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WCF Updates

DSL newsletters

If for any reason as DSL or Deputy DSL you have missed a recent DSL newsletter then copies going back to January 2024 can be found on our [Safeguarding webpage \(opens in new window\)](#) and click on the drop down called “DSL newsletters”

Useful information for schools

Neglect toolkit presentation

A short presentation that can be used by all agencies to support managers and practitioner understanding of the toolkit and how it can be used.

The presentation can be accessed from the following google drive

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y7OaUKjpVbg_JG7NvRI6X0aD4maeO3sL?usp=drive_link

Threshold and category guidance for professionals attending Child Protection Conferences

As a professional attending Conference, you will be asked to provide a view about whether or not a child is at continued risk of suffering, or is likely to suffer, significant harm. This decision is an important one and must be evidence based, as it justifies compulsory intervention in family life (Working Together 2023).

The document called Guidance for Agencies attending CP Conferences which explains more is available from the google drive:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y7OaUKjpVbg_JG7NvRI6X0aD4maeO3sL?usp=drive_link

Protective security and preparedness for education settings

The Protective security and preparedness for education settings is non-statutory guidance and provides advice to help educational settings to become better prepared for and able to respond to terrorism and other major incidents. It sets out practical steps to keep learners and staff safe in the event of an incident through simple and cost-effective methods. The guidance is aimed at those working in settings who have existing responsibilities for emergency planning and response and site security and staff new to concepts of protective security and preparedness. It is recommended that all staff read this guidance to ensure all are able to identify security vulnerabilities, suspicious activity and respond when there is an incident.

[Protective security and preparedness for education settings \(opens in new window\)](#) is available to download from the [Gov.uk site \(opens in new window\)](#)

NCA: Financially motivated sexual extortion

The Get Safe Team want to raise everyone’s awareness of the increase of online sexual exploitation of children and young people, using their sexual images to extort money from children using fear as a tactic.

The NCA (National Crime Agency) have produced a document for all educational settings to share with staff / parents and carers regarding financially motivated extortion.

Globally, there has been a large increase in reports of children and young people being forced into paying money or meeting another financial demand (such as purchasing a pre-paid gift card) after an offender has threatened to release nudes or semi-nudes of them. This is financially motivated sexual extortion, a type of online blackmail often referred to in the media as 'sextortion'. It is a form of child sexual abuse.

The document called "nca_financially_motivated_sexual_extortion_alert_education_eng" found in the google drive, listed below, provided education settings with guidance on how to recognise this form of abuse, how to respond and increase awareness.

Google Drive:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y7OaUKjpVbg_JG7NvRI6X0aD4maeO3sL?usp=drive_link

Keep Me Safe... When I am Crying

Keep Me Safe... When I am Crying is a new guidance to support those who meet with families with babies of a very young age where crying may be reported as a worry or concern by the parent or carer.

Babies cry for many reasons. They are hardwired to cry whenever they need a parent or carer to help them out because their brains have yet to develop the circuits that allow for self-control or understanding.

Any practitioner who has contact with a family with a new- or very young- baby needs to understand why babies cry and how to support families to keep babies safe.

Join the Launch Webinars to learn more about this guidance and how you can use it to support families with a new, or very young, baby.

- Thurs 16 May 16.00 – 17.00 – [Join here](#)
- Tues 21 May, 12.00–13.00 – [Join here](#)

*There is no need to book, simply save the MS Teams Link above for the launch time that you wish to attend and join the event at the start time.

[Keep Me Safe...When I'm Crying](#) Guidance and Resources can be accessed here: [Keep Me Safe... When I'm Crying :: Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System \(icb.nhs.uk\)](#)

star* scheme

Our Why?

star* scheme supports young people and families to overcome the impact of experiencing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) through engagement with grassroots rugby. Research shows that in order for young people to overcome the impact of ACEs, they need to build resilience through relationships with trusted adults; grassroots rugby is the perfect space for this to happen. We provide access and resources that a young person and family might need to enable them to engage with the sport, from kit to transport. We also work with rugby clubs to provide specific training to ensure adults are informed and equipped to provide the support and space that a young person

needs. We are committed to ensuring that ACEs are mitigated by being involved in sport, with everyone at the scheme committed to developing young people into leaders of the future.

Our How?

The coaches and officials of junior rugby clubs achieve amazing things with young people every season. **star*** scheme works to support clubs to identify young people in their communities, both at their club and beyond, who have ACEs (including poor mental or emotional wellbeing and / or who are financially disadvantaged) and provide them with support access to the sport of rugby. The scheme provides funding, training, and support to the clubs to enable them to continue to achieve. We work with families to remove the barriers to participation in grassroots rugby and make sure that the children have what they need to enjoy the game, be it a kit, transport, training or a friendly and supportive face.

- To refer a young person for star* scheme visit <https://bit.ly/Referralforstar>
- For more information contact Alan Hubbleday on: hubbs@starscheme.co.uk or 07711415806

The **star*** scheme poster can be found in the following google drive (https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y7OaUKjpVbg_JG7NvRI6X0aD4maeO3sL?usp=drive_link) for you to share with colleagues

Safeguarding Masterclass: Tackling Online harm in Education

Our children and young people face new harms online and we know that educational settings across Worcestershire need a way to understand and tackle these harms.

Did you know.... Online harms include harmful social media content, cyberbullying, and online sexual abuse.

This masterclass will provide details on the latest trends, policy updates alongside cases studies from schools / charities and police in their experience of implementing effective safeguarding strategies ultimately with the aim to keep our young children safe online.

By the end of the masterclass delegates will:

- Understand the current harms facing young people.
- Understand how to embed effective online safety practices and procedures.
- Understand the priority, safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

Cost: £40 + VAT per person

- 19 June 2024, 9.30am to 2.15pm, virtual, course code: 10491

How to book:

- Book via CPD [WCF CPD \(opens in new window\)](#) using your school CPD leader login details
- Confirmations are issued immediately at the point of booking and will confirm all joining instructions / pre-course requests.

WCF Training and Events

Just a reminder to DSL and Deputy DSL's that if your School has the Safeguarding SLA for 23/24 then the Mental Health First Aider Qualification and Mental Health Awareness Training are offered FREE as part of the core package of training.

These courses will not be offered the say way for the 24/25 Safeguarding Subscription so we actively encourage schools to take advantage.

Mental Health First Aider Qualification

Aims and objectives:

The Youth MHFA two-day course qualifies you as a Youth Mental Health First Aider and this aims to provide you with

- An in depth understanding of young people's mental health and factors that affect wellbeing
- Practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues
- Confidence to reassure and support a young person in distress
- Enhanced interpersonal skills such as non-judgemental listening
- Knowledge to help a young person recover their health by guiding them to further support – whether that's through self-help sites, their place of learning, the NHS, or a mix – engaging with parents, carers and external agencies where appropriate
- The ability to support a young person with a long-term mental health issue or disability to thrive
- Tools to look after your own mental wellbeing

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

- Price for schools who have purchased the Safeguarding SLA: FREE
- Price for schools WHO HAVE NOT purchased the Safeguarding SLA £155 + VAT

Face to face delivery: lunch will be provided and ordered in line with current government guidance

Virtual delivery: will be via Zoom and joining instructions will be issued along with CPD confirmation. Please ensure you follow any specific requirements on the joining instructions – as this training is awarded by MHFA you will need to register to receive resources from them directly as well

- 03 and 10 June 2024, 9am to 4.30pm, virtual delivery, course code 10102 / 83346
- 09 and 16 July 2024, 9am to 4.30pm, Virtual delivery, course code 10102 / 83303

MHFA Mental Health Awareness Training

Aims and objectives:

- This introductory three-hour session raises awareness of young people's mental health. It aims to enhance knowledge around:
- Some of the common mental health issues affecting young people, including depression, anxiety, eating disorders and psychosis
- Skills to work more effectively with young people living with mental health issues

- Ways to support young people with a mental health issue and relate to their experiences

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

- Price for schools with the Safeguarding SLA: FREE
- Price for schools WITHOUT the Safeguarding SLA £60 + VAT

- 12 June 2024, 9am to 12pm, virtual delivery, course code: 10099 / 83308
- 18 June 2024, 3.30pm to 6.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: 10099 / 83309 **(please note this is a change of date to previously advertised)**

How to book:

- Book via CPD [WCF CPD \(opens in new window\)](#) using your school CPD leader login details
- Confirmations are issued immediately at the point of booking and will confirm all joining instructions / pre-course requests.

Safeguarding training

Our full range of Safeguarding training to support schools and settings until July 2024 can be found in the specific Safeguarding training directory. Available to download from our [website \(opens in new window\)](#)

We are currently finalising details for the September 2024 to July 2025 training offer, once everything is in place will be added to our website and shared.

WSCP training events

The Worcestershire Safeguarding Children's Partnership (WSCP) wanted to remind DSL and Deputy DSL's that they have a range of training events available. Visit the [WSCP website \(opens in a new window\)](#) to find out more and book accordingly.

Useful websites

- Worcester Children First Education Safeguarding: [Safeguarding support for teachers and education professionals | Worcestershire County Council](#)
- Worcestershire Children First 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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