

## 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](mailto: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. Feedback on accessing the site will be passed onto the IT department so any issues can be resolved.

### Crime Information and Reporting Service for Children and Young People

Fearless.org is a website or app where young people can make referrals if they are concerned about something or want more information or guidance on a particular issue, like carrying a knife or drug possession, for example. The young people can see what the law says and what the consequences of certain actions would be. This service allows young people to do this in a way that doesn't put them at risk and allows them to think about the consequences of their own, and their peers' actions. They can use the Fearless.org A to Z of crime to help them understand the consequences of getting caught up with the law and know where to go for further help or any support they may need.



The Fearless.org service also allows children and young people to report information about crimes in a way that is 100% anonymous as it is not necessary for them to pass on any personal information. There is also a 'Hide your visit' button so their peers are unable to see that they have been accessing this site.

Fearless appeared in Safe To Learn last year, this is just a reminder to share this information with children and young people. <https://www.fearless.org/>

### Childnet – STAR SEND Toolkit



Lockdown has meant that many children are spending far more time online than they would be under normal circumstances and this poses many risks to their safety. The STAR SEND Toolkit is an extensive teaching toolkit to support educators with the relevant knowledge they need to help young people with special educational needs and disabilities to manage the internet and its risk. The resources are aimed at young people with SEND in Key Stages 3 and 4 and can be adapted for the needs of different young people and settings. The toolkit can be accessed by following this link: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/star-send-toolkit>

## Talking to Young People About Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

UK Says No More is a national campaign to raise awareness to end domestic abuse and sexual violence. The campaign has produced a resource specifically written by young people to support parents and carers to talk to their children about domestic abuse and sexual violence to help them recognise healthy and unhealthy relationships. Many of the resources available will be helpful to teachers to support them in delivering good quality relationship and sex education. For many young people, the status of being in a relationship is extremely important to them and as such, many are willing to put up with almost anything to maintain that status and stay in a relationship, even an abusive one. Some young people are not living in households where they are seeing healthy relationships modelled for them, which may make them vulnerable themselves. Teaching children and young people about abusive relationships will help protect them from unhealthy relationships and give them the knowledge, skills and understanding to recognise unhealthy relationships and access the support they need for themselves and their friends.



## Message From Northumbria Police



If there are any queries in schools where you may be planning to loan a laptop to a child or young person to support their home learning, but have concerns about someone else in the household using the laptop to access inappropriate or illegal materials, please contact Miriam Harper 9630 from Northumbria Police's Safeguarding Schools Team: [9630@northumbria.pnn.police.uk](mailto:9630@northumbria.pnn.police.uk) The team are happy to answer your queries and support you in these matters.

The police are also aware of the media information relating to seizures of drugs in the local area and where necessary would make direct contact with schools. They have also produced a force intelligence form for all partners to use to feed intelligence into the Force Intelligence Mailbox. This assists the police to assess the information provided and have a consistent approach. The new form has been saved in the SharePoint site for DSLs in schools and APs.

## Missing, Sexually Exploited and Trafficked (MSET) Roadshow

Alongside Northumbria Police, Children's Services are holding three Missing, Slavery, Exploitation and Trafficking (MSET) Roadshows. The first of these will take place on **Wednesday 24th February at 10.00 am** and the second at **1.00 pm**. The third event will take place on **Tuesday 23rd March at 2.00 pm**. The aim of the sessions is to increase awareness and understanding of the MSET process including the referral criteria and support offer.



The Roadshows will cover:

- MSET's function
- Referral Criteria
- Paperwork
- Disruption Plans and Best Practice Examples
- MSET Panel's offer - How we help

To book one of the sessions, please email [elise.mielnik@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:elise.mielnik@northumberland.gov.uk) with your preference and include your job role, Head Teacher and school.

## Schools' Safeguarding Team Training



The following packages of training are available from the Schools' Safeguarding Team, either through our SLA (Service Level Agreement), or each package is available to purchase individually:

- **New DSL Roles and Responsibilities** for any members of school or Alternative Providers (APs) staff that need to be trained to become a DSL. This currently takes place virtually and is offered once per term. The training is over two half days and participants need to book onto both days.
- **DSL Refresher** training, this is for all DSLs to do every 2 years following them having trained as a new DSL. This currently takes place virtually and is delivered once per month.
- **Whole School Safeguarding** training, this is for all members of school staff and takes place at the request of the school
- **Governors** training, for school governors at the request of the school
- **Domestic Abuse Awareness** training, delivered to whole school staff
- **Exploitation Awareness** training, delivered to whole school staff
- **Introduction to School Safeguarding** workshop delivered to parents/carers
- **Any bespoke training** requested by SLA schools or as one-off delivery to support safeguarding issue school may be having
- **Any other safeguarding related training** as need arises

To book any of the training packages above, or to discuss individual school safeguarding training requirements, please contact a member of the Schools Safeguarding Team.

The team are also available to provide free advice and support for any safeguarding issues and the **DSL Locality Briefings**, 3 briefings offered every term, one each for the 3 localities are also free.

Please watch out for our new SLA which will be advertised shortly (for the academic year 2021 – 2022), we are competitively priced with other organisations offering support, we have the advantage of local knowledge and we can be flexible in what we deliver in our packages to meet your needs.



**DSL Training** Please note some previous bookings may not have been transferred when we moved from Google to Microsoft and we have had to make minor changes to dates to ensure we can deliver them and not clash with other things. The next DSL training sessions are as follows:

### Refresher Training (required every two years)

Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 12noon

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 13:30 – 15:30

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 13:30 – 15:30

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 13:30 – 15:30

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 13:30 – 15:30

### New DSL training (two half days required)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 13.00 - 15.30 - Part One

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – 13.00 - 15.30 - Part Two

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June – 13.00 - 15.30 - Part One

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – 13.00 - 15.30 - Part Two

To book a place at the briefing of your choice, please contact Alyson Webb via email

[alyson.webb@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:alyson.webb@northumberland.gov.uk) stating which session you would like to attend. New DSLs must attend Day One and Day Two.

## Grace – Northumberland Rape Crisis

For women and girls who have experienced sexual violence, we will listen and support you.

Counselling, Helpline & Email Support  
Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence  
Support in Northumberland

Helpline & Email Support  
0800 035 2794  
emailsupport@nrcn.org.uk  
Monday to Thursday 9am - 5.30pm  
Friday 9am - 5pm

Info & Referrals  
0166 222 0272  
www.nrcn.org.uk

Grace have recently produced a new poster offering contact details and support for women and girls who have experienced sexual violence. The poster is available to access on the DSLs in Schools and APs site and is stored in the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence folder. Grace are able to offer counselling to women and girls, a helpline and email support service, groupwork and practical and emotional support.

## 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.

The dates for the DSL briefings are as follows:

**Primary Briefings – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 3.45 - 5.00 pm**

**Secondary Briefing – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:alyson.webb@northumberland.gov.uk) stating which briefing you would like to attend.

## 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**  
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- **Justine Clephane, Schools' Safeguarding Consultant, 07879 874168**  
[justine.clephane@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:justine.clephane@northumberland.gov.uk)
- **Victoria Kinneavy, Education Safeguarding Liaison Officer, 07966 325300**  
[victoria.kinneavy@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:victoria.kinneavy@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](mailto:educationwelfare@northumberland.gov.uk)
- If you have a query for the looked after children's team please email - [eslac.info@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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**

