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Introduction & Background

Domestic violence has never been considered a social issue. Nowadays because of its increasing rate, everyone considers it child abuse (Dodaj, 2020). The domestic violence scene in the UK is worsening. Because of the pandemic, this rate has increased in the country. Because of the stay-home policy during this COVID-19 pandemic, the children who have faced the problem are forcibly isolated from their abusers (Kofman and Garfin, 2020).

The aim of the research is to analyse impact of domestic violence on children mental and physical health for creating awareness in the people about violence in home and household abuse against the children.

Objectives

1. Define and examine domestic violence
2. Analyse the mental and physical impact of domestic violence
3. Evaluate the process of reducing the rate of domestic violence
4. Provide recommendations for improvement of domestic violence situations in the UK.
5. Build consciousness in the society against this offensive act to make positive change.

Methodologies

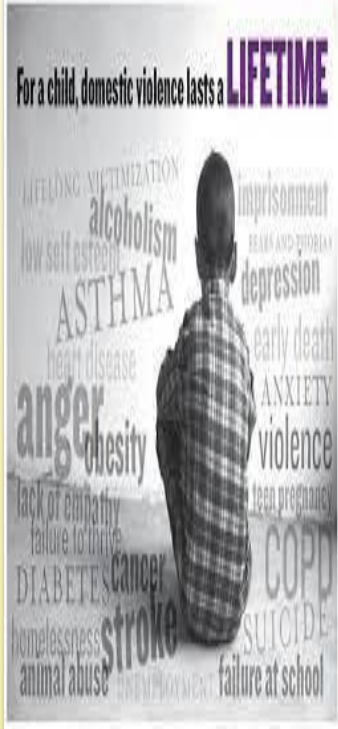
- Research philosophy: The research attitude of positivism will be used in this study since it is consistent with secondary research data. More importantly, this study will be unbiased (Dudovskiy, 2009).

The secondary data will be collected from government websites like ONS, NHS, journals, and books. Primary data will be collected from developing a questionnaire. Mean will be used as the process of data analysis.

Methodologies

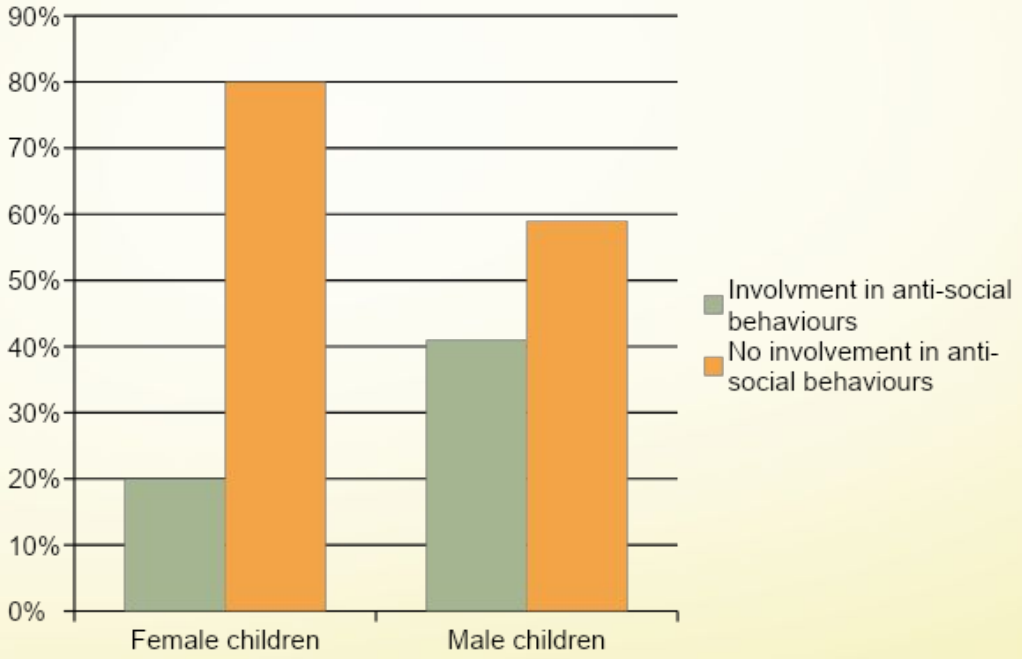
For the readers of the study results, the research's dependability and validity are critical. By maintaining consistency between study objects, literature, and outcomes, the research's trustworthiness is ensured. On the other hand, the research's credibility is established by constantly employing research methods in gathering research data and smearing the data analysis technique.

Data features: Adults with psychological expertise with dealing with children will be used to collect primary research data. The domestic violence and abuse of parents is the independent variable and the impact of that domestic environment on a child's psychology and physical health is measured as the dependent variable for this study.



Findings

- 70% (4,029) of the sample did not report involvement in any of the types of behaviour at either time point; 15% (888) reported never being involved in any of the types of behaviour at age 12, 9% (489) only reported involvement in any of the types of behaviour in the previous six months at age 10.5, and 6% (351) reported involvement in any of the types of behaviour at both ages 12 and 15.



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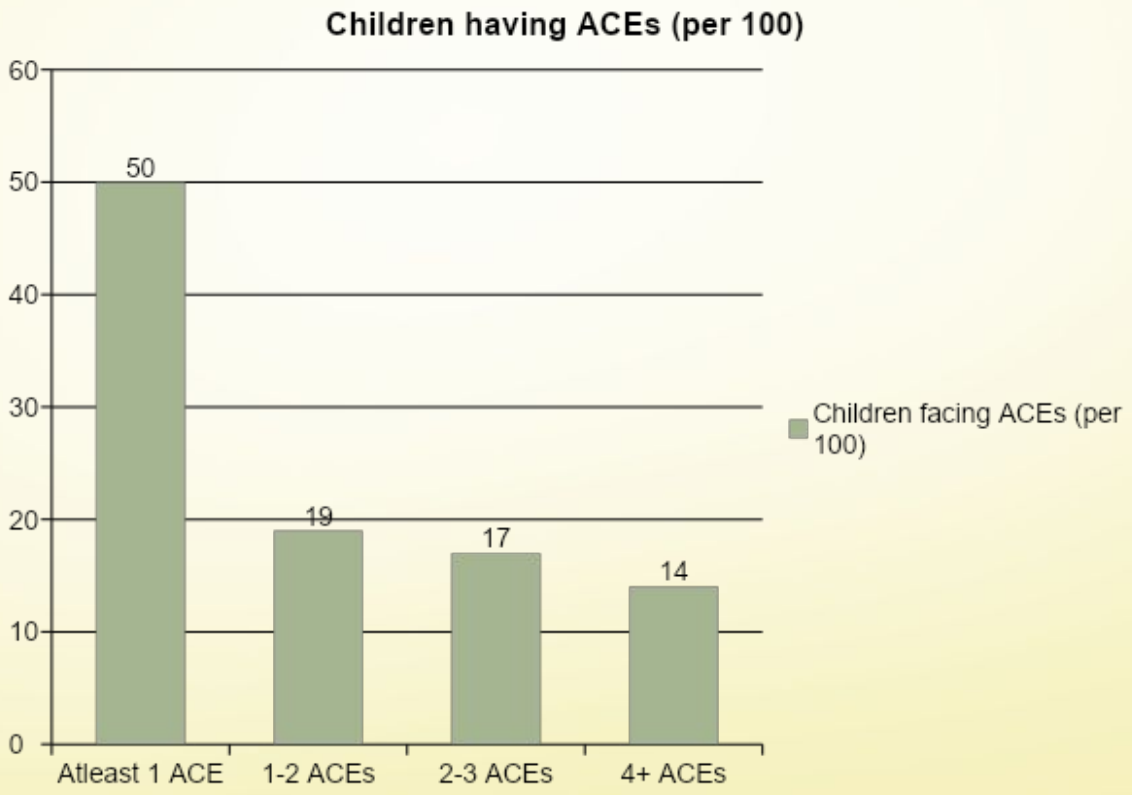
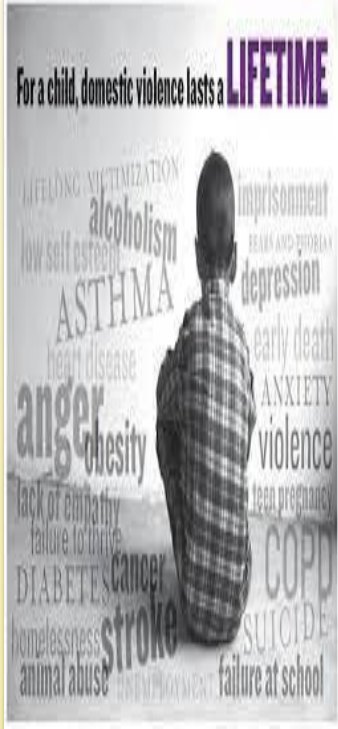
- If we look at the case of Wales, then among every 100 children, 50 children had at least 1 ACE, 19 children had 1-2 ACEs, 17 children had 2-3 ACEs and 14 children had more than 4 ACEs. That is very alarming.





Findings and discussion

SL. NO	Author	Title	Publication	Main findings
1	Michele Lloyd, 2018	Domestic Violence and Education: Examining the Impact of Domestic Violence on Young Children, Children and Young People and the Potential Role of School	Hatfield, UK	Domestic violence negatively impacted on the young children

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2	Cafcass and Women's Aid (2017)	Allegations of domestic abuse in child contact cases.	London, UK	Domestic abuses negatively impacted on the children.
3	Cafcass Cymru (2019)	Impact on Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse	Welsh, UK	Domestic abuse on children negatively impacted on the mental and physical health of the children

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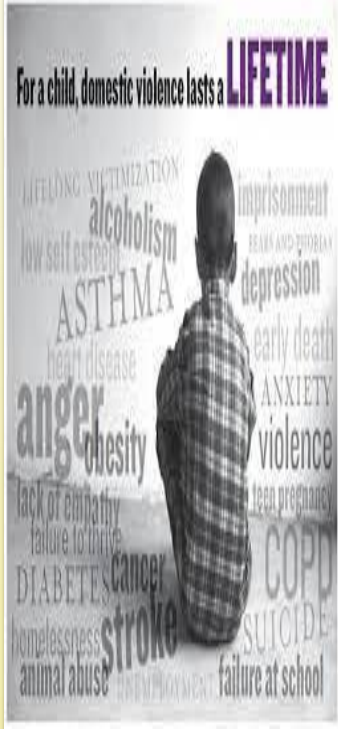
4	Mcleod, D (2018)	Coercive Control: Impacts on Children and Young People in the Family Environment	London, UK	Family environment is expected to impact on the young people.
5	Ivandic, R., Kirchmaier, T., & Linton, B. (2020)	Changing Patterns of Domestic Abuse during COVID-19 Lockdown. SSRN Electronic Journal, 172.	London, UK	During the COVID-19 period the significance of the domestic violence increased



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6	**Tirion Havard, (2021),**	**Domestic abuse and Covid-19: A year into the pandemic, Published in;**	**House of Commons Library**	**The world pandemics situation negatively impacted on the mental and physical health of the children**
7	Madeleine Stevens (2018)	Preventing at-risk children from developing antisocial and criminal behaviour: a longitudinal study examining the role of parenting, community and societal factors in middle childhood	London, UK	Children exposed anti-social behaviour during the pandemic situation.

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8	Khemthong, O. & Chutiphongdech, T. (2021).	Domestic violence and its impacts on children: A concise review of past literature. Walailak Journal of Social Science, 14(6), 1-12	London, UK	The Domestic violence and its impacts on children were significantly high during the covid-19

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9	Devaney, J. (2016)	The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children, Published on: Irish Probation Journal	London, UK	Domestic violence negatively impacted on the mental health.

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10	Adreinne Barnett (2020)	Domestic Abuse and Private Law Children Cases, Published by: Ministry of Justice Analytical Series, UK	London, UK	Domestic violence negatively destroyed the mentality of children in covid-19 period.

Conclusion

Domestic violence affects children regardless of whether they are victims or perpetrators.

Household violence can have a significant impact on children, but it does not have to determine if they are capable of developing and learning resilience and coping skills.
Domestic abuse is one of the most prevalent reasons reported in cases of children in need in the United Kingdom, highlighting the importance of checking this long-standing issue via the prevention, early intervention, and education.

Domestic abuse must be treated as a social problem and public health issue rather than a private, individual one.

Domestic violence or household abuse can leave both direct and indirect victims with long-term consequences. Community-level awareness programs are needed to increase the consciousness among the people against domestic abuse as it is a detrimental social problem.

Children, teenage people, and their families dealing with the effects of domestic violence and household abuse can benefit from multi-agency collaboration as well as in-school teaching and assistance.

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