

## Northumberland Strategic Safeguarding Partnership with 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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### DSL support during the Coronavirus Covid 19 outbreak

During the school closure period we are going to publish a Safe to Learn bulletin every Friday. Please remember to share with all staff and your governing body.

The next issue will be shared with you on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

## DfE Updates May 2020

Please find below key DfE Guidance that has been updated in the last week. This includes guidance regarding the proposed wider reopening of schools from 1st June.



### [Supporting children and young people with SEND as schools and colleges prepare for wider opening](#)

Guidance for special schools, specialist colleges, local authorities and any other settings managing children and young people with complex special educational needs and disability (SEND): This guidance has been updated to include new information on the recommended approaches that local authorities, educational settings and parents should follow for the return of children and young people with EHC plans, or those with complex needs but who do not have an EHC plan, to educational settings from 1 June 2020.

### [Guidance for secondary school provision from 15<sup>th</sup> June](#)

Planning guides for school leaders to help them prepare to open their schools for more pupils during the coronavirus outbreak: a new section has been added called: 'Guidance for secondary school provision from 15 June 2020'.

### [Department for Education explanatory note on SAGE modelling](#)

An explanatory note for SAGE's paper assessing the potential impact of more children returning to school on the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

### [Remote education during coronavirus](#)

Information, guidance and support for teachers and leaders on educating children during the coronavirus outbreak. Added information about Oak National Academy's school packs, which are now available to be

downloaded and used by schools.

### [Online education resources for home learning](#)

Online educational resources for schools and parents to help children to learn at home during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Updated list of online resources with additional resources organised by key stage

### [Stay alert and safe: social distancing guidance for young people](#)

The most important thing we can do is to stay alert, control the virus, and in doing so, save lives.

## **Covid-19 and Domestic Abuse - a two-hour virtual interactive training session using Microsoft Teams**

After piloting with other local authorities in the region, NCC is now in a position to offer this webinar to Northumberland staff. Places are bookable via [Learning Together](#)

The aim of this webinar is to enable frontline practitioners to recognise and respond safely to domestic abuse when working remotely during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Content:

- ★ Has DA increased during the Covid-19 pandemic?
- ★ How are perpetrators of DA using the current situation to further their abuse?
- ★ What are the additional barriers to disclosure and seeking support for victim / survivors of DA?
- ★ When working remotely:
  - What are the signs and indicators that someone might be being abused?
  - How can we respond safely and offer support?
  - What support services and initiatives are currently available for survivors, perpetrators and children?

If you haven't completed any recent domestic abuse training it is recommended that you complete the 'Recognising and Responding to Domestic Abuse' e-learning before you join the webinar, as basic knowledge will be assumed.

### **Covid-19 and Domestic Abuse - a two-hour virtual interactive training session using Microsoft Teams**

- 3 June 4pm -6pm (N'land only - 30 places)
- 4 June 10 am -12 noon (N'land only - 30 places)

School staff can also a new APVA briefing session:

#### **APVA Briefing** (with some additional Covid-related content)

- 9 June 10-12 (30 places)

If you do not have a Learning Together account, you can apply for one at [ncc.learningpool.com](https://ncc.learningpool.com).

*Please do not be discouraged if you do not get a place, we are working with Anne Lambert to ensure more sessions are offered.*

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VOICE THAT DOESN'T  
USE WORDS. LISTEN.

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A note from Carol Leckie: *I was fortunate to attend the Covid-19 and Domestic Abuse session on Wednesday 27th and found it to be really useful. In addition to the information shared in the main content one of the things that really struck home, when I was thinking about more children returning to school, was the quote here.*

*Many of the young people who do return to your schools will be both excited and nervous. For some there will be real*

*clamour to share their lockdown stories and I am sure you will hear many tales about what life has been like. However, many young people will struggle to talk about their experiences, good and bad - so as the quote says [we will need to 'listen' in many different ways and allow the young people to tell their stories in whatever way is best for them.](#)*

*As part of your planning for reopening please ensure your staff are prepared for difficult conversations and are clear about your school referral processes.*

## Training for Designated Safeguarding Leads

We will be offering our DSL refresher from the week beginning 8th June. You should have received a google form asking you about your training requirements and we will be responding shortly to provide you with dates and joining instructions. These will be two hour virtual sessions, using Google Hangouts and will provide the DSL with local and national updates. Please try to join us!

## Schools Engagement sub-group

For those of you who are members of the Schools' Engagement sub-group, the planned meeting on **25<sup>th</sup> June at 8.45** will go ahead via google hangout. You will shortly receive an invitation to the meeting with an agenda and relevant papers. It will probably last for an hour this first time, but we do hope you will be able to join us and catch up. As more children return to school there will be lots for us to discuss and do.

## 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.

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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 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.