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Important Updates and Information

Safeguarding SLA for 25/26

We are pleased to confirm that the Safeguarding SLA for 25/26 is now available to purchase via eStore. To download the latest Education Services Directory and see exactly what our SLA covers, visit our [Support Services website and click on the Education Services Directory 25/26 button](#)

For 25/26 year we have some **incredible** discounts available:

- if you have continuously bought into the Safeguarding SLA for the last 4 years (since September 2021) then get a 10% discount: OR
- if you bought into the SLA for 3 consecutive years (aka didn't buy 24/25) then if you buy back in 2025 -2026 you get 5% discount: OR
- if you are completely new to buying the Safeguarding SLA (never bought back in previous years) – 3.5% discount.

All discounts are applied once the order has been purchased via eStore.

Worcestershire Schools Marketplace Event

Worcestershire Schools Marketplace event is on 02 and 03 June, 3pm to 5pm at Worcester Cricket Ground, New Road, Worcester in the Graeme Hicks Pavillion.

Currently we have confirmed the following WCC services – Safeguarding, Training & Conferences, School Improvement, Health & Safety, HR, Property and Finance.

To support this free event, we are asking schools to inform the training team which date they may attend. This can be done via CPD

<https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch.aspx> search code 10560

Alfie Steele Online Webinars

On recent visits to some schools either myself, Denise, or Hayley have asked raised the question have all DSL/DDSL seen the Alfie Steele briefing and have you read the Serious Case Review (SCR).

As a reminder ... All Safeguarding leads need to have watched or attended the Alfie Steele briefings and shared the learning with all staff.

Please ensure that your schools DSL teams have watched and read the SCR, if they have not, then the links to access the recorded webinar and serious case review document are below.

- Alfie Steele recorded webinar link - <https://youtu.be/WldCK5NHAaM>
- Alfie Steele serious case review - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Eiz8tdKyOHWSXb-0Qpc_tISmaGqJFcOJ/view?usp=drive_link

This learning is not to be missed, and it is imperative that this learning is shared widely.

In addition, the 2024 -2025 Section 175/157 will have an additional question relating to the Alfie Steele video and SCR which is

- Have all you DSL/DDSL watched the AS video and read the SCR on AS

DSL Forums March 2025

The 20 March DSL Forum which we had to cancel at short notice has been re-arranged for 08 May 2025, the training team will have been in contact to confirm the new date / MS teams links. We cannot accept any additional delegates onto this session it is specifically for those who were due to attend the original March date.

Louise Oland, Educational Psychology Team Lead attended the 18 March DSL Forum and shared the latest mental health updates. [A copy of Louise's presentation is available for you to download \(opens in new window\).](#)

Child exploitation awareness- Intelligence form reminder

South Worcester Child Exploitation team are reaching out to schools across south Worcestershire to remind them of an intelligence form whereby schools who have exploitation concerns for specific children can share information with police. This form has been in existence for a while now, however it is imperative for the safeguarding of children to adopt a partnership working approach. This form can include as little information such as the known associates of the child.

The safety of a child is our priority, and it is important that any information shared is explained properly. We would need to know who the source of the information is, where the information has come from, who else knows this information, and how old or new this information is.

It is important that if a young person is the only person to know that information and there is a chance that they could be compromised, or their safety be put at risk by sharing information, that it is made obvious on the intelligence form. Police can deal with these types of matters very sensitively.

Schools hold a lot of information which could be the difference between disrupting exploitation early, and for a child to get their life back on track.

The [intelligence form \(click to download\)](#) details at the end of the form which email address to be sent to

As always if you need to report a crime:

- If the information relates to an emergency dial 999
- For non-emergencies - dial 101 or report online: www.police.uk/pu/contact-us

LADO Service: Professional Feedback Survey

Management of Allegations is crucial part to our understanding of the effectiveness of the service, to identify what we are doing well and areas we can improve.

Please can you take a few minutes to complete this online survey and distribute it to relevant individuals in your school / college. We appreciate your time and feedback – we will use this to inform and develop our services. Feel free to forward this link to other professionals who may want to provide feedback.

Link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hxj0rDe900WeZUfN5I3IWl-LRjQCYA5Op8jqXTPAVrIUME5CMUxKMEIVWkQ4TFZKTjlxWEswSU04My4u>

Keep Me Safe... When I'm With Dogs

The **Keep Me Safe...When I'm With Dogs** campaign promotes responsible dog ownership, while demonstrating the best way for people to stay safe around dogs.

From the NHS website professionals across Worcestershire can access [guidance \(opens in new window\)](#) to assist practitioners and professionals to be able to assess risk and take action to protect children from serious injuries which can be inflicted by dogs.

WCC Levels of Need

[Worcestershire's Levels of Need](#) guidance has been revised and updated in line with Working Together 2023 guidance

Copies can also be accessed from the following Worcestershire County Council webpage: [Safeguarding and quality assurance for children](#)

Steer Clear

Following the recent Ending Youth Violence conference organised by [Steer Clear | The Children's Society \(opens in new window\)](#) have now updated their website to include the latest PDF version of the [Steer Clear Workbook \(opens in new window\)](#)

Prevent: Emoji's, Symbols and terminology

WCC Public Health team have asked that the following documents are shared to DSL / Deputy DSL's across the county.

[Shareables - KIDSONLINEWORLD.COM \(opens in new window\)](#) a collection of free resources collection designed and developed by the Kids Online World team and ECP Safeguarding.

[Emoji's Explained \(opens in new window\)](#) from secret slang to coded messages, emojis are often used to convey meanings that parents might not recognise. Understanding these hidden messages can help bridge the gap between generations and ensure open, informed conversations.

[Incels: A Guide to Symbols and Terminology \(opens in new window\)](#) It provides a general introduction to incel terminology, logic and symbology, in order to help practitioners understand the incel ecosystem.

Safeguarding Training and Events

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.

- 08 May 2025, 9am to 4pm, Redditch, course code: 10092 / 850011

- 30 June 2025, 9am to 4pm, Wyre Forest, course code: 10092 / 850012

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.

Date	Time		CPD course code	CPD session code
09 May 2025	9am to 4pm	Worcester	10481	85045
12 May 2025	9am to 4pm	Redditch	10481	85046
21 May 2025	9am to 4pm	Wyre Forest	10481	85047
05 June 2025	9am to 4pm	Virtual Delivery	10481	85048
09 June 2025	9am to 4pm	Virtual Delivery	10481	85049
18 June 2025	9am to 4pm	Worcester	10481	85050
27 June 2025	9am to 4pm	Redditch	10481	85051
04 July 2025	9am to 4pm	Wyre Forest	10481	85052
09 July 2025	9am to 4pm	Worcester	10481	85053
15 July 2025	9am to 4pm	Virtual Delivery	10481	85054

Effective Governance to Support School Attendance *NEW*

This training course explores the role of governors in ensuring schools are meeting their statutory duties relative to attendance. As all schools are required to deliver new statutory expectations to meet DfE 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance' requirements, this course will enable governors to provide support and challenge to drive improvement.

The course aims to assist governors to:

- Explore the governance core functions and their relevance to attendance
- Review how DfE attendance expectations and statutory duties are met
- Champion and support the promotion of attendance through policy and ethos
- Review data, challenge trends and support leaders to focus on strategies towards improvement
- Ensure staff receive adequate training and access to good practice guidance

Cost: £60 + VAT per delegate

- 01 May 2025, 6pm to 8pm, virtual delivery, course code: 10429 / 91363

Early years and childcare designated safeguarding lead (DSL) training

This training is specifically for the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Deputy DSL or those who are looking to become the DSL / Deputy DSL in early years and childcare settings across Worcestershire. The training has been devised to support DSL's who are new to the role, experienced and extremely experienced.

Content is updated regularly and includes a detailed look at signs and symptoms, legislation, guidance and responsibilities, record keeping, making referrals, multi-agency working, child protection meetings, serious case reviews, and exploring barriers to good practice.

Cost: £50 + VAT

Cost: Free for schools who have the Safeguarding SLA for 24/25 academic year

- 13 and 20 June 2025, 9.30am to 12.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: 10052 / 91255
- 09 and 16 July 2025, 6.30pm to 9.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: 10052 / 91256

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
- 04 June 2025, 9.30am to 11.30am, virtual delivery, course code: 10174 / 84985

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.

WCC Learning & Development training

GET SAFE training

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 DDSs to attend

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@worcestershires.gov.uk

Third Party training

Child Sexual Abuse Response Pathway

Child Sexual Abuse Response Pathway Webinar and Training dates for March to July 2025 have been planned. The training is being led by Solihull Children's Services who in collaboration with all regional Children's Services, Policing and other agencies are aiming to embed the CSA Centre's response pathway for the West Midlands, Warwickshire, West Mercia and Staffordshire.

The training is open to all professionals within Worcestershire who work with other agencies and is suitable for frontline staff and those in strategic roles.

Download the [Child Sexual Abuse Response Pathway webinar and training dates](#).

Useful websites

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