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SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN

July 2022

FAO All Headteachers and Designated Safeguarding Leads

We hope that this email finds you well as we enter the last weeks of the term. It has been another challenging year. As we see yet more serious cases of child cruelty and neglect in the media, we just want to remind you how vital your work is and thank you for all your hard work in educating, supporting and keeping young people safe in Warwickshire. **A special thank you to the headteachers and other key staff who have worked as a DSL or Lead Professional, mentor and have worked tirelessly for the welfare of young people. We can't name you all, but we, and you know who you are. Thank you.**



We hope that you get to enjoy some time with the children in the final days as they move on and enjoy some quality family time and rest over the summer break (when it finally gets here).

Emergency Contact Details for DSLs



[Link](#) – please click here and complete the attached form before 22nd July.

Some staff will be moving on and while schools are closed, work still goes on with children and families. We appeal to heads and DSLs to **complete our DSL update form**, so we know that if we need to, **we can reach a DSL for your school over the summer break.**

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. **Please consider what arrangements your school has in place to cover urgent child protection matters during the summer holidays.**

This information will be stored securely and will only be used for the purposes of contacting you in holiday periods if an emergency arises. Also included in this form are contact details for:

- MARAC
- Operation Encompass – relaunched in May please complete the form below to confirm your two contact email addresses even if the details have not changed. Please complete the MS form to participate. The Operation Encompass Documents (including the Information Sharing Agreement) are embedded at the top of the Operation Encompass form. Copy and paste this link into a new web browser <https://forms.office.com/r/pSVKV2FcTX>

OFFICIAL - Safeguarding & Other Warwickshire Training for 2022-23

We know that some of you are eager to book safeguarding training for the year ahead and we have now published our integrated training brochure for 22-23.

We know that there are other providers out there, but remember, we offer the latest, up-to-date good practice in line with KCSiE and government legislation. We also work together to join up training with Warwickshire's Early Help support and with the offer of **headteacher coach** and **Front Door education advice line** which links policy and practice together.

Our programme now includes links to other training, including the **SEND and Inclusion** offer. We hope you find this useful having the information all in one place.

Please remember to use the website, (safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk) which will take you to the flyer, rather than downloading the document, as we update training and changes to course information throughout the year.

Training Brochure - <https://www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk>

Use this booking form - [Booking Form 22-23](#)

Whole School Safeguarding Training Slides – Ready for September!

Please find attached a set of PDF PowerPoint slides for you to use in September for all your staff. It includes the following:

- Understand the statutory guidance that informs and shapes practice
- Refresh our knowledge of the signs that should concern us
- Know how to report concerns and the role of the designated safeguarding lead
- Know the local context for safeguarding children in Warwickshire
- How to access the right support at the right time
- Reconsider recent issues in safeguarding and what this means for us
- Reflect on mental health wellbeing and how to improve our self-care
- **There will another email to follow with ALL of our documents ready for September – This will include a narrated version, so you don't even have to speak!!!**



Safeguarding Records Single Central Record and other Processes

Just a reminder to **plan and arrange transfer of safeguarding files to their new destinations**. We encourage you to make sure safeguarding records only go to a DSL and that you have an itemised receipt signed by the destination school. **We have attached two templates which you are welcome to adapt and use for this process.**



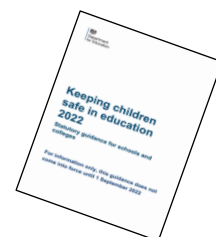
Similarly, please remind admin staff to chase records from previous schools and if you are concerned, please follow it up. The same applies to online records.

Some staff will be moving on, so please **make sure you have enough staff trained as DSLs and Early Help lead professionals** and please work with admin and school business managers to ensure HR files (references etc) and the SCR is updated over the summer. We have updated the WES job application form and if you need to check processes for staff recruitment, please refer to <https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/pkplz/regional-safeguarding-guidance/recruitment-supervision-and-training>

Publication of the NEW Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE) DfE 2022

The Department for Education (DfE) has published an updated version of its statutory KCSiE for schools in England, which will come into force on 1st September 2022. Annex F of the of the new guidance sets out the changes made, including: a new paragraph on domestic abuse added to the list of safeguarding issues all staff should be aware of, new information on the importance of schools talking to parents about children's access to online sites when away from school, and a new paragraph highlighting the importance of ensuring that children understand the law on child-on-child abuse is there to protect them rather than criminalise them. We will be publishing updates for schools to update staff prior to the summer break.

Read the guidance: [Statutory guidance: keeping children safe in education](#)
Download the guidance: [Keeping children safe in education 2022 \(PDF\)](#)



Model Safeguarding Policy

You may be aware that **KCSiE was very recently updated**. We have been working to then, update our **Warwickshire Safeguarding Model Policy to fall in line with the new KCSiE**.

This policy was historically shared over the summer with highlights of which parts have changes. **We are pleased to enclose this updated model policy** for you to start **personalising for your school or setting**.

Please be aware that throughout the year, we will continue to update the policy as new legislation and guidance is shared by the government and key partners.

In addition, before 18th July, you will receive a compressed folder of **all the documents you will need for September**, including the narrated training slides. Please look out for this email from educationsafeguarding@warwickshire.gov.uk

Headteacher Forums

Please note that the July Forum Meetings have been cancelled.

DSL Network Meetings

Here are the dates and timings for DSL network meetings for the next academic year. Please [click here](#) to complete this short form to give us feedback on what subject/themes you would like in a future meetings. **Teams meeting links can be found below.**

OCTOBER	Time	Link
Monday 3 rd October 2022	15:30-16:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
Wednesday 5 th October 2022	15:30-16:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
Thursday 6 th October 2022	8:30-9:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
DECEMBER	Time	Link
Thursday 1 st December 2022	8:30-9:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
Monday 5 th December 2022	15:30-16:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
Tuesday 6 th December 2022	15:30-16:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
FEBRUARY	Time	Link
Friday 3 rd February 2023	8:30-9:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
Wednesday 8 th February 2023	15:30-16:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
Thursday 9 th February 2023	15:30-16:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
APRIL	Time	Link
Wednesday 26 th April 2023	8:30-9:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
Wednesday 26 th April 2023	15:30-16:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
Friday 28 th April 2023	8:30-9:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
JUNE	Time	Link
Monday 26 th June 2023	15:30-16:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
Thursday 29 th June 2023	15:30-16:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting
Friday 30 th June 2023	8:30-9:30	Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting

Safeguarding Audit and C-Poms

The findings of the Annual Safeguarding Audit 21-22 will be published in an email before the end of term, along with all the information you need for September.

We are working with a group of schools to set up C-Poms. We will share the set up when this is complete.

Young Carer Training

Want to understand what is involved in being a young carer? Young Carer Aware Training is available all year round. It is free and CPD accredited. Here is the link [Young Carer Aware](#).
Young Carer Action Day is 16 March 2023

Early Help Pathway Update

Over the summer break, referrals through Children and Families Front Door for Early Help will be processed by the Early Help locality team, who will then liaise with Lead Professionals on their return in September.

In preparation for your return, there will then be communication with DSLs / Lead Professionals to consider the person with the most significant contact with the family to take the plan forward.

KOOTH Warwickshire – Introduction from Tom Robson

I wanted to introduce myself as your new Kooth/Qwell Engagement Lead within Warwickshire. I am aware many of you might have worked with Donna, who has recently left the organisation, but I wanted to remind you of the support I can offer, which is detailed below:

Schools and Colleges:

- Staff training
- Student presentations
- Mental Health workshops
- Parent presentations
- Attendance at events
- Promotional materials

Local services and organisations:

- Staff training
- Young people presentations
- Mental Health workshops
- Parent presentations
- Attendance at local events
- Promotional materials

More Information:

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All of the above are free as they for ioned offer. If you would like to discuss any of the above or require further information, please reach out as I would love to hear from you.

SELF HARM

As part of the work programme of the Warwickshire Self Harm Working Group, an audit was undertaken with Warwickshire schools in the summer term of 2021 to better understand the self-harm challenges being experienced. A recommendation from this exercise was to develop a template Self Harm Policy that schools could adopt either as part of their existing safeguarding processes or to use as a standalone document to support specific self-harm challenges.

To help us develop a resource that is of most use to you and your school community, we are proposing to run a series of focus groups to enable schools/education settings in Warwickshire to input into the development of this document and ensure that we cover the information and support needs requested by schools.

In preparation for this we are inviting schools to express an interest in taking part of these focus groups – and to help us shape how, when and where these are delivered. Please complete this form (by **Friday 22 July 2022**) to let us know if you would like to be involved.

An initial first draft of the Self Harm Policy will be shared with participating schools in advance of the focus groups.

If you any questions, or further information, please contact either: Sam Turpin (samanthaturpin@warwickshire.gov.uk) or Terri Scott (terriscott@warwickshire.gov.uk) in Warwickshire County Council's Public Health Team.

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Many thanks for all you do to safeguard the children and young people in your school or setting. We really appreciate your hard work and dedication.

We wish you a peaceful, and relaxing summer.

Be reassured: We will still be working to safeguarding children throughout the summer.

If you need us, please contact us directly or via:

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