

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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End of Term - Thank You!



The Schools' Safeguarding Team wants to say a huge thank you to every one of the DSLs, the staff and governing bodies for their on-going support. We are very proud of the work in schools and safeguarding has always had positive references in Ofsted reports.

Settings in Northumberland are safe places for children to learn!

Safeguarding in the Holidays – Some Reminders

- Please ensure that all your staff know safeguarding arrangements for the summer and who they contact if they have any concerns.
- Please make arrangements for passing child protection information to new schools where required
- KCSiE says that it is up to individual schools to arrange cover with DSLs over the summer holiday:



“It is a matter for individual schools and colleges and the designated safeguarding lead to arrange adequate and appropriate cover arrangements for any out of hours/out of term activities.”

- Encompass and Endeavour notifications will continue to be emailed to the two named contacts.
- You will still receive invites to any Children's Services meetings taking place. You do not have to attend however, your input is important as decisions may be made about closing cases.
- Many of you have previously shared mobile numbers with us, and we would only ever use these in emergencies. If we have any queries we will normally send you an email over the break.
- **Please**, let us know if there are changes to your safeguarding team. It is important emails are not sent to the wrong people

Carol Leckie, Schools Safeguarding Team manager will be available during the holidays for any queries. She is working, apart from the week beginning 19th July and 23rd August. Any queries in these two weeks should be sent to the following mailbox and any requests will be directed to a manager within the Virtual School.

EOTASHealth@northumberland.gov.uk



Moving on to Pastures New?



July and September are times of transition for many staff, as well as for lots of our children, so this is a plea to any colleagues who are moving on to new posts. If you are moving on to a new role, a new school, or retiring from your role as DSL, could you please let us know so we can update our contact list.

This is especially important if you are the named person for Operation Encompass and Operation Endeavour notifications. It would be awful if these notifications were sitting in the inbox of emails that are no longer active, it would mean that vulnerable children and young people are not getting the support they need.

As well as letting us know that you are leaving, could you please send us the email address and contact details of the person who is taking over your role as DSL so we know who your replacement is and we can contact them if we need to.

If you have new DSLs coming into post in your school or setting, remember that we offer **New DSL Training** please use our contact details below, or contact Alyson.webb@northumberland.gov.uk to book new DSLs onto this training.



And finally

- Remember the new Keeping Children Safe in Education is 'live' from 1st September and your staff need to read Part 1 and/or Annex A (to be agreed with your governing body)
- Please ensure you have a current policy online from the start of term.
- And ensure your staff have a briefing session at the start of term, including new staff.
- Safeguarding processes, procedures and protocols must be part of the induction programme for all new staff at your setting

We hope you all have a wonderful and safe summer holiday and we will see you again in September.

Contact us

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**
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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**