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## Safeguarding Subscription

We are pleased to confirm details of Safeguarding Subscription for 24/25, our additional Safeguarding packages of support and our universal support.

### Safeguarding Subscription 24/25

The Safeguarding Subscription 24/25 has been designed to ensure schools/colleges have an effective, relevant, and compliant safeguarding culture. To achieve this schools/colleges need to have the required level of training alongside appropriate approaches to quality assure safeguarding practices and procedures.

Included within the subscription we offer subsidised training for all those involved in keeping children safe in education.

Our Safeguarding subscription will ensure schools/colleges can actively accomplish this.

#### Core Offer support in SLA

- 1 day Safeguarding Audit- Self Assessment for schools who are due an Ofsted inspection within 2 terms.
- School complaint guidance and advice on all stages of the complaints process
- 7-minute briefings training resource
- A training package for DSLs to deliver safeguarding training to all staff.

#### Core Training Included within SLA

- Introduction to role of Designated Safeguarding Lead 6-hour session specific training for NEW DSLs/DDSL's
- Designated Safeguarding Lead training 6-hour specific training for DSLs and DDSLs

#### Additional training is available to book at a subsidised rate for SLA subscribers:

- Managing Allegations against staff or volunteers
- Safer Recruitment in Educational Settings
- Safeguarding Children in Education - Governors' Roles and Responsibilities
- Understanding the Single Central Record

If your school would like to purchase the Safeguarding Subscription 24/25 then please visit [eStore](#) ([opens in new window](#)). Prices are confirmed once logged into eStore and discounts maybe applicable for MAT / Trusts where all schools wish to receive the Safeguarding subscription.

If you encounter any issues when accessing eStore please contact Mark / Clare via [SchoolServices@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:SchoolServices@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk) or call 01905 844300

## Safeguarding Universal support for all schools

For all educational settings we provide the following universal support:

- Individual case discussions – advice and guidance example Domestic Abuse/Child on Child Abuse Sexual Harassment
- Support regarding Level 2 needs - support and completing an Early Help Assessment
- Section 175/157 quality assurance evaluation for governor and the WSCP partnership

- Weekly Newsletter
- Advise on national and local safeguarding guidance.
- Annual summary of KCSIE changes
- DSL termly networks meetings
- Daily Operation Encompass notifications

## Safeguarding self-assessment 2-day audit

The package includes:

- 1 day on school site
- 1 day research of your schools safeguarding policy and procedures including your website.
- A review of your annual Section 175/157 audit, including any actions plans.
- A thorough assessment of your Single central record and safer recruitment process.
- We will meet with your safeguarding team including the safeguarding Governor.
- We will gather the voice of the child.
- We will talk to staff and their understanding and knowledge and how to keep children safe.
- A comprehensive report including development plan

Cost: £735 + VAT

If your school would like to purchase the Safeguarding Self-Assessment 2 day audit then please visit [eStore \(opens in new window\)](#). If you encounter any issues when accessing eStore please contact Mark / Clare via [SchoolServices@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:SchoolServices@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk) or call 01905 844300

## Single central record health check

The package includes:

- A review of the SCR, comparison with the requirements of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2024) and checking for gaps
- Health check report
- Includes 2 places on the WCF Understanding the Single Central Record training.
- Telephone and email support
- A follow up visit to check on progress and offer further advice.

Cost: £330 + VAT

If your school would like to purchase the Single Central record health check then please visit [eStore \(opens in new window\)](#). If you encounter any issues when accessing eStore please contact Mark / Clare via [SchoolServices@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:SchoolServices@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk) or call 01905 844300

## WCF Updates

### New Business Support Officer

We are pleased to announce the successful appointment of our new Business Support Officer Gem Rainsford-Grady.

Gem has worked at Worcestershire Children First since 2022 and has transferred from the Homeless Intervention/ Care Leaver Teams working alongside 16- to 25-year-olds.

Gem will be working Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm and her contact details are:

- 01905 728530
- General Safeguarding queries: [GGrady@worschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:GGrady@worschildrenfirst.org.uk)
- Queries about Early Years Operation Encompass [OpencompassEYS@worcestershires.gov.uk](mailto:OpencompassEYS@worcestershires.gov.uk)
- Queries about School Operation Encompass [OpencompassSCH@worcestershires.gov.uk](mailto:OpencompassSCH@worcestershires.gov.uk)

## DSL newsletters

If for any reason as DSL or Deputy DSL you have missed a recent DSL newsletter then copies going back to January 2024 can be found on our [Safeguarding webpage \(opens in new window\)](#) and click on the drop down called “DSL newsletters”

## Useful information for schools

### Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners

The GOV.uk guidance on information sharing for people who provide safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers was update in May 2024.

Copies of the [Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners guidance can be downloaded from GOV.uk \(opens in new window\)](#)

### Directory of support services

A copy of the “Directory of Support Services” provided by Martin Lakeman is available via the following google drive

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wtBfXtU21Ce3jO9GBjXfQA\\_91bBi381U?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wtBfXtU21Ce3jO9GBjXfQA_91bBi381U?usp=sharing)

### Threshold and category guidance for professionals attending Child Protection Conferences

As a professional attending Conference, you will be asked to provide a view about whether or not a child is at continued risk of suffering, or is likely to suffer, significant harm. This decision is an important one and must be evidence based, as it justifies compulsory intervention in family life (Working Together 2023).

The document called Guidance for Agencies attending CP Conferences which explains more is available from the google drive:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y7OaUKjpVbg\\_JG7NvRI6X0aD4maeO3sL?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y7OaUKjpVbg_JG7NvRI6X0aD4maeO3sL?usp=drive_link)

### Youth Endowment Fund (YEF)

Youth Endowment Fund are sharing their latest guidance, Education, children, and violence.

Developed collaboratively with school, college, and alternative provision (AP) leaders, this guidance combines insights from the [Toolkit \(opens in new window\)](#), existing studies and new research, offering a practical what-works guide for education leaders dedicated to reducing children’s involvement in violence.



The new Education, Children and Violence guidance can be downloaded from the [YEF website \(opens in new window\)](#)

Alongside this you can also hear [Dennis Simms, Head of Change for Education introducing this guidance \(opens in youtube\)](#)

## Safeguarding Masterclass: Tackling Online harm in Education.

Our children and young people face new harms online and we know that educational settings across Worcestershire need a way to understand and tackle these harms.

This masterclass will provide details on the latest trends, policy updates alongside cases studies from schools / charities and police in their experience of implementing effective safeguarding strategies ultimately with the aim to keep our young children safe online.

We are pleased to confirm that during the Masterclass you will hear from:

- Joanne Slater from Breck Foundation, who will deliver an hour focussing on: Online safety presentations to educate everyone on the dangers that children and young people face online from grooming, exploitation and abuse, as well as from exposure to inappropriate or harmful content.
- Samantha Brace from West Mercia Police who is an Exploitation and Vulnerability trainer.

We are also finalising a third speaker who will delve further into implementation and strategies to keep our children and young people safe online.

Cost: £40 + VAT per person

- 19 June 2024, 9.30am to 2.15pm, virtual, course code: 10491

How to book:

- Book via CPD [WCF CPD \(opens in new window\)](#) using your school CPD leader login details
- Confirmations are issued immediately at the point of booking and will confirm all joining instructions / pre-course requests.

## WCF Training and Events

Just a reminder to DSL and Deputy DSL's that if your School has the Safeguarding SLA for 23/24 then the Mental Health First Aider Qualification are offered FREE as part of the core package of training.

These courses will not be offered the say way for the 24/25 Safeguarding Subscription so we actively encourage schools to take advantage.

### Mental Health First Aider Qualification

#### Aims and objectives:

The Youth MHFA two-day course qualifies you as a Youth Mental Health First Aider and this aims to provide you with

- An in depth understanding of young people's mental health and factors that affect wellbeing
- Practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues
- Confidence to reassure and support a young person in distress

- Enhanced interpersonal skills such as non-judgemental listening
- Knowledge to help a young person recover their health by guiding them to further support – whether that’s through self-help sites, their place of learning, the NHS, or a mix – engaging with parents, carers and external agencies where appropriate
- The ability to support a young person with a long-term mental health issue or disability to thrive
- Tools to look after your own mental wellbeing

**Cost:** This course is heavily subsidised to schools who have purchased the Education Safeguarding Support SLA

- Price for schools who have purchased the Safeguarding SLA: FREE
- Price for schools WHO HAVE NOT purchased the Safeguarding SLA £155 + VAT

**Face to face delivery:** lunch will be provided and ordered in line with current government guidance

**Virtual delivery:** will be via Zoom and joining instructions will be issued along with CPD confirmation. Please ensure you follow any specific requirements on the joining instructions – as this training is awarded by MHFA you will need to register to receive resources from them directly as well

- 09 and 16 July 2024, 9am to 4.30pm, Virtual delivery, course code 10102 / 83303

How to book:

- Book via CPD [WCF CPD \(opens in new window\)](#) using your school CPD leader login details
- Confirmations are issued immediately at the point of booking and will confirm all joining instructions / pre-course requests.

## Managing Allegations

This course is aimed at those head teachers, chairs of governing bodies and other senior managers with responsibility for dealing with allegations of abuse against teachers and other staff, including supply teachers and volunteers.

The course will cover all aspects of Part 4 of Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2020), including your duties as an employer, initial considerations when an allegation is received, providing support and managing the situation.

It will provide information which will help you to better understand the Management of Allegations processes, the role of the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), and the role of the multi-agency network.

It will provide you details on the legislation, procedures and processes; ensure you know what to do if there is an allegation against a professional; and better understand your role as professionals working in regulated activity.

The course objectives include how to identify children and young people who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm and then take action with the aim of making sure they are kept safe.

**Cost:** This course is heavily subsidised to schools who have purchased the Education Safeguarding Support SLA

- £60 + VAT for those who have the Safeguarding SLA

- £120 + VAT for those schools who have not purchased the Safeguarding SLA
- 20 June 2024, 1pm to 4pm, virtual delivery, course code: 10097 / 83269

How to book:

- Book via CPD [WCF CPD \(opens in new window\)](#) using your school CPD leader login details
- Confirmations are issued immediately at the point of booking and will confirm all joining instructions / pre-course requests.

## Training for your Governors: Safeguarding Children in Education Governors Roles & responsibilities

This course will:

- inform governors about recent legislative national and local developments in child protection
- clarify the roles and responsibilities of governors in relation to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in their schools
- provide a basic awareness of child abuse and the effect it can have on children

Cost: This course is heavily subsidised to schools who have purchased the Education Safeguarding Support SLA

- £60 + VAT for those who have the Safeguarding SLA
- £120 + VAT for those schools who have not purchased the Safeguarding SLA
- 09 July 2024, 6.30pm to 8.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: 10123 / 81517
- Please note this course MUST be booked via the clerk / person who books your governing board training.

How to book:

- Book via CPD [WCF CPD \(opens in new window\)](#) using your school CPD leader login details
- Confirmations are issued immediately at the point of booking and will confirm all joining instructions / pre-course requests.

## Safeguarding training

Our full range of Safeguarding training to support schools and settings until July 2024 can be found in the specific Safeguarding training directory. Available to download from our [website \(opens in new window\)](#)

We are currently finalising details for the September 2024 to July 2025 training offer, once everything is in place will be added to our website and shared.



## Third party training

### NSPCC: Mandatory reporting webinars

Join NSPCC safeguarding experts for a webinar series on understanding mandatory reporting. Learn about the proposed new statutory mandatory reporting of sexual abuse requirements when working or volunteering with children and young people in England.

These bitesize, knowledge-sharing sessions offer you the opportunity to hear from the NSPCC's experts on safeguarding - from our internal safeguarding managers navigating mandatory reporting for the NSPCC workforce, to our in-house specialist consultants advising on what this means for professionals and volunteers on the ground.

Each webinar is 60 minutes in duration, free of charge and taking place in June.

Bookings are to be made via the [NSPCC website \(opens in a new window\)](#)

## Useful websites

- Worcester Children First Education Safeguarding: [Safeguarding support for teachers and education professionals | Worcestershire County Council](#)
- Worcestershire Children First CPD [Courses Search \(worcestershire.gov.uk\)](#)
- KCSIE  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64f0a68ea78c5f000dc6f3b2/Keeping\\_children\\_safe\\_in\\_education\\_2023.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64f0a68ea78c5f000dc6f3b2/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_2023.pdf)
- Home Office (Prevent) [The Prevent duty: safeguarding learners vulnerable to radicalisation - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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