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Warning over rise in UK domestic abuse cases linked to coronavirus

Manchester deputy mayor says police beginning to classify incidents connected to virus

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There has been a rise in domestic abuse incidents directly related to the coronavirus outbreak, according to a police leader.

Beverley Hughes, Greater Manchester's deputy mayor for policing and crime, said there had been reports of abuse linked to the lockdown, and said authorities were preparing for serious incidents.

After a meeting of the region's Covid-19 emergency committee, Lady Hughes said: "I think we are beginning to see a rise in domestic abuse incidents. We anticipated this might happen in the very stressful circumstances for many families."