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Merry Christmas

Denise, Hayley & Gem, wanted to wish you all the best for the festive season and that you have a well-deserved break. See you all in 2025.

Important Updates and Information

DSL Newsletter

Based upon feedback from DSL and Deputy DSL's regarding the look and frequency of the DSL newsletter, we have taken the decision that from January 2025 the DSL newsletter will be monthly.

The DSL newsletter will be distributed on a Wednesday and in the following weeks:

- w/c 13 January
- w/c 10 February
- w/c 10 March
- w/c 7 April
- w/c 12 May
- w/c 09 June
- w/c 07 July

If there is anything urgent that we need to share with DSL and Deputy DSLs across Worcestershire we will send out a separate communication.

Safeguarding team updates

Our team Business Support Officer Gem Rainsford Grady will be moving to Virtual School & Education Engagement & Access Service Team from 1st January 2025.

Gem will continue to lead on the admin of operation encompass ensuring **ALL** notifications are shared with the relevant educational setting and answering any enquiries you may have regarding Operation Encompass.

Thank you, Gem, for your support to the education safeguarding team and your continued commitment to operation encompass.

From 01 January 2025 any Education Safeguarding administration enquiry please email or call Denise and Hayley

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Alfie Steel webinar – have your DSL / Deputy DSLs watched it?

Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership (WSCB) and Denise Hannibal, Safeguarding Education Lead, are keen to ensure ALL DSL / Deputy DSL at ALL schools in Worcestershire have watched the webinar.

The Alfie Steele Webinar has been recorded and is now available <https://youtu.be/WldCK5NHAaM>

To support DSL and Deputy DSL's the [presentation \(opens in new window\)](#) is also available for review once the webinar has been watched

Healthy Relationships – staff training and sessions/support for young people

[West Mercia Women's Aid \(opens in new window\)](#), [The Rightpath \(opens in new window\)](#) and [Everyone's Invited \(opens in new window\)](#) have teamed up to provide a range of healthy relationship sessions for Schools across West Mercia.

The sessions are free and aimed at years 7, 8 & 9.

Schools can choose from a one-off awareness session to a whole year group or a more intensive set of 3 sessions with 6-8 students. WCC Public Health would encourage you to take up both options and get the most from this great opportunity.

The sessions will cover sexual well-being, healthy relationships, gender stereotypes, misogyny, what harmful behaviours may look like and objectification. The sessions will be interactive and encourage young people to explore these topics in a non-judgemental way enabling them to feel seen and heard.

Staff and DSL's will also be offered a session to help them address these topics in schools which will lead to long term change.

For all enquiries and to make a booking please contact prevention@wmwa.org.uk and sessions are available until 31 March 2025. So

WCC Safeguarding Training and Events

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 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.

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

- £63 + VAT for those who have the Safeguarding SLA
- £125 + VAT for those schools who have not purchased the Safeguarding SLA

Date	Time	Delivery style	CPD course code	CPD session code
10 February 2025	9am to 12pm	virtual delivery	10097	84993
01 May 2025	1pm to 4pm	virtual delivery	10097	84994
13 June 2025	9am to 12pm	virtual delivery	10097	84995
10 July 2025	1pm to 4pm	virtual delivery	10097	84996

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.

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16 January 2025	6.30pm to 8.30pm	virtual delivery	10123	84987
07 April 2025	6.30pm to 8.30pm	virtual delivery	10123	84988
06 June 2025	10am to 12pm	virtual delivery	10123	84989
14 July 2025	6.30pm to 8.30pm	virtual delivery	10123	84900

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.

Sarah Wigley – Domestic Abuse training

Worcestershire Country Council (Public Health) has commissioned Sarah Wigley Associates to deliver Domestic Abuse training **free** to schools / settings across Worcestershire.

There are three modules of training:

- **Module 1:** Understanding and Responding to Domestic Abuse
- **Module 2:** Working with Domestic Abuse within the context of Multi Agency Working – promoting critically reflective practice
- **Module 3:** Understanding and Working with Perpetrators

Dates and learning outcomes can be found on the [Jan to March 2025 flyer \(opens in new window\)](#).

To book a place please email: bookings@sarahwigleyassociates.co.uk

The Children's Society: Free webinar

The Children's Society are running a free webinar in January 2025 which will share learning from recent reports which have focused on the criminal exploitation of girls and young women.

This learning session over MS Teams is aimed at multi-agency professionals who are working to reduce child exploitation across West Mercia, Staffordshire, West Midlands, and Warwickshire.

The free webinar is taking place on 09 January 2025, 2pm to 3.30pm via MS Team and to book please use the following link:

[West Midlands: Sharing learning around the criminal exploitation of girls Tickets, Thu, Jan 9, 2025 at 2:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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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