



# Safe to Learn



## 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](#) and the [Safeguarding and Schools 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.**

### Children with disabilities at risk of sexual exploitation

Children with disabilities are three times more likely to be abused than able bodied children. The British Institute of Learning Disabilities has produced a series of leaflets that identify the signs of sexual exploitation for children with learning disabilities.

Three different leaflets have been produced targeted at young people with learning disabilities, parents and carers and professionals and these can be accessed on the [British Insittue of Learning Disabilities](#) website.

### Child Sexual Exploitation – resources for parents

The Parents Against Child Exploitation (PACE) website is a valuable source of resources for parents who may ask for advice about child sexual exploitation, the risks and indicators.

Check out their comprehensive CSE guides for parents, created from over 20 years of expertise, including how to cope when your child goes missing, gathering evidence and working alongside the police and other services. The resources can be found at the [PACE website](#).

## DSL training and LSCB briefings for DSLs

### LSCB briefings for DSLs

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.

There is no cost for attendance at these sessions.

#### 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 DSL's in Northumberland to fulfill their role in an education 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

- Tuesday 15th January 2019
- Thursday 9th May 2019 1/2 day

### Designated Safeguarding Lead Refresher Training

This 1/2 day sessions supports DSL's to meet the statutory training requirement outlined in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. The content includes information on local and national priorities and refreshes DSL's on the practice when they need to refer children. Cost £50.00

- 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 sessions.**

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

[Guidance for inspectors](#) undertaking inspection under the common inspection framework was updated on 10th September 2018. The changes made reflect the updated statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018.

## Early Help Network Meetings for Schools

**Early Help Network Meetings for Schools** take place in each of the 4 locality areas of Northumberland and are all chaired and co-ordinated by the Early Help Locality Managers. The remit is to support agencies within each locality to work in partnership to provide support which is accessible at the point of need to children, young people and their families. The meetings therefore promote better outcomes in line with Northumberland's Early Help Strategy and Children and Young People's Plan.

### Achieved through:

- Clear and relevant terms of reference signed up to by agencies who are part of the network . This may differ in each locality.
- Multi-agency forums for those providing Early Help to steer and coordinate services on a locality basis.
- Clear, interactive agendas set in order for time to be spent productively.
- A shared view that families are a valuable and important resource in terms of their child's development and future aspirations.
- Ensuring a diverse range of services are available and accessible to all families.
- Offering time and space to work collaboratively to resolve challenges, identify gaps, develop services based on need and share good practice.
- Development, marketing and co-ordination of a range of existing and new support services, including the delivery of evidence based group work programmes across the locality.
- Monitoring progress through the use of consistent evaluation procedures with measurable outcomes that are regularly monitored, evaluated and reported in order to demonstrate impact and success.
- Sharing good practice and continuously improving multi agency working in relation to preventative and early help work.
- Providing training and continuing professional development support to those providing early help to families.

### [West Locality-contact jess.barclay-lambert@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:jess.barclay-lambert@northumberland.gov.uk)

Meetings held quarterly for two hours at rotating locations across the locality. Meetings are now thematically led with invited speakers eg September's meeting covered children with SEND.

### [North Locality-contact vanessa.easton@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:vanessa.easton@northumberland.gov.uk)

3 separate meetings run across the locality and are area based to help with the rurality of the North:

- Berwick -Integrated Team meeting-meets 6 weekly( 1 hour)
- Alnwick-newly established Early Help Network Meeting which covers Alnwick and the surrounding Area-meets 6 weekly (1.5hrs)
- Amble-one meeting held so far-6 weekly (1 hr)

### [South East Locality -contact jean.hedley@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:jean.hedley@northumberland.gov.uk)

Meetings are held bi-monthly for 2 hours at the Children's Centres or Local community venues. Meetings cover standard agenda items with an emphasis on effective communication and collaboration in respect of the 0-19 agenda, feedback and challenge re the Children's Centre offer and performance, outside speakers and thematic discussions.

### [Central Locality – contact gill.dorey@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:gill.dorey@northumberland.gov.uk)

Meetings held bi-monthly at Foundry House, Bedlington and the meeting is open to colleagues who connect with Early Help services in Ashington, Newbiggin-by the-Sea and the Morpeth area. The event offers the opportunity meet your local Early Help colleagues and share ideas and practice about how we can work effectively with a family. We invite guest speakers and share information about services offered in our community and from our Children's Centres.

## Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

New [multi-agency guidelines](#) on FGM for those with statutory duties to safeguard children and vulnerable adults have been published.

As a minimum standard for schools the safeguarding board expects at least one member of staff (the head teacher or DSL) to have completed the online FGM training available on the Virtual College website <https://www.virtual-college.co.uk/resources/free-courses/recognising-and-preventing-fgm>

## Thresholds document update - Prevent

Whilst there have been no changes in the Prevent Duty for schools we are currently working with NCC's Prevent Business Coordination Group to develop clear guidance for schools in relation to prevent referrals. 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 OneCall.

## 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 the Virtual School page of the NCC website.

## Operation Endeavour

**Following the successful roll out of Operation Encompass the local authority is now piloting a new scheme called Operation Endeavour. Schools will receive a child concern notification if one of their pupils has been reported missing to the police. The model mirrors Operation Encompass meaning;**

- Schools will know if a child has been missing from home and may therefore not have what they need for the day
- Schools will be informed of external issues that may be having an impact on the child
- To ensure Endeavour is embedded in your school you must:
  - Inform parents / carers annually that the school is part of Operation Endeavour (through standardised letter, website)
  - Promote the initiative in school prospectus, website, newsletter, posters etc.
  - Inform new staff and train any new Key Adults
  - Inform the Governing Body that the school are part of Operation Endeavour

For further information, or to have a staff briefing delivered in your school please contact Vicky Kinneavy, MASH Education Liason officer [victoria.kinneavy@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:victoria.kinneavy@northumberland.gov.uk) 01670 623412

**New 7 minutes briefings from the LSCB can be viewed and downloaded to print here:**

[Adverse Childhood experiences \(ACES\)](#) [Joint targeted Area Inspections \(JTAs\)](#) [The Dark Web](#)  
[Familial Sexual Abuse](#) [Child Sexual Abuse](#) [Signs of Safety](#)