

Northumberland Children's and Adult's Safeguarding Partnership

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

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Welcome Back



Welcome back and we hope you all managed to have a well-deserved break over the summer. We have already been in contact with many of you and have enjoyed delivering training to several hundred staff, some virtually and some face to face. Please remember your staff should all have had an annual safeguarding update and new staff should receive more in-depth training, especially around referral processes in your school. Please remember to book your DSL refresher and training for new Designated Safeguarding Leads as soon as possible as sessions are filling up very quickly.

Many of you provided us with holiday cover details and we did have to get in touch with some schools over the summer. We want to reassure you that this information has now been deleted.

It is essential that you let us know of any changes to the named and deputy designated safeguarding leads, so if you have not already informed us of any changes please do so as soon as possible.

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022

DfE statutory guidance is now live, and in school you should have a system to evidence that all staff have read the relevant sections. The Local Authority and Safeguarding Partnership recommend **all staff** read Part One and Annexe B, and that Designated Safeguarding Leads, the Senior Leadership Team and all Governors read the whole document.

Please ensure you have a record to evidence staff have read the appropriate sections as we know this is something Ofsted inspectors have asked to see. The National Grid for Learning have commissioned translations of Part One and Annexe A, recognising that schools may employ speakers of English as an additional language. The documents can be found on their [website](#).

It is also important that governors have attended safeguarding training as described in paragraph 81 part 2:

'Governing bodies and proprietors should ensure that all governors and trustees receive appropriate safeguarding and child protection (including online) training at induction. This training should equip them with the knowledge to provide strategic challenge to test and assure themselves that the safeguarding policies and procedures in place in schools and colleges are effective and support the delivery of a robust whole school approach to safeguarding. Their training should be regularly updated.'



The team are offering virtual training and training for the full governing body, so please get in touch to discuss your requirements.

Prevent

The Prevent duty
Departmental advice for schools and
childcare providers

June 2015

There have been no significant changes to the Prevent agenda however staff may feel they want to refresh their training, in particular designated safeguarding leads. There is updated training available on Learning Together (Radicalisation - a 30-minute digital package) or on the Home Office [website](#)

Although not a statutory requirement, we have shared a Preventing Radicalisation Policy template, and this has been updated for September 2022. It can be found on the **DSL in Schools and APs SharePoint** site in the prevent folder.

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy 2022 – 2023

The Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy template and checklist, to indicate what should be covered in your policy if you chose not to use the NCASP template have been updated for this academic year. **It is essential that you update your policy this term**, and preferably by the end of September.

The 2022-2023 Northumberland Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy template can be found on the **DSL in School and APs SharePoint** site, in the Policies folder.



Private Fostering



We have added a new poster to the Private Fostering folder on the **DSL in Schools and APs SharePoint** site and request that you have this clearly displayed in your reception area. When the Schools Safeguarding Team delivers safeguarding training, we always remind participants about Private Fostering and ask that if you are delivering your own training that you include it in any refresh you deliver. Private fostering is very different from the care of children by local councils through approved foster carers. It occurs when a child under 16 (or under 18 if disabled) is cared for, and provided with accommodation, by an

adult who is not a close relative, for 28 days or more, by private arrangement between parent and carer. You can find out more on the NCC website page - [Northumberland County Council - Safeguarding children - information for professionals](#)

E-S175

We are trialling the new E-S175 with several schools this week and hope to have the final version shared with you by the end of the month. We are very excited by this development and are confident it will make life easier for you and will also allow you to make year to year comparisons. We will then expect **all** schools and alternative providers to complete their S175 by **October half term**.



Update from Northumberland Strategic Safeguarding Partnership



In August the Safeguarding partnership agreed a new Safeguarding Transitions Protocol. This protocol sets out the arrangements for young people aged 17 years and above, whose circumstances may mean that Safeguarding Adults procedures would apply when they are 18. This would be young people who would meet the definition of an 'adult at risk' when they turn 18. The aim of the protocol is to promote robust transitional arrangements

and ensure effective and timely referrals between Children's and Adult Services in Northumberland. It recognises that harm is likely to continue post 18, and that abusers target vulnerability irrespective of age. It was seen as appropriate to review these protocols based on the learning from recent practice reviews, including Aaron, Bobby and Fiona. The new document, which will be of interest to secondary schools and some of our special schools can be found on the **DSL in Schools and APs SharePoint** site, in the DfE

Documents and Guidance folder.

DSLs in Schools and APs SharePoint



All DSLs in Northumberland have been invited to access the **DSLs in Schools and APs SharePoint** site. If you are having difficulties accessing the site, please contact Justine Clephane justine.clephane@northumberland.gov.uk who will be able to support you to gain access. The site is regularly updated, and the following documents have been added to the site since the last full Safe To Learn (Issue 66) was sent out at the end of last term

in July:

DfE Documents and Guidance Folder:

- Code of Practice for Disclosure and Barring Service

DASV Folder

- Childhood Trauma, the brain and social world

Education of Children with a Social Worker Folder:

- Education of Children with a Social Worker Newsletter – Issue 5, 9th September 2022

Early Help and Parenting Folder (new folder)

- Early Help Prevention and Intervention Pathway

KCSiE

- KCSiE 2022
- Updates to KCSiE 2022 presentation

NCASP Folder:

- Northumberland Safeguarding Transitions Protocol, July 2022
- Transitional Safeguarding Briefing

Operation Encompass and Endeavour Folder:

- Updated Operation Encompass and Operation Endeavour template letters – If you didn't send these letters out at the end of term, please make sure they go out to all parents as soon as possible.

Policies

- 2022 – 2023 Northumberland Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Child Protection Records – retention and storage guidelines

Prevent

- 2022 Preventing Radicalisation Policy
- Refreshed Prevent referral form

Private Fostering Folder

- Children Mustn't be Invisible – poster

Signs of Safety (SOS) Folder

- Issue 12 of the SOS Newsletter

Training folder

- Schools Safeguarding Team Training Dates for academic year 2022 – 2023 – Training dates have been updated with extra dates added.

Contact us

Please contact us with any queries you might have by phone or by email.

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If you cannot make contact with a member of staff directly then please use these 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 Schools' Safeguarding team please email - Schoolssafeguarding@northumberland.gov.uk
- 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 children educated other than at school team (EOTAS) please email - eotashealth@northumberland.gov.uk

If you have a more urgent query or request please telephone 01670 622787.