



Educational Safeguarding DSL Newsletter



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Important Updates and Information

The Right Path: Update

South Worcestershire Community Safety Partnerships have had only one referral, each district can support up to 10 young people, so we have *9 referrals available*. This program is not here to replace any other existing offers of youth support across the county, but rather to compliment other schemes that may have been previously attempted.

An overview of The Right Path is below

We are pleased to inform you about an initiative we have commissioned via the North and South Worcestershire Community Safety Partnerships, funded by resources allocated to address the Serious Violence agenda. With this funding, we have partnered with The Right Path to provide high-level youth intervention mentoring for the **most at-risk young people** in our County. These young individuals are either being coerced into criminal activities or are already actively engaged in such behaviours.

The aim of this project is to complement, rather than duplicate, the excellent work that is already being done locally to support young people. We fully acknowledge and appreciate the successful programs currently in place and believe that this new initiative will enhance and build upon those efforts.

They will work closely with referred young people to guide them away from the path of criminality and towards more positive and constructive future opportunities. Within the google drive, mentioned below, you will find an outline of the work that The Right Path undertakes, providing detailed information about their approach and the specific services they offer.

Additionally, we have included a referral form for you to complete if you identify a young person who could benefit from this program. We encourage you to utilize this opportunity to support those in need of guidance and mentorship to prevent further engagement in criminal activities.

The Right path booklet and referral form can be found in the following google drive - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y7OaUKjpVbg_JG7NvRI6X0aD4maeO3sL?usp=drive_link

Family support worker details

During the academic year of 23/24 Hayley Doyle supported a very successful and well received Family Support Worker (FSW) peer supervision group. During these sessions the group realised the value of being able to share good practice / experiences and resources with other FSW's both within their district and across Worcestershire.

To support this Hayley is looking to collate the following information:

- FSW Name
- FSW contact details – email / telephone
- School
- Consent to share details to other FSW's in the county

For ease please can you send this information to Hayley directly by emailing HDoyle@worcestershire.gov.uk

Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass for Schools launched 5 years ago and as such we are continually reviewing and updating our [Safeguarding Website \(opens in new window\)](#) with information on the process / training and support available.

We just wanted to take this opportunity to remind schools of the main contact emails for Operation Encompass

- Operation Encompass Schools: OpencompassSCH@worcestershire.gov.uk
- Operation Encompass Early Years: OpencompassEYS@worcestershire.gov.uk

Along with advice in relation to best practice do's and don't

Do's:

- be vigilant about behaviour changes in the child and support the child's needs, whatever that may be at that time
- ask how the child feeling today, and provide support based on the outcome
- ask the Parent/Carer how they are today? Let them know you have time for them
- communicate with other staff members on a need-to-know basis and be aware a sibling may be in attendance so communicate to others who are caring for the sibling. Log any behaviour changes
- ensure the child understands they have someone to talk to about how they feel and that they are in a safe space
- make referrals if you think a child is at risk

Dont's:

- don't approach a parent or child directly about the information you have received. Only provide support should a parent/Carer ask for support - If a parent/Carer seeks support – be mindful of your surroundings when having conversations, as this may put a victim of domestic abuse in more danger
- don't assume conversations on doorsteps are private, technology such as Alexa, Ring Doorbells have recording functions
- information received from Operation Encompass is highly confidential. Do not share with anyone in your setting that doesn't need to know

Masterclass: Creating an Open and Positive Safeguarding Culture in Schools

Effective safeguarding is essential across all educational settings. Contributing towards establishing an effective culture of safeguarding means that you can help to successfully safeguard and promote the welfare of the children and young people you work with, this applies to ALL staff working at all levels across your school.

We look forward to welcoming Stuart Gallagher (Senior Lecturer and Course Leader in Children and Families & Education & Inclusion - Worcester University). Stuart is a Senior Lecturer on Education Studies BA (Hons) and Leading Culture Change in Safeguarding (PG Cert). Stuart is not afraid to take the road less travelled to navigate challenges and to beat the odds in and through education.

Worcestershire County Council Safeguarding Team will also be providing a session on "The Importance of Safeguarding Culture in Schools".

Cost: £35 + VAT for schools who have the Safeguarding SLA for 24/25

Cost: £49.99 + VAT for schools who do not have the Safeguarding SLA for 24/25

- 27 November 2024, 9,30am to 12.30pm, virtually delivered, course code: 10535

Bookings to be made via CPD <https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch.aspx>.

- Each School has a CPD Leader login, this must be used to make the bookings and will generally be held by the Head / Deputy Head or SLT, Office /Business or Finance Managers.
- Confirmations are issued immediately and go to the delegate email provided at the point of booking, please ensure that you check junk / spam folders for the email.

WCF Safeguarding Training and Events

Universal: WCF DSL network meetings

Don't forget to book your place on the November WCF DSL network meetings.

Worcester, Wyre Forest and Malvern: 12 November 2024, 3pm to 4.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: SCH 10438 / 84974

Bromsgrove, Wychavon and Redditch: 14 November 2024, 3pm to 4.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: SCH 10438 / 84975

Introduction to the Role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

A specific 6-hour course for NEW Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) and Deputy DSL's to support them in their understand of the role and responsibilities. Delegates on completion of this course would be expected to progress onto the Full day Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) training course.

Cost: Free to schools who have purchased the Education Safeguarding Support SLA. If schools have not purchased the Safeguarding Support SLA then the price is £93 + VAT.

- 06 December 2024, 9am to 4pm, virtual delivery, course code 10092 / 85008
- 15 January 2025, 9am to 4pm, virtual delivery, course code 10092 / 85009
- 07 March 2025, 9am to 4pm, virtual delivery, Worcester, course code: 10092 / 85010

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) training

Aims and objectives:

- For Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL), designed to **refresh and update** knowledge on the early help and child protection procedures.
- To understand DSL roles and responsibilities
- To understand how and when to make a referral to Family Front Door (FFD)
- To be confident when to share/not share and/or seek advice about information sharing.
- To be confident in undertaking an Early Help Assessment

Cost: Free to schools who have purchased the Education Safeguarding Support SLA. If schools have not purchased the Safeguarding Support SLA then the price is £93 + VAT.

Courses with availability before Christmas

Date	Time		CPD course code	CPD session code
28 November 2024	9am to 4pm	Virtual Delivery	10481	85028
02 December 2024	9am to 4pm	Virtual Delivery	10481	85029
10 December 2024	9am to 4pm	Virtual Delivery	10481	85030
13 December 2024	9am to 4pm	Virtual Delivery	10481	85031

Our Spring and Summer terms have full availability, simply search course code 10481 on CPD or alternatively download the [Safeguarding Training directory \(opens in new window\)](#)

Understanding the Single Central Record requirements

A two-hour course delivered virtually that will look at what is a Single Central Record (SCR), why we need a SCR, who is responsible for the SCR and what are the statutory requirements from Ofsted.

Audience: Anyone reviewing or managing the Single Central Record (SCR) for example Business / Finance Manager, Safeguarding Governor, Head or Deputy Head, administrative staff.

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

- For schools with the Safeguarding SLA - £53 + VAT
- For schools WHO HAVE NOT purchased the Safeguarding SLA - £95+ VAT

Date	Time	Delivery style	CPD course code	CPD session code
11 December 2024	3pm to 5pm	Virtual delivery	10174	84982

How to book

Bookings for any training offered via the Safeguarding SLA 24/25, and not otherwise indicated, need to be booked via CPD <https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch.aspx>.

Each School has a CPD Leader login, this must be used to make the bookings and will generally be held by the Head / Deputy Head or SLT, Office /Business or Finance Managers.

Confirmations are issued immediately and go to the delegate email provided at the point of booking, please ensure that you check junk / spam folders for the email.

Get Safe training

Please note that Get Safe training is managed by the Learning & Development team within WCC, as such if you encounter any issues when booking (after following the instructions below) please ensure you contact them directly on 01905 844 544 or email LAdmin@worcestershire.gov.uk

Safeguarding Children, young people and vulnerable adults is everybody's responsibility. This raising awareness of exploitation & vulnerability course aims to raise your awareness of: Vulnerability, adverse childhood experiences, organised crime groups/gangs; Modern day slavery, consent for sexual activity; Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), criminal exploitation; Appropriate language and use of; National referral mechanism; GDPR/disclosure and Pathways/ diversionary/sharing of intelligence.

Cost: Free to all schools, DSL and DDSLs to attend

Dates:

- 13/11/2024, 10:00 – 12:00, virtual delivery
- 11/12/2024, 10:00 – 12:00, virtual delivery

To book Get Safe training – visit [External Agencies \(opens in new window\)](#)

Instructions for completing:

- Do you have an account – No thanks
- Course price – as the course is free click in public circle
- Select organisation from dropdown box – Public
- Put in your address
- Then click book course

If you require support with booking, please contact WCC Learning & Development team directly on 01905 844 544 or email LAdmin@worcestershire.gov.uk

Useful websites

- Education Safeguarding: [Safeguarding support for teachers and education professionals | Worcestershire County Council](#)
- CPD [Courses Search \(worcestershire.gov.uk\)](#)
- KCSIE 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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