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The Impact of Domestic Violence on Young Victims and Witnesses: Resilience and Recovery

Message from the Guest Editor

Domestic violence and abuse (DVA) has been recognised as a global issue affecting a substantial number of adults and their children, whether as direct victims or indirectly. Children and young people might also experience direct abuse, however even indirectly they are aware of DVA in their homes either by hearing or seeing it while being in the same room, hearing from another room, or observing the aftermath of broken items in the home, injuries on their parent(s) or the emotional impacts on, for example, their non-abusive parent (Jaffe et al., 1990; Mullender, 2006). The NSPCC estimates that around one in five children are exposed to DVA (Radford et al., 2011). Accordingly, research has turned its attention towards the impact that experiencing domestic violence may have on young people residing in abusive households (McGee, 2000; Mullender et al., 2002; Buckley et al., 2007).

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