate as an online platform, which means their support is accessible to families across the UK, not limited by geography. Their own data shows a 100% increase in referrals in the past year, with over 400 families referred and 98% reporting improvement in parent-child relationships following support.



**SCAN HERE TO FIND OUT MORE OR VISIT
[HTTPS://CAPAFIRSTRESPONSE.ORG/](https://capafirstresponse.org/)**

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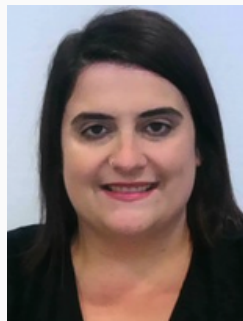
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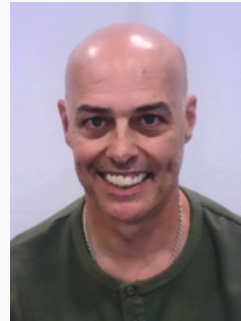
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WATER SAFETY - COLD WATER SHOCK RISK

With further heatwaves expected, more young people are heading to the water to cool off. Tragically, this brings a sharp rise in drownings.

During May half term alone, 19 people lost their lives, including 14 teenagers.

Anyone can drown. No one should.

Temperatures of 25 degrees or above can lead to 3x more accidental drownings.*

Water Safety Code:



- Stop and think.
- Stay together with a friend or family member.
- If you are in trouble in the water, **Float to Live**.
- Call 999 or 112 if you see someone else in trouble in the water - do not jump in.

Float to Live



- Tilt your head back, submerging your ears.
- Relax and control your breathing.
- Move your hands and legs to help you stay afloat.
- Your legs may sink - that's ok. Everyone floats differently.
- Find your float by practising at a supervised location.



VISIT [HTTPS://RNLI.ORG/SAFETY/FLOAT](https://RNLI.org/safety/float) FOR MORE INFORMATION OR SCAN HERE



*Analysis from Bournemouth University

LOOK OUT FOR NEW 'KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION' (KCSIE) UPDATES IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

