

Caring dads: safer children



Information for partners and ex-partners

Your partner/ex-partner has agreed to attend Caring dads: safer children, which is run by the NSPCC. The programme helps men who are experiencing difficulty in their families due to abusive or violent behaviour and who want to improve relationships with their children/stepchildren, partners or ex-partners.

The programme aims to help your partner/ex-partner in five ways:

1. To develop his trust and engage him in examining fathering.
2. To look at fathering without abusive behaviour, and recognising children's needs and development.
3. To make him aware of the impact on women and children of abusive behaviour within the family.
4. To begin to apply parenting skills that benefit children, and develop the positive example of equality in an adult relationship.
5. To consider what he needs to do to rebuild trusting family relationships and plan for the future.

The entire programme runs for 17 weeks and is held on a weekly basis. The groups are run by two or three staff (male and female) that are experienced in working with fathers who have been abusive to their current or past partners and/or their children or stepchildren.

Support available to you

Your partner/ex-partner's suitability for the programme will be assessed and, if he has been accepted for the programme, you will be contacted by an NSPCC children's services practitioner.

The purpose of this contact will be:

- to ensure that you and your children are safe while your partner/ex-partner is attending the programme
- to give you and your children information on the Caring dads: safer children programme and answer any questions you may have
- to invite you and your children to participate in the evaluation of the programme and to gather your views on any progress that your partner/ex partner has made
- to provide you and your children with advice and support in relation to your partner/ex-partner's attendance on the programme.

If you would like to talk to someone about Caring Dads: Safer Children please contact:

