

Children Affected by Domestic Abuse (CADA) Response Fund 2020-21

Northumbria PCC successfully bid for and received £120,000 from the Home Office Children Affected by Domestic Abuse (CADA) Fund to help organisations that provide vital support for children and young people who have been impacted by domestic abuse to continue to do so during the Covid-19 pandemic. This fund aims to ensure services are readily available and accessible for children and young people who are direct victims of domestic abuse, and also for those children and young people who have experienced it indirectly, for example, they may live in a household where domestic abuse is prevalent. As the pandemic has required organisations to adapt the way they work and has led to an increase in domestic abuse, this fund has the purpose of providing organisations with the resources they need to carry out their services in a socially distant way and to ensure they have enough staffing capacity to meet demand.

Following a competitive bid assessment process, the organisations listed in the table below were successful in receiving CADA funding.

Organisation	Grant Awarded	Service/Grant Summary	Geographical Coverage
West End Women and Girls Centre	£19,146	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through the DV Peer Educator programme, girls and young women who have experienced domestic abuse can access specialist practical and emotional support. Part of the programme involves the delivery of sessions on domestic abuse in schools and other settings, where girls and young women can come forward to be trained to become a Domestic Abuse Champion. These champions are trained to recognise domestic abuse, how to report and how to raise awareness around it. CADA funding will support staff retention to enable the project to continue. 	Northumberland North Tyneside Newcastle Gateshead Sunderland
Acorns Project	£28,506	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for children who have experienced or are experiencing DA, in their own relationships or at home, through a 3 tier service – prevent, cope and recover. Support on offer includes counselling, play therapy, group support, drop-ins and crisis support. CADA funding will be used to increase capacity across the service in response to increased demand and also to deliver a high level of intervention to more clients. 	Northumberland North Tyneside

Gateshead Council Domestic Abuse Service	£8,750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialist support, advice and guidance to high and medium risk victims and children affected by domestic abuse. This includes creating and establishing detailed safety plans and co-ordinating multi-agency responses to protect victims as well as providing tailored support. • CADA funding will allow for more promoting of the service and signposting victims, more staff to be trained to work with children/young people who have been victims of DA and also allow for the purchase of the essentials to support young victims during this time. 	Gateshead
Cygnus Support	£8,300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling and psychotherapy for young victims and witnesses of domestic abuse – CADA funding will allow for the improvement and the expansion of remote/online support. • Education and awareness-raising around domestic abuse and the support available to children and young people. 	Northumberland
Children North East	£35,939	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialist support, including counselling, to children, young people and their families who have experienced domestic abuse. • Children NE's new domestic abuse helpline will soon run from 8am to 10pm seven days a week with CADA funding. • Online Safeguarding Families programme for children/young people and their parents to learn about coping mechanisms for the effects of the trauma they have experienced through domestic abuse. 	Whole force area
Streetwise Young People's Project	£23,019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling and group work for young victims of crime, including children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse. CADA funds will allow there to be additional capacity for online counselling to meet demand, and also for the purchase of PPE equipment so face to face counselling can resume when it is safe to do so. • The launch of a force wide campaign aimed at children and young people who they can't access at the moment, educating them on domestic abuse and informing of pathways to support. 	Whole force area