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SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN

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FAO All Headteachers and Designated Safeguarding Leads

Dear Colleagues, I hope you are all well.

NEW Spectrum of Support (SOS) previously Threshold Document

Children and young people with additional needs may benefit from access to early help services or targeted services, and for some children with more complex needs access to specialist help may be required and where a safeguarding risk is evident children will need to be referred to Children's Social Care to safeguard and promote their welfare.

We want to ensure that children and young people are at the centre of all we do. **The Spectrum of Support document** (replacing the previous Threshold Document) is intended to support professionals working with children, young people and their families to consider their needs and any risks to their welfare in the context of the range of support that is available to help, support and protect them so that our responses are both timely and proportionate.

The document does not intend to replace professional judgement on how best to meet children, young people and family's needs, but serves as a guide for professionals from which dialogue and decisions can be generated about what is in children and young people's best interests.

This outlines our stepped approach and in particular the wider offer of Early Help (Universal, Extra and Targeted Help) and how and when to access safeguarding support. Across the service when deciding on whether to refer and how to support families we ask all professionals to use the SOS tool, to consider the most appropriate response.

Our focus is always on keeping children safe from harm. Our safeguarding services work with children at risk of significant harm or where there is evidence their health and development may be impeded. Our targeted support teams in Early Help and Targeted Support service, work with children & young people with complex needs that require a targeted, coordinated response with a lead professional.

Thank you, as always, for all your hard work and continued support and all that you do to make children's lives better, we cannot thank you all enough. It really is appreciated. We know that the wave of need as a result of the pandemic is very difficult and we want to do everything we can to support you. We also need to ensure we look after ourselves and please use the summer to really recharge your batteries. We all need to care for ourselves, so that you can support our children.

With best wishes to all of you.

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