

Islandsprojektet

The Iceland Project

A development and cooperative project involving police, prosecutor, social emergency service, social service and healthcare when acute acts of violence occur in families with children in Gothenburg.



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What is it?

A development and cooperative project involving police, prosecutor, social emergency service, social service and healthcare. The aim of the project is to develop and test a distinct cooperative model on an operational level for dealing and monitoring acute acts of violence in families with children.

Why?

When children witness or are victims of violence in their family, not only are they at risk of receiving inadequate and insufficient treatment from authorities involved. They are also at risk of not getting the protection, support and interventions that they need and have the right to. To witness violence against a family member/caretaker is to be a victim of psychological violence. It is important that early interventions are offered to everyone in the family – the child, the adult victim of violence and the perpetrator. It is also important that different authorities cooperate as soon as possible.

How does it work?

During 2017-2019 a cooperative model has been tested in a pilot area in Gothenburg, the two districts Askim-Frölunda-Högsbo and Västra Göteborg (from April 2018). After a case has been handled, every function has filled in an evaluation form with information about what has been done, what has worked out well and what has not. Representatives from all the functions involved have had regular cooperative meetings six times a year.

The name?

In Iceland authorities cooperate successfully when it comes to domestic violence in families. They also have effective methods that focus on the children as well as the adult victims of violence and the perpetrators. The Icelandic cooperative take on how to handle this area of work has inspired authorities in Gothenburg to develop their own cooperative methods for handling acute acts of violence in families with children.

Do you want to learn more?

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