



Safe to Learn

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Northumberland Education and Skills Service

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

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Advice and Guidance

Advice and guidance is available from the Education and Skills Service and the Northumberland Local Children's Safeguarding Board (NSCB):

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All schools/academies/alternative providers need to know about safeguarding is ON ONE PAGE of the NCC website entitled [Information for Schools](#) and the [Safeguarding and Schools section](#) of the Virtual School webpage.

The minimum safeguarding requirements you should have in place by law can be found in the DfE's statutory guidance [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) September 2016.

Please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that safeguarding practice in your own organisation meets required standards and is compliant.

Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE)

You will already be aware that KCSiE was updated for September 2016 to reflect current priorities from the DfE and OFSTED and to ensure that schools have clear guidance in all areas relating to safeguarding and child protection. The NSPCC have produced a useful checklist of the changes in KCSiE, which you can find by following this link: [NSPCC Keeping Children Safe in Education summary](#)

As in previous years, the governing body is given the duty of ensuring that **all school staff** have read Part A of KCSiE and it is important that a record is kept to show that they have read and understood this document.

Within the guidance there are recommendations in relation to your school's policy. Each school should develop their own policy, ensuring it is current, reviewed annually and preferably published on the school website. To support schools the LSCB with the Education and Skills Service are providing a framework which can be used to update your own policy and a checklist to indicate what needs to be included.

Both resources can be found by following this link to the [Safeguarding and Schools](#) section of the Virtual School webpage: [Model Child Protection Policy](#)

Single Central Record

Please be aware of the legal requirement to have an up to date single central record which meets the requirements outlined in the Ofsted Framework ([Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills settings](#)) and in the statutory guidance [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#). The local authority's primary concern is to ensure that all steps are taken to ensure that pupils are safe, but there is also a significant risk to schools that safeguarding may be judged inadequate during Ofsted inspection if Single Central Record is not completed correctly.

The guidance to schools in relation to the content of the single central record is clear and explained in detail in:

- [Annex 3, page 25 of the the OFSTED supplementary guidance on inspecting safeguarding](#) and
- [pages 31 and 32 of Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)

Sexting in Schools and Colleges

Recently produced guidance [Sexting in Schools and Colleges](#) is for designated safeguarding leads (DSLs), their deputies, headteachers and senior leadership teams in schools and educational establishments in England. The advice covers:



- Responding to disclosures
- Handling devices and imagery
- Risk assessing situations
- Involving other agencies, including escalation to the police and children's social care
- Recording incidents
- Involving parents
- Preventative education

Vulnerability Factors

The attached paper on Vulnerability Factors is for all professionals to consider the risks associated with sexual exploitation across your organisation in relation to working with children, young people and vulnerable adults. The risk factors have been identified from knowledge of working in this area, information gathered at a number of multi-agency Complex Abuse Strategy Meetings and through the multi-agency Risk Management Group. These meetings have given increased knowledge and understanding of the nature and profile of sexual exploitation in Northumberland, covering rural and urban areas including Beadnell, Alnwick, Amble, Ashington, Bedlington, Cramlington and Blyth.



Vulnerability factors
for all professionals to

Children Missing from Education

A child going missing from education is a potential indicator of abuse and neglect, including sexual abuse and sexual exploitation. The DfE's guidance on Children Missing Education was updated in September, available to download here by following this link: [Children Missing from Education](#).

Anti-bullying Week 2016

Anti-Bullying Week 2016 is from **14th to 18th November** and this year's theme is 'Power for Good'.

Official Anti-Bullying Week merchandise, including wristbands, posters and stickers are now on sale, with proceeds going towards the work of the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

To take a look visit

<https://ncbwebshop.myshopify.com/>
<http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/>

LADO Update

In last term's newsletter we reminded you about the role of the LADO and that schools must ensure that **all** staff are fully aware of the procedures which must be followed when an allegation is made against an adult working with children. Northumberland has a new LADO, Adam Hall, who is based at County Hall. The telephone number to contact the LADO remains the same

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Training Programme 2016-17

The dates/times/venues for LSCB safeguarding courses for this academic year are as follows:

Designated Safeguarding Lead Refresher

5 December 2016, 13.15-16.15, West Hartford Fire Station, Cramlington

14 February 2017, 9.15-12.15, Fuse Centre, Prudhoe

9 March 2017, 13.15-16.15, West Hartford Fire Station, Cramlington

12 May 2017, 9.15-12.15, West Hartford Fire Station, Cramlington

4 July 2017, 13.15-16.15, West Hartford Fire Station, Cramlington

Training for New DSLs - in 2 parts (LSCB requires both to be completed)

Part 1: Multi-Agency Child Protection

2 December 2016, 9.30-16.30, Fuse Centre, Prudhoe

19 January 2017, 9.30-16.30, West Hartford Fire Station, Cramlington

1 March 2017, 9.30-16.30, West Hartford Fire Station, Cramlington

Part 2: DSL Roles and Responsibilities

10 November 2016 9.15-12.15, West Hartford Fire Station, Cramlington

1 February 2017, 9.15-12.15, West Hartford Fire Station, Cramlington

9 May 2017, 9.15-12.15, West Hartford Fire Station

All training has to be booked via Learning Together (ncc.learningpool.com)

Internet Safety

KCSiE strengthens the advice to schools about internet safety in relation to filtering and monitoring which does not over-block effective teaching and ensuring children are taught about e-safety. One area of e-safety schools can promote is ensuring that parents are fully aware of the risks and can keep their children safe. A useful site is www.net-aware.org.uk

Northumbria Police have also provided advice for schools, including the following:

- **The Childnet Digital Leaders Programme** has been extended to include Primary and is now open to all UK schools. Schools are invited to [register now](#) to join this innovative peer-to-peer education programme. The [Childnet Digital Leaders Programme](#) aims to empower children and young people to champion digital citizenship and digital creativity within their schools and to educate their peers, parents and teachers about staying safe online. The programme is delivered by Childnet as part of its work as one of the three charities in the UK Safer Internet Centre.

Since the programme started in secondary schools last year over a thousand young people have undertaken their training to be effective e-safety educators. They have then gone on to deliver activities in their schools to educate their peers about online safety. The Childnet Digital Leaders Programme offers young people access to an exciting online community. Here they access training and support from Childnet's expert team, record achievements, earn badges, and collaborate and share inspiration with schools across the UK. The launch of the programme for primary schools comes with the development of a new tailored platform, separate to that of the secondary schools, which was piloted in 13 primary schools across the UK.

- [Parentzone](#) provide a free online course for parents and carers called **Resilient Families** – a free online course to help them get to grips with the things you really worry about when the children and young people in your care go online. It includes topics such as radicalisation and extremism, cyberbullying and sexting. It is presented as three short episodes that cover:
 - A child's online world.
 - The Bad Stuff – including online extremism and how radicalisation happens.
 - How to use offline parenting skills to help your child stay safe online.

Contact details for referrals and enquiries

Children's Social Care Locality Teams

Monday to Thursday 8.30am – 5pm

Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm

- Central Locality Ashington 01670 536000
- North Locality Alnwick and Berwick 01670 629400
- South East Locality Blyth and Cramlington 01670 629600
- West Locality Hexham 01434 611499
- Disabled Children Team 01670 516131
- 16+ Team 01670 852225

All calls outside these hours please ring 01670 822386