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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@worcestershirechildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:SchoolServices@worcestershirechildrenfirst.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@worcestershirechildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:SchoolServices@worcestershirechildrenfirst.org.uk) or call 01905 844300

## WCF Updates

## Useful information for schools

### University of Birmingham: PhD Research Project

Sheona Goodyear from University of Birmingham is undertaking a PhD Research project and is after input from Worcestershire DSL / Deputy DSL's.



## **‘It could happen here’ (Keeping Children Safe in Education): Could you share information to help schools support children who have been sexually abused?**

This PhD research project investigates the disturbing social phenomena of intrafamilial child sexual abuse. I wish to add insight to existing knowledge of how girls in key stage 2 learn, play and cope at school, when they have experienced sexual abuse in their home environment. The aim is to improve understanding to help school staff to support and perhaps notice abused children who very often tell no-one about what is happening to them.

I would like to talk to staff who have worked with a key stage 2 girl known to have experienced sexual abuse at home. The conversation could be face to face at school or in an online meeting (whichever is most convenient) for roughly half an hour. I will not ask for any detail that could identify the girl and both your identity and the school’s will be anonymised to protect the child.

Although your school will not be named in records of the research, I hope to share subsequent findings with you to benefit you, your school and educators broadly across the teaching community along with the children that rely on your support.

If you would like to take part in the research project then please contact myself, Sheona Goodyear, [sgg742@student.bham.ac.uk](mailto:sgg742@student.bham.ac.uk)

## **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 \(opens in new window\)](#)

## **NCA: Financially motivated sexual extortion**

The NCA (National Crime Agency) have produced a document for all educational settings to share with staff / parents and carers regarding financially motivated extortion.

Globally, there has been a large increase in reports of children and young people being forced into paying money or meeting another financial demand (such as purchasing a pre-paid gift card) after an offender has threatened to release nudes or semi-nudes of them. This is financially motivated sexual extortion, a type of online blackmail often referred to in the media as ‘sextortion’. It is a form of child sexual abuse.

The document called “nca\_financially\_motivated\_sexual\_extortion\_alert\_education\_eng” found in the google drive, listed below, provided education settings with guidance on how to recognise this form of abuse, how to respond and increase awareness.

Google Drive:

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

## **WCF Training and Events**

### **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.

## 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 from September 2024

The Safeguarding training available to Schools across Worcestershire is now available to book via CPD, we are still awaiting one venue to be finalised which will hope will be completed by the end of the summer term.

The training available from September will be:

### Core Training Included within SLA

- Introduction to role of Designated Safeguarding Lead specifically for new DSL's (course code 10092)
- Designated Safeguarding Lead training (course code 10481)

### Additional training is available:

- Managing Allegations (course code – 10097)
- Safer Recruitment in Educational Settings (course code – 10132)
- Safeguarding Children in Education - Governors' Roles and Responsibilities (course code – 10123)
- Understanding the Single Central Record (course code 10174)

### Universal

- WCF DSL network meetings (course code 10438)

## 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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