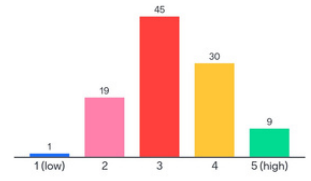


At the start of the conference, Independent Chair, Penny Thompson CBE, focused on Domestic Abuse and Violence including the impact on children, highlighting the strategic vision and key priorities for Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership.

**“This is my 7th annual conference since I’ve been chair, those of you who have been to previous conferences know how passionate I am about us supporting practitioners, I hope you’ll find today a valuable contribution to your practice”**

Attendees actively engaged in the Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2024-2029, through the 'Be Heard' online survey. A BSCP survey to check practitioners' confidence on spotting signs of Domestic Abuse, and supporting child victims was conducted, with live results on the day.

On a scale of 1-5, how confident are you in supporting child victims of domestic abuse? (1 = low, 5 = high)



**Over 220 delegates attended the conference and were able to choose two of out of six workshops which all focused on different aspects of safeguarding children from domestic abuse:**

- What is Trauma informed practice and how can I be a Trauma informed practitioner?
- Learning about the impact of domestic abuse in pregnant women
- Working in a Culturally Competent way with children and families experiencing harmful practices
- Focusing on risk for children and young people living in homes where there is domestic abuse
- A Tool to empower your practice: Perpetrator Mapping
- The Complexity Surrounding Teenagers Affected by Domestic Abuse

### Children and Young People subject to Domestic Abuse and the National Picture

Domestic Abuse commissioner for England and Wales, Nicole Jacobs, provided updates on the current legislation, and the important roles each front-line professional plays in responding to children and young people as victims of abuse.



### Main Conference Speakers



Clinical Psychologist and CEO of Innovating Minds, Dr Asha Patel led the way with her inspirational Trauma Informed Practice presentation, **'Healing Together'** shared how trauma can impact working as a practitioner.



Director and Founder, H.O.P.E Training and Consultancy Ltd, Meena Kumari spoke about **'Domestic Abuse through an Intersectional Lens'** on the impact of power and privilege on the experiences of victims and their children.



After watching the powerful **Timekeeper video**, Associate Professor, Emma Katz, followed on with the **'Impact of Coercive Control on Children'**.

### Question Panel with Safeguarding Leaders

The open discussion with six key safeguarding experts brought together Police, Education, Children & Families and Health, encouraging many thought-provoking discussions, leaving practitioners with new insights into how we can continue working together to safeguard children and young people.

If you missed the conference, you have the opportunity to view the recordings and materials on the BSCP website:

<https://lscpbirmingham.org.uk/conference-resources>