



# West Berkshire's Children Affected by Domestic Abuse Group

Purpose:

- To provide children with the opportunity to process & understand the violence and abuse they have witnessed.
- To enable mothers to better understand the child's behaviour.



# Eligibility

5- 7 year olds

8-11 year olds

The perpetrator of the abuse needs to have lived away from the family homes for at least 6 months prior to the child commencing the group.

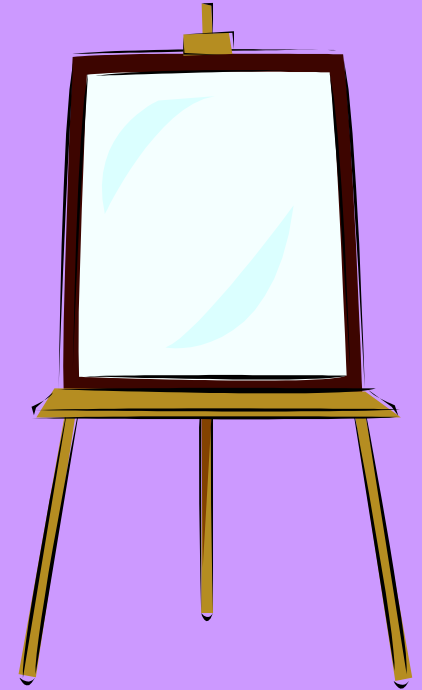


# Referrals

- Via the Common Assessment Framework
- No waiting list
- Advertising flier distributed 3 months prior to group commencing.

# Training

- 2005/6 - 30 multi agency professionals trained to deliver the programme.
- 2008 - only 6 of the 30 now able to facilitate.
- July 2008 - Group ceased.



# The Current Plan

- Seeking funding to provide 2 days training for 20 multi agency staff.
- Additional one days training
  - basic domestic abuse awareness.
- Steering group have re-written Procedures, and terms of reference.

# The Future

Steering group will:

- Decide on an evaluation process
- Discuss how to sustain the training pool
- Consult children on a programme name.
- Re-issue marketing materials.

# Estimated start date:

## April 2009

