

Standards

- Have a good working knowledge of safeguarding children and have completed (or will make a commitment to complete) relevant child protection awareness and child exploitation awareness training.
 - Have support from line manager to be the champion in their team/organisation
 - Attend champion network meetings – which will include a 1hr workshop from Safer:
- Now providing up to date training on emerging trends/areas.
- WSCP expects Contextual Safeguarding Champions to keep themselves up to date through attending at least of 2 of the network meetings a year, and to consider other training on offer in this area. The champion's organisation is responsible for deciding if the champion's training each year has provided them with the sufficient professional development to maintain this role.

The WSCP will provide information, resources and learning opportunities through its learning and development programme, NWG membership and resources on the WSCP website.

Scan the QR code to register your interest in becoming a champion



Any other questions?

If you have any questions just email Nigel Jones
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Warwickshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership (WSCP) Contextual Safeguarding Champions Network



Contextual Safeguarding involves keeping children safe outside of their homes. It can include child exploitation and other forms of harm.

WSCP is looking to develop a network of champions to support us in these areas and act as leads within organisations. Champions will receive free training opportunities, networking, and access to resources.

WSCP asks each organisation (service area within larger organisations) to have a Contextual Safeguarding Champion. The purpose of the Contextual Safeguarding Champion role is to:

- Be a key contact for staff within an organisation/department to go to for support and advice in relation to contextual safeguarding and extra familial harm.
- Be a key contact for WSCP to share updates, resources and examples of good practice.
- To raise awareness, disseminate resources and information in relation to contextual safeguarding and extra familial harm within their organisation.
- To be curious about missing episodes where these are identified alongside other contextual safeguarding and extra familial harm indicators.

It is for each organisation to decide who is best placed to be their Contextual Safeguarding Champion, and to decide if the role rests with one person or a number of people.

Larger organisations may wish to ensure a champion is identified within each team or department. Staff wishing to act as a champion for their organisation or department should firstly seek support from their manager.

WCC on behalf of WSCP will maintain the contact details for Warwickshire Contextual Safeguarding Champions and will ensure that information, resources and awareness is provided to enable them to fulfil their roles as a champion.

Champions should also ensure they keep the WSCP updated should they leave the organisation/department, or should they resume the Champions role within a different organisation/department.

The role of the Contextual Safeguarding Champion

- Keep up to date with local arrangements by attending meetings, training and development activities as required. For example, how and who to share concerns about contextual safeguarding and extra familial harm with and referral processes.
- Disseminate relevant information, campaigns, updates and resources internally within their organisation/department
- Keep up to date with local policy and procedures in relation to contextual safeguarding and understand the Warwickshire profile child exploitation and extra-familial harm to help practitioners to identify and understand the risks
- Raise challenges and provide feedback and examples of good practice from their organisation/department and make suggestions for improvement to ensure effective responses are embedded
- To act as a single point of contact (SPOC) regarding child exploitation and extra familial harm within their organisation/department
- To provide advice and signposting in relation to individual cases and
- To provide support to explore the impact of missing episodes where there are identified or potential child exploitation indicators.

Requirements for Contextual Safeguarding Champions:

WSCP require you to meet the standards outlined overleaf before submitting a request to become a child exploitation champion. By having a set of standards, it will ensure that all Contextual Safeguarding Champions across Warwickshire have a baseline level of knowledge.