

Northumberland Strategic Safeguarding Partnership with Northumberland Virtual school

Half termly bulletin for Governors, Headteachers/Principals and Designated Safeguarding Leads in Schools, Academies and Alternative Providers

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SharePoint Site - DSLs in Schools and APs site



Thank you to all the DSLs that have been in touch to confirm they are accessing the SharePoint site for **DSLs in schools and APs**. If you have not been able to access the site, please contact Justine Clephane: justine.clephane@northumberland.gov.uk so you can be given access as soon as possible. We would appreciate any feedback you have about the content of the site as well as any feedback regarding access. Access issues will be passed onto the IT department so these can be resolved.

Northumberland Schools' Safeguarding Team Training

If you would like to attend any training with the Northumberland Schools' Safeguarding Team, including training for New DSLs and DSL refresher training, please contact Alyson Webb. Alyson will be the named Admin Assistant for booking all our safeguarding training and will be able to answer any queries you may have regarding current bookings.

If you have previously been sent a Google Meet invitation for any training from the Schools' Safeguarding Team, please delete this booking as colleagues are no longer able to access training through Google, all training provided by the team will be through Microsoft Teams. If you have any questions regarding previous bookings, please contact Alyson Webb via email: Alyson.Webb@northumberland.gov.uk

Dates for upcoming DSL training are as follows:

Refresher Training (required every two years)

Tuesday 13th April 13:30 – 15:30

Thursday 6th May 13:30 – 15:30

Tuesday 8th June 13:30 – 15:30

Thursday 8th July 13:30 – 15:30

New DSL training (two half days required)

Monday 14th June – 13.00 - 15.30 - Part One

Wednesday 16th June – 13.00 - 15.30 - Part Two



Change to Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

From 15th March 2021 the new LADO for Northumberland will be **Carol Glasper** as Adam starts a one-year secondment within residential services. We have updated the child protection policy template (available on the Virtual School webpage) to reflect this change and ask that you ensure any documents you have on display are updated. The telephone number remains the



same 01670 623979 and enquiries can also be sent to LADO@Northumberland.gov.uk or to Carol.Glasper@northumberland.gov.uk

Prevent update

Having recently been updated and ratified by the three key partnerships (Northumberland Strategic Safeguarding Partnership, Safeguarding Adults Board and Safer Northumberland Partnership) we are able to share the referral pathway, referral paperwork and an updated preventing radicalisation policy with you. All three documents are now available on the Virtual School webpage.



[Virtual School Webpage](#)

Prevention Through Education – Northumbria Police



Northumbria Police are available to support you with educating your students on safeguarding matters. Whether it is linking in with the PSHE curriculum in general, or in responding to incidents which students have been involved in, the Police Safeguarding liaison Co-ordinators, Miriam and Ian, would love to hear from you. Schools can contact them via the school liaison email address: school.liaison@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

Please visit the Northumbria Police Education webpage for a full description of what they can offer. <https://beta.northumbria.police.uk/advice-and-info/parents-and-kids/education/>

Community Safety Advisors, Nichola and Sean, will be happy to visit schools to deliver lessons on:

- Criminal/sexual exploitation
- County Lines
- Harmful Practices – alcohol, tobacco, drugs
- Internet Safety
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Something's Not Right – For Key Stages 3, 4 and 5

Now that schools are re-opening fully, Northumbria Police would like to remind secondary colleagues of the Home Office campaign which launched in November 2020 – **Something's Not Right** is designed to help secondary school children and young people who have suffered a range of harms, such as sexual and physical abuse during lockdown. More information can be found by following this link to the ChildLine website: <https://www.childline.org.uk/somethings-not-right>

In collaboration with the PSHE Association, Barnardo's and the NSPCC, lesson plans have been created for Key Stages 3, 4 and 5. These lessons focus on children's rights to safety, reinforce the campaign's key messages and encourage disclosure of abuse. The plans, resources and teacher guidance are all available to download following this link:

<https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/curriculum-and-resources/resources/home-office-somethings-not-right-abuse-disclosure>

Barnardo's Education Community launched

Barnardo's have launched their new [Barnardo's Education Community](#) – a resource aimed at teachers, lecturers and staff working in the education sector. Educators will be able to access trauma-informed resources and advice about how to support children and young people with their mental health and wellbeing, including coping with loss, grief and bereavement. It will also provide a *Community of Practice* where education professionals can share and discuss best practice nationwide.

**Barnardo's
Education
Community**

Supporting Mental Health and
Wellbeing across Education

DSL Locality Briefings



The next DSL locality briefings will be taking place in March and the focus of these briefings will be **exploitation**. There will be two briefings for primary colleagues to choose from and a separate briefing for secondary DSLs to enable us to tailor the exploitation briefings appropriately to your phase. Andrew Elliott, Specialist Youth Support Lead will be giving presentations at the event around **Children Going Missing**, this will include:

- Why young people go missing
- The missing process and how the Local Authority responds
- How schools can support the process

We will also be joined at the secondary briefing by Sorted Team Manager Darran Hope who will be discussing the increased exploitation risks to children and young people who are misusing substances. Leigh Graham, Child Exploitation Practitioner for Children's Services will also be attending the secondary briefing to discuss the indicators and impact of exploitation for children and young people.

The dates for the DSL briefings are as follows:

Primary Briefings – Thursday 18th and Thursday 25th March, 3.45 - 5.00 pm

Secondary Briefing – Tuesday 23rd March, 3.45 - 5.00 pm

To book a place at the briefing of your choice, please contact Alyson Webb via email alyson.webb@northumberland.gov.uk stating which briefing you would like to attend. **If you have previously registered to attend a briefing, but would now like to change your booking to a phase appropriate briefing, please contact Alyson Webb to change your registration. Previous bookings may have been confirmed in Google but as you are aware we now use Microsoft so any Google meetings should be discarded and rebooked.**

Missing, Sexually Exploited and Trafficked (MSET) Roadshow

Alongside Northumbria Police, Children's Services held three Missing, Slavery, Exploitation and Trafficking (MSET) Roadshows. The aim of the sessions was to increase awareness and understanding of the MSET process including the referral criteria and support offer. The presentations from the roadshows are available on the SharePoint **DSLs in Schools and APs** site, in the **Exploitation** folder.

The presentations include:

- MSET's function
- Referral Criteria
- Paperwork
- Disruption Plans and Best Practice Examples

- MSET Panel's offer - How we help.

Education Support Helpline



It is anticipated that there will be an increase in referrals and disclosures after lockdown is removed for pupils. This may result in more work and perhaps a feeling of being overwhelmed for school staff. Remember that the Education Support Helpline is there for anyone involved in education

at any level, from nursery to Higher Education.

Helpline number: 08000 562561

Website: <http://www.educationsupport.org.uk/helpline>

Downloadable poster:

https://www.educationsupport.org.uk/sites/default/files/coronavirus_helpline_poster.pdf

NSPCC resources

NSPCC Learning has published a summary of the NSPCC's two day **How safe are our children?** conference, which ran from 4th - 5th March 2021. Topics covered include: the opportunities the pandemic presents for societal change, the science behind developmental trauma, the impact of digital technologies on young people's lives, perinatal mental health and recognising and responding to the impact of domestic abuse on children. Summaries of the sessions and links to resources are available on the website

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2021/march/how-safe-2021-conference-highlights>

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government has published a blog discussing Talk to Me, the interactive learning tool developed by Attensi (specialists in gamified simulation training) in collaboration with the NSPCC. The free tool allows adults working or volunteering with children to access simulated scenarios and interact with fictional child characters to learn how to respond to children and build their trust to help them talk about their experiences.



<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/december/navigate-difficult-conversations-with-talk-to-me-tool>

National Child Exploitation Awareness Day 2021 #CEADay21 (18th March)

This is a day where we highlight issues around Child Exploitation; encouraging everyone to **think, spot and speak out** against abuse and adopt a zero-tolerance policy to adults exploiting children into sexual or criminal activity.



Northumberland County Council are committed to the fight against all forms of exploitation and supporting victims and their families who are subjected to child exploitation. **Together, we can work to inform, educate and prevent child abuse within Northumberland.**

There are various ways you can show your support:

- **WRITE AND SHARE A PLEDGE**

Write a personal pledge on your hands to show support for our Helping Hands campaign. Post your photo on social media with the hashtag #HelpingHands and #CEADay21 to help us raise awareness of CSE and wider exploitation.

- **JOIN OUR EXPLOITATION CHAMPIONS NETWORK**

We have an existing network of knowledgeable and dedicated exploitation champions across children and adult social care, police, health and education. This year the champions will have access to resources,

specialist training and a forum to share best practice. If you're interested, please contact leigh.graham@northumberland.gov.uk (children's) or karen.wright01@northumberland.gov.uk (adults). There will also be information on NCC Facebook and Twitter.

Resources and information can be found at the following websites

<https://www.stop-cse.org/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/what-to-do-if-you-come-across-child-sexual-abuse-material/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/child-sexual-exploitation/>

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/what-we-do/protecting-children/cse>

Colleagues in South Tyneside have also made training available across the region – please see details and booking instructions below

1. Online Safety Briefings for Parents, Carers and Professionals – 18th March 2021 10am – Google Meet
 - To raise awareness of issues surrounding access to technology for our young people
 - To look at risks and risky behaviour
 - To discuss the parental role
 - To signpost resources

Booking through STSCAP@southtyneside.gov.uk The session access details will then be forwarded to attendees.

2. Sexual Predation, Child Exploitation and Online Grooming – You Tube · A one hour session for parents/ carers and professionals around Child Exploitation with a feature on predators and online grooming · WARNING – the content of this session may be upsetting for some Accessible at any time from 18th March 2021 onwards. Email to STSCAP@southtyneside.gov.uk to obtain the session access link.
3. Protecting your Reputation 1.30pm -Google Meet ·
 - To raise awareness of issues surrounding access to technology for our young people
 - To discuss the role of the school
 - To discuss the role of the individual
 - To discuss policy and good practice
 - To signpost resources

Booking through STSCAP@southtyneside.gov.uk The session access details will then be forwarded to attendees.



Child to Parent Violence and Abuse

It was recently agreed across all Local Authorities in the Northumbria Police Force area to use the term Child and Parent Violence and Abuse (CPVA) in preference to Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (APVA). In line with this decision the pathway has been updated and the latest CPVA version can be located in the DSLs in Schools and APs site on SharePoint.

Changes to Schools' Safeguarding Team



Vicky Kinneavy the Education Safeguarding Liaison Officer, has temporarily left the Schools' Safeguarding Team as she welcomes her new daughter to her family. Vicky will be joining us again in January 2022. Vicky will be greatly missed by the team, as well as by many colleagues in schools. We look forward to welcoming her back in January, in the meantime the MASH liaison work with schools will be carried out by Justine Clephane and Carol Leckie. Please make sure your office staff are aware that

we need to speak to DSLs as a matter of urgency for a MASH referral.

We would like to wish Vicky the very best of luck and every success with her new family.

Contact us

Whether your school is open or closed during the next few months, please contact us with any queries you might have by phone or by email

- **Carol Leckie, Schools' Safeguarding Team Manager, 01670 622720**
Carol.Leckie@northumberland.gov.uk
- **Justine Clephane, Schools' Safeguarding Consultant, 07879 874168**
justine.clephane@northumberland.gov.uk

If you cannot make contact with a member of staff directly then please use the following generic details.

Your query will be logged and you will receive a response by the end of the working day or within 24 hours.

- If you have a query for the Education Welfare team please email
- educationwelfare@northumberland.gov.uk
- If you have a query for the looked after children's team please email - eslac.info@northumberland.gov.uk
- If you have a query for the Safeguarding team or children educated other than at school team please email - eotashealth@northumberland.gov.uk
- If you have a more urgent query or request please telephone 01670 622787
- If you are worried about the safety of a child please call **OneCall 01670 536 400**