



Safe to Learn

Northumberland
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Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board

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](#).

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.

Blyth Children's Services

The Children's Social Care Teams currently based at Compass House in Blyth moved premises on Wednesday 8th June 2016 to:

Eddie Ferguson House
Ridley Street
Blyth
NE24 3AG

**new telephone
number:**

01670 629600

Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE) September 2016

The government have updated KCSiE. The most recent version will become statutory from 5th September 2016 and you can view and download your new copy [here](#).

The guidance has been updated to reflect changes in legislation which have occurred during the last academic year, for example the introduction of mandatory reporting where female genital mutilation is suspected and the Prevent duty. There is also clarification in areas where it was felt a greater focus was needed in school, for example the importance of early intervention, strengthening the role of the designated safeguarding lead and training requirements.

From the start of the new academic year in September 2016 governing bodies have a duty to ensure that all staff have read at least part 1 and have access to a copy of the guidance.

To support schools an updated model Child Protection Policy will be available by 1st September 2016 on the LSCB webpages. There will also be an updated training pathway, endorsed by the LSCB, with the minimum requirements for DSLs, governors and other staff clearly identified.

PSHE Curriculum Resources

Two different sets of resources which can be used to supplement your existing PSHE curriculum.

1. Northumbria Police would like to draw your attention to a new resource that Childnet have just launched. **Trust Me** is a free online resource designed to support primary and secondary school teachers in exploring critical thinking. The resource includes lesson plans, presentations and worksheets. Personal safety, whether it is in the physical or digital realm, has always depended on equipping young people with the skills to protect themselves and helping them to develop critical thinking skills must be a key aspect of this. The resource can found here <http://www.childnet.com/resources>
2. **Alright Charlie** is resource is designed for use with children aged 9-11 in primary schools and aims to highlight, in an age appropriate way, the warning signs of grooming. The film is seen through the eyes of Charlie who is groomed by Danny. The resource was designed in consultation with CSE professionals, primary school teachers and children in years 5 and 6. The resource is accessible to girls and boys with the viewer never discovering Charlie's gender. The resource is free to download from this website:

<http://www.mesmac.co.uk/projects/blast/for-professionals/resources>

Safeguarding Standards Audit S175

The majority of schools have started completing the S175 safeguarding standards audit and apart from a few minor technical hitches this is progressing well.

The completion date for the audit is **Friday 15th July**.

If you haven't logged on yet please use the link and instructions below and if you are still experiencing technical problems please email Carol Leckie, who will try to assist:

<https://northumberlandlscb.vc-enable.co.uk/register>

This will ask you for the name of your school. Your email address is your username.

A help sheet, linking the new audit to the previous S11 and offering some simple hints for completion is now available on the [Information for Schools](#) page of the LSCB website.

Training

Please remember all LSCB training courses, including DSL training, Child Sexual Exploitation training and Prevent training are available on line. They must be booked through the virtual learning platform, Learning Together: <http://ncc.learningpool.com/>

Updates from Northumberland's LSCB

Poster Campaign

With the permission of Plymouth LSCB a series of posters have been developed to help raise awareness of the key messages and learning from Serious Case Reviews. They are aimed at all staff working with children, young people, adults and families and can be used in schools and other education settings. All of the posters can be viewed and downloaded here on the [LSCB webpages](#).

Briefing in a Minute

A **Briefing in a Minute** on Private Fostering is available for staff and partner agencies. The briefing is part of a series of Briefings in a Minute which aim to ensure that information is accessible and is captured in a short and easy to read format. Future topics will include LSCB, Female Genital Mutilation, and the Local Designated Officer (LADO).



Briefing in a minute
Private Fostering.pdf

Updated Neglect Strategy

Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board has launched a new strategy focused on how to deal with children suffering from neglect. In the last 18 months there has been a 21% increase in cases relating to neglect. In 2014 a total of 48% cases had Child Protection plans relating to neglect, which had risen to 56% in 2015 and 69% this year.

Our local [Neglect Strategy](#) sets out in more details how safeguarding teams will intervene at the earliest opportunity and avoid where appropriate statutory referrals to social work services.

Pass It On Campaign

This campaign is encouraging people across Northumberland to act if they think a child is suffering. The campaign is the brainchild of four young people working in partnership with Northumberland Youth Service to design posters and business cards to circulate amongst young people and adults who work with young people to raise awareness of safeguarding. The aim of the business cards is to 'pass it on' so young people can take ten cards, keep one for themselves and then pass the remaining cards to their friends.

To view please click visit the Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board website at <http://tinyurl.com/zct3gh4>

To find out more or order cards and posters please contact John Smith, manager of the youth service via email on john.smith01@northumberland.gov.uk or call 01670 620328.

Education Reference Group: LSCB

In September 2015 a new sub-group was introduced to the LSCB to address a key priority to engage schools, academies and other education settings in Northumberland in the work of the Board and therefore the development of safeguarding practices in Northumberland. The group has multi-agency representation including all phases of education in the County and all education partnerships. If you would like to be more involved in the LSCB or hear more about the work of the sub-group then please contact your partnership representative:

- Bryan Stewart, King Edward VI (Academy, Morpeth Partnership)
- Heather Cape, Richard Coates Middle (Ponteland Partnership)
- Penny Derries, The Grove Special School (Special Schools Partnership)
- Jenny Smith, Swansfield Park First School (Alnwick Partnership)
- Emma Beeston, Eastlea Primary School (Cramlington Partnership)
- Louise Mallin, Stead Lane Primary (Bedlington Partnership)
- Neil Richmond, Stobhillgate First School (Morpeth Partnership)
- Andy Hudson Mickley First School (Prudhoe Partnership)
- Amanda Frankish, Hexham Middle School (Hexham Partnership)
- Gary Hilton, St Mary's First School (Berwick Partnership)
- John Barnes, Astley High School (NSCB representative)
- Sandra Brown, Director of Family Learner Welfare NCEA (Ashington Partnership)
- Andrew Day, NCEA (Academy, Ashington Partnership)

The next meeting of the Education Reference Group will be on Tuesday 13th September 2016.

What to do if you are worried about a child

If you think a child or young person is being abused or mistreated or you have concerns about the safety or welfare of a child, you must speak to someone immediately.

You can call:

- the Safeguarding Team - **01670 623980 (office hours)**
- or **01670 822386 (out of hours)**
- your local [Children's Social Care Team](#) – find contact details by clicking on this link in an emergency phone the police 999
- for advice and guidance or to discuss a concern about a pupil please call **Carol Leckie 01670 622720**
- **Whatever you do, contact one of these numbers to share your concerns**