



# Educational Safeguarding DSL Newsletter



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## Important Updates and Information

### Annual Section 175/157 2023 -2024 Safeguarding audit via PHEW

The closing date for submitting Section 175/157 2023 -2024 Safeguarding audit via PHEW has been, for **schools that HAVE NOT submitted they MUST DO SO by 23 October 2024.**

Please check you mail for the link from PHEW that was sent out to all schools in July 2024

If for any reason you are missing the email from PHEW sent in July, please contact Gem Education Safeguarding Team Business Support Officer [GGrady@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:GGrady@worcestershire.gov.uk) or Telephone: 01905 728530

### WCC team structures

We wanted to share with schools the latest team structures as we realise that due to Worcestershire Children First staff moving back into the County Council, teams look slightly different now. Please click on each structure mentioned below to see who is working for each team.

- [Children's Services High level structure](#)
- [All Age Disabilities](#)
- [Education and Early Help](#)
- [Children's Social Care and Safeguarding Structure](#)
- [Children's Services Business Support, Systems & MI Teams Structure](#)

### 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](mailto:HDoyle@worcestershire.gov.uk)

### 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](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y7OaUKjpVbg_JG7NvRI6X0aD4maeO3sL?usp=drive_link)

## 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 in order 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: £49.99 + VAT

- 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.

## Training information

Do you know where you can find the latest training directories, our terms and conditions and access the CPD FAQ/support guide?

Our main [Training & CPD website \(opens in new window\)](#) provides our schools and settings with an easy way to see what training we have available from various teams that support the workforce. Our training directories are updated regularly to reflect changes to our offer including new training added in.

The training directories are split into five versions:

- Early years: training for those primarily working with 0- to 5-year-olds
- Safeguarding training 2024 to 2025: specifically details the Safeguarding training for schools / academies / colleges available until July 2025.
- Schools: training for those working with reception upwards and in all roles across a school
- Worcestershire Virtual School: specifically promotes the TIAAS (Trauma Information and Attachment Aware Settings) training
- Governors: specific training for those who are part of the governing board

Our main [Training & CPD website \(opens in new window\)](#) is also a fantastic resource to support those who make bookings via CPD on behalf of their school / setting. You will find the latest terms & conditions (updated due to our move back into WCC on 01.10.2024) along with a continually reviewed and updated FAQ / support guide.

The training & conference team are available to provide support they can be contacted on 01905 844 420 / 844 030 or email [workforcesupport@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:workforcesupport@worcestershire.gov.uk)

## 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

### 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.

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## 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](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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