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Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board

Northumberland Education and Skills Service

Half termly bulletin for Governors, Headteachers/Principles 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 in ON ONE PAGE of the NCC website entitled [Information for Schools](#) and the [Virtual School](#) section of the *Inclusion and the Virtual School* webpage.

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 2018.

Please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that safeguarding practice in your own organisation meets required standards and is compliant.

Prevent

Whilst there have been **no** changes in the Prevent Duty for schools, the Council's Prevent Business Coordination Group has revised our local Process map for reporting a Prevent concern.

As DSL you should familiarise yourself with the process, inform senior and other relevant staff, and if you have any queries then contact us immediately.

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Prevent

For information, **Northumberland's revised Channel Panel procedures** for identifying early those in need of support away from radicalisation are also available.

Thresholds Document Update

As part of this work the Thresholds of Need guidance has been updated and radicalisation has been added to the specialist section. This is because the initial response you should have when you believe a young person is at risk of radicalisation should be a safeguarding referral to One Call.

Training 2018-19

To ensure your continued engagement with the LSCB we will be holding termly locality meetings for DSLs to brief you about the work of the safeguarding board - news, developments, training, anything else you need to know about the safeguarding agenda.

The dates, times and locations of the briefings are listed below. The same briefing will be delivered 3 times each term but in different locations and there is an open invitation to all DSLs to attend. There is no cost for attendance at these sessions.

Autumn Briefing :

- 11th December 2018, West Hartford Fire Station 15:30 - 17:00
- 12th December 2018, North location (tbc) 09:30 - 11:00
- 13th December 2018, West location (The Fuse, Prudhoe) 15:30 - 17:00

Spring Briefing :

- 12th March 2019, West Hartford Fire Station 09:30 - 11:00
- 13th March 2019, North location (tbc) 15:30 - 17:00
- 15th March 2019, West location (The Fuse, Prudhoe) 09:30 - 11:00

Summer Briefing :

- 2nd July 2019, twilight session, South East location (tbc)
- 3rd July 2019, morning session, North location (tbc)
- 4th July 2019, twilight session, West location (tbc)

Designated Safeguarding Lead Training (for new DSLs)

This full day session is one of two days required for new DSLs in Northumberland to fulfill their role in an educational setting. The session is based around the National Guidance *'Keeping Children Safe in Education'* and it looks at the processes used in Northumberland from Early Help to Child Protection. Cost £100.00

- Tuesday 15th January 2019
- Thursday 9th May 2019 (½ day)

Designated Safeguarding Lead Refresher Training

This ½ day session supports DSLs to meet the statutory training requirement outlined in *'Keeping Children Safe in Education'*. The content includes information on local and national priorities and refreshers DSLs on the practice when they need to refer children.

Cost £50.00

- Thursday 22nd November, 2018 09:00 - 12:00
- Friday 11th January 2019, 09:00 - 12:00
- Thursday 28th February 2019, 09:00 - 12:00
- Tuesday 2nd April 2019, 09:00 - 12:00
- Wednesday 8th May 2019, 09:00 - 12:00

All courses are held at West Hartford Fire Station and charges will be made after the session.

Confirmation of places will be prior to the event.

To book, please follow this link to the online [booking form](#)

Early Help

Early Help Strategy 2018 Update

Over the last three years understanding of all agencies of the role early help plays in support families in Northumberland has grown with the help of the Early Help Strategy.

There have been a number of key developments which have supported early help across Northumberland including :

- [Early Help Assessment Form](#), or EHA
- [Early Help Locality Hubs](#), first piloted in 2014 there are four early help locality hubs across the county which serve as a multi agency single referral point for families who require early help support.
- [Development of the First Contact Service](#) which this acts as a single point of access for children's social care now including the early help coordination staff who manage the locality hub process. This supports greater consistency of decision making and further opportunities for families who don't require statutory social work input to be supported through early help.

The updated strategy was accepted at the board in 2018 and you can view and download a copy [here](#)

Early Help Network Meetings brief for schools

These meetings take place in each of the 4 Localities (West, North, South East and Central) areas of Northumberland although how they are arranged in each one differs.

Each network meeting is chaired and co-ordinated by the [Early Help Locality Managers](#).

Membership is building and developing. New members are welcome as services and connections are formed.

7 Minute Briefings

There are 5 new 7 minute briefings, produced by the LSCB these include

1. Changes to statutory guidance Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018
2. CSA health assessments
3. Engagement with men in families (serious case review recommendation)
4. A guide to County Lines
5. Coercive control

The briefings can be viewed or downloaded by clicking on the links below :

[NSCB Seven Minute Guide Working Together](#)

[NSCB Seven Minute Guide CSA Health & Wellbeing](#)

[NSCB Seven Minute Guide Coercive control](#)

[NSCB Seven Minute Guide Engagement](#)

[NSCB Seven Minute Guide County Lines](#)

For more 7 minute briefings please visit [here](#)

Children with learning disabilities at risk of sexual exploitation

As we are all aware children with disabilities are three times more likely to be abused than other children and often the resources we can access in relation to certain risk factors are not tailored to meet their needs.

The British Institute of Learning Disabilities has produced a series of leaflets for school and professionals, parents and young people that identify the signs of sexual exploitation for children with learning difficulties.

The leaflets can be accessed on the British Institute of [Learning Disabilities](#) website.

Female Genital Mutilation reporting update

New multi-agency guidelines on FGM for those with statutory duties to safeguard children and vulnerable adults have been produced.

The guidelines can be viewed and downloaded [here](#)

As a minimum standard for schools, the LSCB expects at least one member of staff (the headteacher or DSL) to have completed the online FGM training available on the Virtual College website, here

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy 2018

Our template policy and checklist have been updated to reflect *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018*. The documents are available to download from the Safeguarding and Schools section of Virtual School pages on the NCC website

Ofsted Update 10.10.18

[Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills settings : Guidance for inspectors undertaking inspection under the common inspection framework](#) was updated on the 10th October. The changes made reflect the updated statutory guidance *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018*.