

Barnardo's NI are delighted to have developed the DVRAC - *Domestic Violence Risk Assessment for Children* in partnership with Dr. Helga Sneddon from Outcomes Imps.

The DVRAC has been developed to help practitioners where there is male-perpetrated abuse:

- Identify risks to children from domestic violence and begin the risk assessment process
- Decide whether a case needs a safeguarding response or family support
- Identify appropriate interventions for the children, the non-abusing parents and the abusive father/father figure.

DVRAC supports professional judgement in 2 key areas:

- What is the level of risk to the child?
- Is there a risk that violence will escalate, or that the level of risk will increase?



Domestic Violence Risk Assessment for Children (DVRAC)

(developed from the Domestic Violence Risk Index Matrix (DVRIM))

Guidance manual

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Guidance for practitioners has been developed and the approach piloted. A training programme has been developed for practitioners, and also a Train-the-trainer programme. For more information please contact michele.janes@barnardos.org.uk.