



# The World Class Policing Awards 2019

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## **Pioneering Domestic Abuse Policing Project Wins First Ever World Class Policing Awards**

Devon and Cornwall Police has been named as the overall winners at the prestigious World Class Policing Awards for its ground-breaking work in supporting child victims of domestic abuse.

The force beat off competition from 54 finalists, drawn from more than 100 outstanding entries from across the globe, to claim the overall prize at the new event recognising outstanding police worldwide.

The force's 'Operation Encompass' allows officers and schools to identify and provide support to children caught up in domestic abuse as soon as possible.

Over 46,500 children have already been helped by the scheme since its launch in 2011.

Thanks to the Operation, the force can now alert the school before the child arrives ensuring they get the care and support they need.

This ensures that the child's welfare needs are met for the day and allows professionals to consider further support services for the welfare of the whole family.

A spokesman for the World Class Policing Awards said judges were "really impressed and moved" by the nomination.

He added: "Operation Encompass deals with a perennial issue that happens behind closed doors, affects generations and has a pernicious effect on society.

"As a charity/police/education collaboration its exceptional and most importantly it has been sustained. It has now had almost complete UK saturation and has spread to other countries. There are rightly many testimonials of its effectiveness."

Knowing the Operation Encompass support is in place has also seen some children self-refer to the school's welfare teams.

The operation has transformed how information and data is shared and means officers now have the tools and resources to offer practical and rapid support for children involved.

In the past, officers said they felt 'ashamed and guilty' because there was no practical support in place help to children going through the trauma of domestic abuse. Now they can reassure families that help is available through the Encompass programme.



Operation Encompass procedures are now being engaged by 37 forces across the UK and the programme has developed as a charity with similar schemes being run in the Netherlands, USA and Australia.

The Awards spokesman concluded: “This is an outstanding example of collaboration with high impact among vulnerable children and a national reach.

“It was also good use of new technology. A relatively simple set of changes around information sharing, but combined with a very impressive focus on good quality training and informed by the latest research in terms of trauma informed practice.”

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The Awards specifically recognise and celebrate the collaborative nature of policing - whether that is a brilliant investigation, a business change project or a multi-agency partnership - in delivering the most effective and efficient way to protect our communities and keep them safe.

Attendees at the Awards – which took place at the Grosvenor Hotel in Park Lane, London - included Chief Police officers from across the Globe as well as winners, their partners and sponsors. They were presented by experienced broadcaster Jeremy Vine.

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- The hashtag for the event was #WorldClassPolicing
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- The inaugural World Class Policing Awards took place 14 November, at the Grosvenor Hotel in Park Lane, London. Six winners were announced at the ceremony, one of which was named the overall winner. There were also six commendations.
- The 54 finalists were selected from over 100 entries received from UK and overseas police forces.
- The World Class Policing Awards are led by a Steering Committee experienced in policing and managing projects in the police sector, as well as expertise in running successful police events: Stephen Kavanagh QPM, former Chief Constable of Essex Police and Chair of the World Class Policing Awards Steering Committee, Paul Leeks, MD of Glasgows - the awards and events specialists who have delivered the Bravery Awards for the Police Federation of England and Wales for the past eight years, Allan Fairley, UK Public Safety MD for Accenture and Chair of techUK's Justice & Emergency Services Committee, Ian Barrett - CoPaCC Director and publishing professional in the police sector with experience developing and delivering the Police Review Gala Awards and Bernard Rix, Publisher of Policing Insight.
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