

Bulletin No. 24

FAO All Headteachers and Designated Safeguarding Leads

Dear colleagues

Most of you will be aware that the two key pieces of statutory guidance in relation to safeguarding in education were updated and reissued towards the end of the last academic year.

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018, which commences on 3rd September, is the most substantive update of that guidance since it was first issued in 2014. Notably, there is a new Part 5 which focuses exclusively on child on child sexual harassment and sexual violence in schools; and a significantly expanded Annex A, which covers a wide range of specific safeguarding issues.

A large part of the summer has been devoted to revising and updating our training programmes and model safeguarding and child protection policy.

The model policy is almost ready but requires some more work. It will be issued separately during w/b 27th August 2018.

Attached to this bulletin are updated versions of the whole school safeguarding training programme. There are versions for primary, secondary and special schools. Please see additional notes below.

(1) Links to statutory guidance

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018 -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/707761/Keeping_Children_Safe_in_Education_-_September_2018.pdf

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/729914/Working_Together_to_Safeguard_Children-2018.pdf

(2) DfE advice about sexual violence and sexual harassment

The new Part 5 of *KCSiE* is based upon dedicated advice for schools *Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges*, which was reissued in May 2018:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/719902/Sexual_violence_and_sexual_harassment_between_children_in_schools_and_colleges.pdf

(3) Information sharing advice

You may also be aware that the information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners

provided by government was reissued in May 2018 to reference GDPR. You will find the updated guidance at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/721581/Information_sharing_advice_practitioners_safeguarding_services.pdf

(4) WSCB schools safeguarding audit 2017 and 2018

Thank you again for your responses to the 2017 audit. We sent out a report about findings from the audit on the last day of term in July but are re-sending it now in the event that it was missed in the general busyness of the end of term.

May we also remind you that the deadline for submission of the 2018 audit is 28th September 2018. A great deal of time was expended last year in 'chasing' the 27% of respondents that did not meet the deadline, which in turn created substantial delay in beginning the analysis. We should be very grateful if everybody could ensure that they submit their return by the requisite date this year, as indeed almost three quarters of you did last year.

To save those who have not yet submitted their return from searching for the link, it is <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/people-group/c7c6a4da>.

May we please also remind you again that, as highlighted at the start of the audit, even if submitting your return in September, it is important to ensure that all data relates to the **academic year 2017/18 only**.

(5) Whole school safeguarding slides. These are the programmes we will be using when delivering safeguarding training in schools during the 2018/19 academic year. As always, we are making them available to DSLs, who may wish to use them when planning and delivering training in your schools.

Please also note that the first 3 slides provide guidance for DSLs and are not intended for presentation. They reflect the fact that it is impossible and would be counter-productive to attempt to cover all of the specific safeguarding issues highlighted in Annex A of *KCSiE* in one annual update. Please see notes attached to slide 3 suggesting a methodology for covering a number of those specific issues in modular training throughout the school year, which will also enable you to fulfil the requirement to provide staff with regular safeguarding updates in addition to annual training.

It is essential that the fundamental principles of staff vigilance, reporting to DSLs, recording, listening to & supporting children, staff giving children opportunities to talk about anything worrying them by asking appropriate open questions and maintaining a safe environment in which children can learn continue to be emphasised and at the core of training; as opposed to over-focusing on the 'new' issues.

However, CSE, the emphasis in *KCSiE* on sexual harassment and violence in schools, the needs of children with SEN/D and children who are looked after **and were previously looked after** do need to be highlighted.

A document with links to all of the video clips used in the training is also attached.

(6) CP Training Flyer and Booking Form for 18-19

Booking for all Education Safeguarding Service (ESS) courses must be made by completing booking forms and emailing Sophie Morley at the address below. Confirmation will then be sent to you. If you are unsure where you are on the training cycle please do not hesitate to contact Sophie Morley.

Please click [here](#) for the new training flyer and booking form for courses in 2018-19 academic year.

Included in the flyer are:

- Child Protection Training for newly appointed DSLs
- Designated Safeguarding Lead Refresher Training
- Whole school child protection and safeguarding awareness training
- Safer Employment Training
- Protective Behaviours Training

Many thanks

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