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**Policy: Child Protection and
Safeguarding Policy**
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Schools Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy Framework for Children and Young People

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At Frances Olive Anderson C of E Primary School the named personnel with designated responsibility for safeguarding are:

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Safeguarding Governor
Sarah Woolley	Alison Kershaw	Mel Arnold

The named personnel with Designated Responsibility regarding allegations against staff are:
Sarah Woolley, Kaye Champkins and Ali Kershaw

Designated Senior Manager (normally the Headteacher)	Deputy Designated Senior Manager	Chair of Governors (in the event of an allegation against the headteacher)
Sarah Woolley	Alison Kershaw	Via Clerk to Governors Mrs Mary Gibson

SAFEGUARDING DEFINITION:

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined for the purposes of this policy as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment;
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development;
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes
(["Working Together to Safeguarding Children" DfE 2015](#))

Child Protection is a part of Safeguarding and promoting welfare. It refers to the activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm.

RATIONALE:

At Frances Olive Anderson C of E Primary School we recognise the responsibility we have under Section 175 (LA Schools)/157 (academies and Independent Schools) of the Education and Inspections Act 2002, to have arrangements for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The Governing Body approve the S175/157 return to the LA on a yearly basis. This policy demonstrates the schools commitment and compliance with safeguarding legislation. Through their day-to-day contact with pupils and direct work with families, staff at our school have a crucial role to play in noticing indicators of possible abuse or neglect and referring them to Children's Services (in Lincolnshire or neighbouring authorities dependent upon the child's area of residence). This also involves understanding serious case reviews and how to improve practice to prevent children from falling through the gaps.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that:

- The welfare of the child is paramount.
- All children regardless of age, gender, ability, culture, race, language, religion or sexual identity have equal rights to protection
- All staff have an equal responsibility to act on suspicion or disclosure that may suggest a child is at risk of harm.
- Pupils and staff involved in Safeguarding issues receive appropriate support.
- Staff adhere to a Code of Conduct and understand what to do if a child discloses any allegations against teaching staff, Head teacher or the Governing Body.

The procedures contained in this policy apply to all staff, volunteers, sessional workers, students, agency staff or anyone working on behalf of Frances Olive Anderson C of E Primary School.

They are consistent with Lincolnshire Local Safeguarding Children's board (LSCB) multi-agency child protection procedures. www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lscb

TERMINOLOGY:

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children refers to the process of protecting children from maltreatment, preventing the impairment of children's health or development, ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care and taking action to enable all children to have the best life chances.

Child Protection refers to the activity undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm.

Staff refers to all those working for or on behalf of the School in either a paid or voluntary capacity.

Child refers to all young people who have not yet reached the age of 18.

Parent refers to birth parents and other adults who are in a parenting role – step-parents, foster parents, carers and adoptive parents.

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There are 12 main elements to the Policy:

- 1 Prevention – through the curriculum and pastoral support offered to pupils and through the creation and maintenance of a whole school protective ethos.
- 2 Early identification recognizing and responding to safeguarding needs.
- 3 Procedures and record keeping.
- 4 Roles and responsibilities
- 5 Supporting pupils at risk
- 6 Extremism and radicalisation
- 7 Female Genital Mutilation
- 8 Safer recruitment and professional boundaries
- 9 Whistleblowing procedures
- 10 Communication with Parents and Carers
- 11 Governing body responsibilities
- 12 (LADO) Allegations made against adults who work with children

1 PREVENTION

The school will establish an ethos where:

- 1.1 Children feel secure in a safe environment in which they can learn and develop
- 1.2 Children know that there are adults in the school whom they can approach if worried or in difficulty.
- 1.3 Adequate signposting to external sources of support and advice is in place for staff, parents and pupils.
- 1.4 Importance and prioritisation is given to equipping the children with the skills needed to stay safe; including providing opportunities for Personal, Social and Health Education throughout the curriculum.
- 1.5 Children develop realistic attitudes to their responsibilities in adult life and are equipped with the skills needed to keep themselves safe; including understanding and recognition of healthy/unhealthy relationships and support available
- 1.6 Children are supported in recognising and managing risks in different situations, including on the internet, being able to judge what kind of physical contact is acceptable and unacceptable, recognising when pressure from others, including people they know, threatens their personal safety and well-being and supporting them in developing effective ways of resisting pressure.
- 1.7 All adults feel comfortable and supported to draw safeguarding issues to the attention of the Head Teacher and/or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Clare Douce) and are able to pose safeguarding questions with “respectful uncertainty” as part of their shared responsibility to safeguard children ‘Think the unthinkable’ [Keeping Children Safe, September 2016](#).
- 1.8 Emerging themes are proactively addressed and fed back to the local authority and LSCB to ensure a coherent approach so that multi-agency awareness and strategies are developed.
- 1.9 There is a proactive approach to substance misuse. Issues of drugs and substance misuse are recorded and there is a standalone policy which is robustly delivered throughout the school and curriculum
- 1.10 Support and planning for young people in custody and their resettlement back into the school community is undertaken, where necessary, as part of our inclusive approach
- 1.11 It works in accordance with [‘Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015’](#) and supports the Lincolnshire Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Continuum of Need (see Appendix 2) to ensure children and young people receive the most appropriate referral and access provision; actively supporting multi agency planning for those children and, in doing so, providing information about the ‘voice of the child’ and the child’s lived experience as evidenced by observations or information provided through the multi-agency forum.
- 1.12 Our school’s arrangements for consulting with, listening and responding to pupils are include having staff, who have safeguarding awareness training, in school who are always willing to listen to a child’s concerns sensitively and take appropriate action when necessary. Other children who may be subject to TAC, CIN or a CPP may have a specific agreed plan/routine with them to give them a place to communicate with staff when they need to. They may also be assigned a key person to support them.

- 1.13 There is a commitment to the continuous development of staff with regard to safeguarding training;
- All staff follow the LSCB 5 year training pathway (see Appendix 6) and receive a safeguarding update as part of their induction, to enable them to understand and fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities effectively.
 - The Designated Lead also follows the LSCB 5 year training pathway and attends the LSCB Inter-Agency Safeguarding training.
 - The Designated Safeguarding Lead, and/or Deputy attend the briefings for Designated Safeguarding Leads coordinated by the Safeguarding in Schools Team, therefore enabling them to remain up to date with Safeguarding practices and be aware of any emerging concerns/themes emerging with Lincolnshire. The expectation is that the Designated Lead will attend at least 2 briefings per academic year.

2 **EARLY IDENTIFICATION RECOGNISING AND RESPONDING TO SAFEGUARDING NEEDS**

- 2.1 The school acknowledges serious case review findings and shares lessons learned with all staff with the aim to ensure no child falls through the gap.
- 2.2 All staff understand the [‘Meeting the Needs of Children in Lincolnshire’](#) procedures and know how to pass on any concerns no matter how trivial they seem. They are consistent with Lincolnshire’s Local Safeguarding Children’s (LSCB) child protection procedures.
- 2.3 All staff understand the difference between a ‘concern’ about a child and ‘immediate danger or at risk of harm’ and know the procedures to follow for each.
- 2.4 The school knows how to identify and respond to:
 Signs/symptoms of any type of abuse, e.g. Physical, Sexual, Emotional
 Neglect appendix 3 and 4 and useful information on the [NSPCC website](#)
 Drug/substance/alcohol misuse (both pupil and parent)
 Child sexual exploitation / trafficked children
 Children missing education
 Domestic abuse
 Peer relationship abuse
 Risky behaviours including concerns around extremism/radicalisation
 Sexual health needs
 Obesity/malnutrition
 Inclusion and diversity including SEND, HIV, LGBT pupils
 On line grooming – E Safety Advice is regular from staff members with LCSB representative attending regularly.
 Inappropriate behaviour of staff towards children
 Bullying, including homophobic, racist, gender and disability. Breaches of the Equality Act 2010.
 Self Harm
 Female Genital Mutilation
 Forced Marriage
 Unaccompanied asylum seeking children
- 2.4 School staff contribute to assessments along the ‘*Continuum of Need*’ (see Appendix 2) and actively support multi agency planning for those children. Staff have an understanding of the *Framework of Assessment of Need* (see below) and make decisions

based on a child's development needs, parenting capacity and family & environmental factors.



2.5 Early Help

Early Help is the term used to describe arrangements and services that identify the need for help for children and families as soon as the problems start to emerge, or when there is a strong likelihood that problems will emerge in the future. Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015) identifies the critical features of effective Early Help as:

'A multi-disciplinary approach that brings a range of

- Practice that empowers families and helps them to develop the capacity to resolve their own professional skills and expertise through a "Team around the Child" approach.
- A relationship with a trusted lead professional who can engage with the child and their family, and coordinate the support needed from other agencies

• A holistic approach that addresses the children's needs in the wider family context

• Simple, streamlined referral and assessment process

• Early Help in Lincolnshire includes both the TAC and ESCO process. Signs of Safety is embedded throughout. ESCO is similar to the TAC process but specifically supports the care co-ordination of Children with Disabilities (CWD) Further information can

be seen at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ESCO All forms and guidance for Early Help including Signs of Safety, TAC Handbook, TAC Consultants contact details etc. are available at www.lincolnshirechildren.net

2.6 What is Team Around the Child (TAC)?

TAC is a shared assessment and planning framework which is in use by a variety of agencies across the county and is employed in similar format throughout the country. It aims to help with

the early identification of additional needs of children and young people and promote a co-ordinated multi agency response to meet them. TAC can be used to support children and young people between 0–19 years, including unborn babies and can also be used with consent up to the age of 24 where a young person has a learning difficulty or disability. There are four main stages in setting up a TAC;

- Early identification of needs
- Assessing strengths and needs in a consistent and methodical framework
- Developing and delivering an integrated services
- Reviewing and refining the support arrangements

2.7 **Support and Guidance Available;** Please refer also to the LSCB Website and publications (Particularly 'Meeting the Needs of Children in Lincolnshire') at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lscb. In addition the following staff are available to support professionals;

Early Help Advisors are available to support professionals. These advisors are based within Customer Service Centre (01522 782111). They offer consultations to professionals for new cases where practitioners need some advice or guidance. The Advisors are qualified social workers who will advise on all levels of safeguarding and thresholds.

Early Help Consultants provide support, advice and guidance to lead professionals on existing TAC Cases. They will use Signs of Safety methodology to map and/or quality assure cases in order to secure improved outcomes for children, young people and their families. Contact via your local TAC Co-ordinator in your locality.

TAC Administrators provide administrative support, maintain records, monitor processes, and can signpost professionals to local services.

Further Support for Schools and Academies In addition to the support outlined above, and academies can request case supervision for all TAC cases where the Lead Professional is employed in an educational setting. For these cases administrative support can be also be requested in the form of arranging meetings and typing of assessments and plans. This support can be accessed via the Request Forms at www.lincolnshirechildren.net/tac

2.8 The **designated safeguarding lead** acts as the focal point for all matters concerning child protection and safeguarding children and young people. One of the primary tasks is to act as the contact between school, the family and other agencies. Incidents of possible child abuse obviously need to be handled with sensitivity and confidentiality consistent with the multi-disciplinary approach. If there is any cause for concern whatsoever it is vital that information is passed to the **designated safeguarding lead** immediately. In the event, following statutory investigation, of concerns proving to be unfounded, staff should not reproach themselves for having raised the issue. In cases of this nature it is always better to be safe than sorry.

3 PROCEDURES AND RECORD-KEEPING

Frances Olive Anderson C of E Primary School will follow Lincolnshire's safeguarding procedures with reference to Lincolnshire's LSCB "Managing Individual Cases where there are Concerns about a Child's Safety and Welfare" ([section 4 of LSCB Inter-Agency procedures](#)) All concerns are reported to the Designated person or deputy Designated Person. Depending on the concern, this may:

- Simply be recorded in the safeguarding file as a concern and after due consideration no further action taken
- Recorded as a concern in the safeguarding file and parents made aware of the concern

- Recorded as a concern in the safeguarding file and may be reported at a later date if further concerns are identified that begin to 'build a picture'.
- Reported as a concern and advice sought from Early Help, recorded and followed up
- Reported as an urgent concern, recorded and followed up within 24hrs.
- Further follow up actions recorded in the safeguarding file until a satisfactory conclusion has been reached

The school will ensure that:

3.1 Safeguarding information including Child Protection information is stored and handled in line with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998 ensuring that information is:

- used fairly and lawfully
- for limited, specifically stated purposes
- used in a way that is adequate, relevant and not excessive
- accurate
- kept for no longer than necessary
- handled according to people's data protection rights
- kept safe and secure.

3.2 Any concerns about a child will be recorded in writing within 24 hours. All records will provide a factual, evidence-based account. Timely, accurate recording of every episode/incident/concern/activity/actions will be made including telephone calls to other professionals. Records will be signed, dated and where appropriate, witnessed.

3.3 All staff have a responsibility to respond to disclosures by children or other concerns and pass these concerns on to the designated lead person immediately. It is vital that staff do not:

- **dismiss** concerns or disclosures as insignificant, they may provide a vital link to other information;
- **keep** such concerns to themselves;
- **promise** secrecy to children or adults making disclosures but reassure them that information will be shared appropriately and confidentially

It is unacceptable for any member of staff to keep such concerns to themselves, including concerns about the conduct of another member of staff. People who work in school are often the first to realise that something may be wrong. However, they may only know one aspect of the greater picture. This is the reason any concerns **must** be shared with the designated lead person. Any attempt to hide actions or failure to report may result in disciplinary action being taken. If staff report an action in good faith but it is not confirmed by the investigation, no action will be taken against them. However, if allegations are found to be malicious, vexatious or motivated by personal gain, disciplinary action may be taken.

Staff must report any concerns about adults who work with children or young people to the headteacher or to the Chair of Governors in the event of an allegation of abuse made against the headteacher. The Head or Chair must seek advice from the Local Authority Designated Officer(s) (LADO) (see Appendix 1 and Section 3 of [Keeping Children Safe in Education July 2015](#)) The Emergency Duty Team should be contacted outside normal working hours 01522 782333.

3.4 Hard copies of records or reports relating to Safeguarding and Child Protection concerns will be kept in a separate, confidential file, securely stored away from the main pupil file. Authorisation to access these electronic records will be controlled by the Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead.

- 3.5 There is always a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) available who has the necessary seniority and skills, undertakes appropriate Safeguarding training, and is given the time to carry out this important role.
- 3.6 The Policy is updated annually and that changes are made in line with any new DfE guidance.
- 3.7 In the case of child protection referral or serious injury the DSL will contact Lincolnshire Customer Service Centre without delay to report concerns and seek medical attention as necessary.
- 3.8 In the case of poorly explained serious injuries or where behaviour or concerns arouse suspicion if in any doubt the Designated Safeguarding Lead should consult with Lincolnshire Children's Services Customer Service Centre and seek advice from the Early Help Advisors.
- 3.9 Staff must report any concerns about adults who work with children or young people to the head teacher or to the Chair of Governors in the event of an allegation of abuse made against the head teacher. The Head or Chair must seek advice from the Local Authority Designated Officer(s) (LADO) (see Section 4 of [Keeping Children Safe in Education - September 2016](#)) The Emergency Duty Team should be contacted outside normal working hours 01522 782333.
- 3.10 Conversations with a child who discloses abuse should follow the basic principles:
- listen rather than directly question, remain calm
 - never stop a child who is recalling significant events
 - make a record of discussion to include time, place, persons present and what was said (child language – do not substitute words)
 - advise you will have to pass the information on
 - avoid coaching/prompting
 - never take photographs of any injury
 - allow time and provide a safe haven / quiet area for future support meetings
 - At no time promise confidentiality to a child or adult.
- 3.11 Allegations of abuse made against other children
If a child raises a safeguarding concern to a member of staff then the staff member must:
- Follow the advice in 3.10
 - Complete a concern form as soon as possible. This should be handwritten and in ink or electronically recorded, dated and signed by hand. The information must be factual only.
 - Pass on all of the information to the designated safeguarding lead as soon as is possible but at least before the end of the day.

4 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The school will ensure that every member of staff and person working on behalf of the School:

- 4.1 Knows the name of the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and his/her role and responsibility.
- 4.2 Has read part 1 of '[Keeping Children Safe in Education, September 2016](#)'
- 4.3 Has an individual responsibility to refer Safeguarding (Child Protection) concerns.

- 4.4 knows what to do if a child tells them he/she is being abused or neglected (appendix 5) and [What to do if you are worried a child is being abused – Advice for practitioners](#)
- 4.5 Will receive training at the point of induction and at regular intervals so that they know:
- their personal responsibility / code of conduct / teaching standards
 - LSCB child protection procedures and how to access them
 - the need to be vigilant in identifying cases of abuse at the earliest opportunity
 - how to support and respond to a child who discloses significant harm
- 4.6 Knows their duty concerning unsafe practices in regard to children by a colleague.
- 4.7 The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will disclose any information about a pupil to other members of staff on a need to know basis.
- 4.8 The school will undertake appropriate discussion with parents prior to involvement with other agencies unless the circumstances preclude this.
- 4.9 The school will ensure that parents have an understanding of their obligations re: Child Protection by intervention as and when appropriate.
- 4.10 Work to develop effective links with relevant agencies in relation to Safeguarding (Child Protection).
- 4.11 Ensure that, where there are unmet needs, an Early Help discussion is initiated. Advice may be sought from the Early Help Consultants in the locality.
- 4.12 Complete reports and send representatives to case conferences, core groups and Child Protection review meetings.
- 4.13 Notify any allocated Social Worker if:
- a pupil subject to a Child Protection Plan (CPP) is excluded (fixed term or permanent)
 - there is an unexplained absence of a pupil on a CPP of more than 2 days or 1 day following a weekend, or as agreed as part of a CPP.
- 4.14 Follow Lincolnshire's policy and statutory guidance on Children Missing Education (CME). The School will inform the LA of any pupil who is going to be deleted from the admission register where they:
- have been taken out of school by their parents and are being educated outside the school system e.g. home education;
 - have ceased to attend school and no longer live within reasonable distance of the school at which they are registered;
 - have been certified by the school medical officer as unlikely to be in a fit state of health to attend school before ceasing to be of compulsory school age, and neither he/she nor his/her parent has indicated the intention to continue to attend the school after ceasing to be of compulsory school age;
 - are in custody for a period of more than 4 months due to a final court order and the proprietor does not reasonably believe they will be returning to the school at the end of that period; or
 - Have been permanently excluded.

This will be done as soon as the grounds for the deletion are met, but no later than deleting the pupil's name from the register.

The school will inform the local authority of any pupil who fails to attend school regularly, or has been absent without the school's permission for a continuous period of 10 school days or more, at such intervals as are agreed between the school and the local authority.

- 4.15 Ensure that we request an up to date DBS check for those who hold workshops or are likely to carry out sessions with children in school. If this is not possible the school will need to take sufficient precautions with the attendance of school DBS checked staff.
- 4.16 The school will carry out checks against all employees who, under the Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2009 and the education act 2006 are prohibited from working in a Primary setting or who have lived in the same household as a disqualified person. This is in accordance with supplementary advice to "Keeping Children Safe in Education" statutory guidance from the department for education. All staff are covered by these regulations as they will at some time as part of their employment work or be in contact with children under the age of 8 years old. (see appendix 7 for waiver of disqualification)

5 SUPPORTING PUPILS AT RISK

Special consideration should be given to safeguarding and protecting children that may have additional vulnerabilities, for example children that are looked after or those with special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities. Additional barriers can exist to the recognition of abuse and neglect which can include:

- assumptions that indicators of possible abuse such as behaviour, mood and injury relate to the child's disability without further exploration;
- vulnerable children can disproportionately be impacted by things like bullying – without outwardly showing any signs; and
- communication barriers and difficulties in overcoming these barriers

5.1 The school will endeavour to support vulnerable pupils through:

- Its ethos which promotes a positive, supportive and secure environment; giving pupils a sense of being valued.
- Its behaviour policy aimed at supporting vulnerable pupils in school. All staff will agree a consistent approach which focuses on the behaviour of the offence committed by the child; working to support children in developing positive behaviour.
- Liaison with other appropriate agencies which support the pupil.
- Developing supportive relationships.
- Recognition that children living in difficult home environments are vulnerable and are in need of support and protection.
- Monitoring pupil welfare, keeping accurate records and notifying appropriate agencies when necessary.
- Allowing designated staff opportunity to attend face to face Safeguarding in Schools briefings/ LSCB multi-agency training. (For example Prevent, Child Sexual Exploitation guidance, domestic violence, drugs / alcohol substance misuse etc.)

- Ensuring information is transferred safely and securely when a pupil with a Safeguarding Record transfers to another school. Also notifying Key workers or social workers where a child leaves the school (as appropriate)
- Following Lincolnshire's procedures for [Child Sexual Exploitation](#) including using the CSE Risk Assessment Toolkit as necessary.

6 EXTREMISM AND RADICALISATION

- 6.1 Frances Olive Anderson C of E Primary School seeks to protect children and young people against the messages of all violent extremism including, but not restricted to, those linked to Islamist ideology, or to Far Right / Neo Nazi / White Supremacist ideology, Irish Nationalist and Loyalist paramilitary groups, and extremist Animal Rights movements.

The current threat from terrorism in the United Kingdom may include the exploitation of vulnerable people, to involve them in terrorism or in activity in support of terrorism. The normalisation of extreme views may also make children and young people vulnerable to future manipulation and exploitation.

Frances Olive Anderson C of E Primary School is clear that this exploitation and radicalisation should be viewed as a safeguarding concern.

Prevention work and reductions of risks will include the RE curriculum, SEND policy, assembly policy, the use of school premises by external agencies, integration of pupils by gender and SEN, anti-bullying policy and other issues specific to the school's profile, community and philosophy”

This school adheres to the [Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales](#) July 2015 PREVENT training was attended in January 2016 by all staff. Risk assessment for the risk specifically in Lincolnshire is to be acquired and actions advised will be followed.

6.2 Risk assessment

Settings need to assess the risk, with local partners, of their children being drawn into terrorism, as well as their support for extremist ideas and terrorist ideology. They should have robust safeguarding policies to identify children at risk, appropriate intervention and the most appropriate referral option. The policy should also cover the suitability of visiting speakers.

Police in all regions are expected to produce a Counter-Terrorism local profile (CTLPs) which is to assess the risk of individuals being drawn into terrorism and is the risk assessment that settings need to refer to. The Lincolnshire profile is currently being amended and further support can be provided by contacting prevent@lincs.pnn.police.uk

6.3 Working in Partnership

Lincolnshire settings are required to ensure that their safeguarding arrangements take into account [policies and procedures of Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board](#)

The key aim of the [PREVENT strategy in Lincolnshire](#) is:

To help local authorities, police, community safety partnerships and other partners and partnerships to develop and implement effective actions, which will make their communities

safer. This will reduce the risk from terrorism and violent extremism, so that the people of Lincolnshire can go about their business freely and with confidence.

Experience has shown that the best results are achieved by:

- Partnership working and community engagement
- Understanding the challenge and its context
- Developing an effective action plan
- Managing risk
- Tracking progress and evaluating success
- Sharing learning

Lincolnshire has a PREVENT steering board which provides the strategic direction and is attended by a variety of partners including Education.

The CHANNEL panel is the operational group for Lincolnshire and has multi-agency representation.

Staff training

Settings should ensure that their staff are equipped to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism, as well as challenge extremist ideas. They should know how to refer children and young people for further help.

All staff can undertake PREVENT e-learning via the [LSCB website](#). Face to face learning is available to book via the [Stay Safe partnership website](#). All staff attended training in January 2016.

IT policies

Settings are expected to ensure that children are safe from online terrorist and extremist material, typically via appropriate levels of filtering.

Settings can require pupils and staff to abide by acceptable user policies which make clear that accessing such sites is unacceptable. Using school equipment to send terrorist publications to others would be a criminal offence.

Monitoring and enforcement

Ofsted inspectors will assess the settings approach to keeping children safe from the dangers of radicalisation and extremism and what is done when the setting suspects that pupils are vulnerable to these threats. If a setting is considered to be failing in this regard or if their staff or children's safety is threatened, maintained schools will be subject to intervention and academies or free schools may be subject to termination of funding. For independent schools in England or Wales, they must remedy any failing or be subject to regulatory action. Early years settings are also covered by this monitoring provision.

Wider issues to consider:

These are some further areas to consider in implementing the prevent agenda:

- Settings are required to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs.
- Curriculum including a balanced Religious Education, Personal Social and Health Education etc.

EMTET is the Ethnic Minority and Traveller Education Team who can support settings by working with individuals who are victims of racism or are perpetrators of racism or have racist views. In addition they

can sign post settings to other organisations which will be able to support with other similar issues. EMTET contact details are 01427 787190, www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/emtet

7. FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) comprises all procedures involving partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or other injury to the female genital organs. It is illegal in the UK and a form of child abuse with long-lasting harmful consequences.

At Frances Olive Anderson Church of England Primary School we are alert to the possibility of a girl being at risk of FGM, or already having suffered FGM.

Indicators

There is a range of potential indicators that a girl may be at risk of FGM. Warning signs that FGM may be about to take place, or may have already taken place, can be found on pages 16-17 of the Multi-Agency Practice Guidelines , and Chapter 9 of those Guidelines (pp42-44) focuses on the role of schools and colleges.

Section 5C of the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 (as inserted by section 75 of the Serious Crime Act 2015) gives the Government powers to issue statutory guidance on FGM to relevant persons. Once the government issues any statutory multi-agency guidance this will apply to schools and colleges.

Actions

If staff have a concern they should consult with the designated safeguarding lead who must activate local safeguarding procedures, using existing national and local protocols for multi-agency liaison with police and children's social care. Where a member of staff discovers that an act of FGM appears to have been carried out on a girl who is aged under 18, there is a statutory duty upon that individual to report it to the police.

8 SAFER RECRUITMENT AND PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES

The school pays full regard to DfE guidance '[Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)' September 2016 and with reference to the 'Position of Trust' offence (Sexual Offences Act 2003). We ensure that all appropriate measures are applied in relation to everyone who works in the school who is likely to be perceived by the children as a safe and trustworthy adult. We do this by:

- 8.1 Operating safer recruitment practices including appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and reference checks, verifying identity academic and vocational qualifications, obtaining professional references, checking previous employment history (including any additional checks thought appropriate for staff who have lived or worked outside the UK) and ensuring that a candidate has the health and physical capacity for the job. It also includes undertaking interviews and checking the Children's List and the existence of any teacher prohibition orders (checked via the '[Teacher Services' system](#)') and the right to work in England checks in accordance with DBS and Department for Education procedures.
- 8.2 In February 2015 the DfE issued additional guidance about disqualification by association '[Disqualification Under the Childcare Act 2006](#)' which applies to those staff employed and/or provide childcare in either the early years (birth until end of reception age) or later years (children under the age of 8). Schools will need to ask those staff in scope to complete a disqualification declaration. Upon return schools should contact their HR adviser and LADO where a positive declaration has been made.
- 8.3 Ensuring that staff and volunteers adhere to a published code of conduct and other professional standards at all times, including after school activities. Staff are aware of social media/ on-line conduct.

- 8.4 Ensuring any disciplinary proceedings against staff related to Child Protection matters are concluded in full in accordance with Government guidance “Keeping Children Safe in Education 2016” and LSCB, LADO and HR Policy, procedures and guidance.
- 8.5 Ensuring that all staff and other adults on site are aware of the need for maintaining appropriate and professional boundaries in their relationship with pupils and parents, following the Code of Conduct.
- 8.6 Establishing adequate risk assessments are in place including for extended school, volunteer and holiday activities.
- 8.7 Supporting staff confidence to report misconduct.
- 8.8 At least one member of every recruitment panel has completed Safer Recruitment training within the last 5 years. At least one person in school should have completed the LSCB face to face Safer Recruitment within the last 5 years. E-learning is also available. Training is available to book at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lscb (click 'Training')

9 WHISTLEBLOWING PROCEDURE

Maintained schools should follow the Lincolnshire County Council whistleblowing arrangements. The school should have a copy of Lincolnshire CC's whistleblowing arrangements which can be tailored to fit the school's circumstances. The LCC policy and process for schools can be found at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/111773.article>

There should be at least one member of staff and at least one governor who other members of staff can contact if they wish to report concerns. School staff can also contact the local authority on 0800 0853716 or whistleblowing@lincolnshire.gov.uk in case a staff member feels they should report to someone outside the school.

Academies and Independent Schools are responsible for agreeing and establishing their own whistleblowing procedures.

The governing body minutes should include a record of:

- The school's whistleblowing arrangements
- the people in and outside the school that staff members should report concerns to

Every member of staff must be informed of the school's whistleblowing arrangements.

Every staff member, including temporary staff and contractors, should know:

- what protection is available to them if they decide to report another member of staff
- what areas of malpractice or wrongdoing are covered in the school's whistleblowing procedure
- the different routes available to them for reporting a concern, including who they can approach both in and outside the school

All staff and contractors should be aware of the **NSPCC Whistleblowing Advice Line for Professionals (0800 028 0285)** and be aware that they can use this line if:

- the school doesn't have clear safeguarding procedures to follow
- they believe their concerns won't be dealt with properly or may be covered-up
- they have raised a concern but it hasn't been acted upon

- they are worried about being treated unfairly.

They should be aware that they can call about an incident that happened in the past, is happening now or they believe may happen in the future.

10 COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS AND CARERS

The school takes steps to ensure all parents and carers understand the child protection and safeguarding policy. The policy is available through the school public website and parents receive updates on reviews and changes through home school communication. Parents can raise a concern about their child's safety or about general safeguarding concerns in the school by informing the school immediately where there is risk of harm to a child or raising the concern through the school's complaints procedure.

Parents are regularly informed of information that they may need to be aware of to help them to protect their children from harm inside and outside the school environment.

Where the school has concerns for the safety of a child, parents are made aware of these concerns and their consent is sought in line with local safeguarding procedures unless doing so would increase the risk of harm to the child.

11 GOVERNING BODY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Governing Body fully recognises its responsibilities with regard to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in accordance with Government guidance.

The Governing Body have agreed processes which allow them to monitor and ensure that the school:

- 9.1 Has robust Safeguarding procedures in place.
- 9.2 Operates safer recruitment procedures and appropriate checks are carried out on new staff and adults working on the school site. This includes checking the Single Central Record (SCR).
- 9.3 Has procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse against any member of staff or adult on site
- 9.4 Has a member of the Leadership Team who is designated to take lead responsibility for dealing with Safeguarding and Child Protection issues
- 9.5 Takes steps to remedy any deficiencies or weaknesses with regard to Safeguarding arrangements.
- 9.6 Is supported by the Governing Body nominating a member responsible for liaising with the LA and/or partner agencies in the event of allegations of abuse against the Headteacher; this is the Chair of Governors.
- 9.7 Carries out an annual review of the Safeguarding policy and procedures.
- 9.8 Carries out an annual Safeguarding Audit in consultation with the Governing body, sharing this with the LSCB/Safeguarding in Schools team on request. Support available with this via safeguardingschools@lincolnshire.gov.uk

12 (LADO) ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST ADULTS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN

Child Protection procedures must be followed whenever any member of staff or volunteer becomes aware of a concern, or an allegation of abuse is made, about an adult including volunteers who works with children, this includes others working on behalf of school. The Head teacher must be notified or, where the allegation is against the Head teacher, the Chair of Governors must be informed. The first priority is whether any immediate action needs taking to ensure a child or other children are safe. **All allegations of alleged or suspected abuse against an adult who works with children must be reported to the Lincolnshire's Local Authority Designated Officers (LADO).** (contact numbers in Appendix 1) Further guidance is in part 4 of the statutory document; [Keeping Children Safe in Education – September 2016](#))

Reporting to the LADO applies even where the nature of the alleged assault would not normally meet the threshold if applied to children in their own families. For example, a report of a child being smacked by a parent, with no injury caused, would be unlikely to require any response by Police or Social Care. However, a similar report of a child being smacked by a teacher should be responded to because of:

- the vulnerability of children away from home;
- the higher standards of conduct demanded by law and regulation of those caring for other people's children;
- the position of trust enjoyed by such people.

Contact should be made with the LADO when it is alleged, or there are concerns that, a person who works with children has

- behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child;
- possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child; or
- behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates he or she would pose a risk of harm if they work regularly or closely with children.

This process should be followed for members of staff/volunteers who are currently working in any school or college regardless of whether the school or college is where the alleged abuse took place – i.e. the allegation may relate to the individuals personal life or be historic.

Employers have a duty of care to their employees. They should ensure they provide effective support for anyone facing an allegation and provide the employee with a named contact if they are suspended. Decisions about suspension are made on a case by case basis and will depend on the nature and seriousness of the allegation. It is essential that any allegation of abuse made against a teacher or other member of staff or volunteer in a school or college is dealt with in a timely manner, in a fair and consistent way that provides effective protection for the child and at the same time supports the person who is the subject of the allegation.

OTHER RELATED POLICIES

The school takes safeguarding seriously and understands this policy is over- arching. The school also maintains other linked policies in line with the legislative requirements; together these make up the suite of policies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in this school.

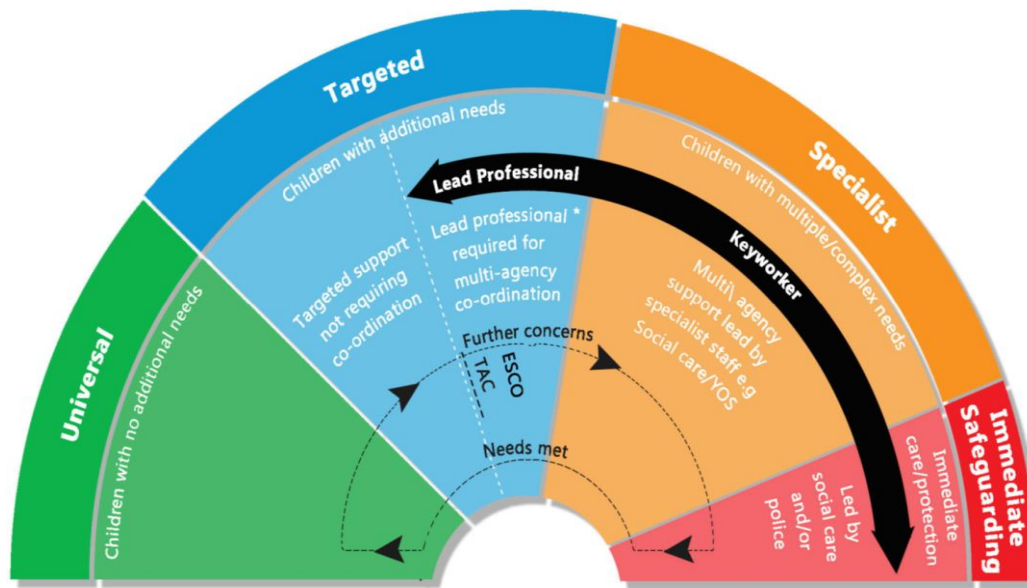
- **Attendance policy**

- Data Protection/Information Sharing protocol
- Staff Code of Conduct / Staff Handbook
- Guidance for Safer Working Practice for Adults who work with Children & Young People in Education Settings
- Extremism and Radicalisation PREVENT guidance & policy
- E-Safety guidance & policy
- Behaviour policy Anti Bullying
- Complaints procedure
- Intimate Care policy
- [Child Sexual Exploitation Toolkit and procedures \(available from LSCB website\)](#)
- [Professional Resolution and Escalation Protocol Flowchart \(as above\)](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education July 2015](#)
- [Working Together to Safeguard Children March 2015](#)
- [Domestic Abuse guidance](#)
- SEND policy
- Acceptable Use policy
- [Meeting the Needs of Children in Lincolnshire](#)
- [Team Around the Child \(TAC\) Handbook](#)
- Children Missing Education policy

Staying Safe

Advice on any aspect of Child Protection can be sought from the Child Protection Team;

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Sarah Woolley
Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Ali Kershaw
Our local contact numbers are:	
Safeguarding of children concerns <i>(Children living in Lincolnshire)</i>	01522 782111 <i>Lincolnshire's Children's Services Customer Service Centre for reporting concerns and Early Help Team for Advice</i> 01522 782333 (6pm-8am + weekends and Bank Holidays) Emergency Duty Team
Safeguarding of children concerns <i>(Children living in other Authorities)</i>	01724 298293 <i>North Lincolnshire Children's Services Customer Service Centre for reporting concerns and Early Help Team for Advice</i>
Allegations against /concerns about adult(s) working with children	01522 554668 Anne Faulkner/ 01522 554674 Ursula Morton <i>Local Authority Designated Officers (LADO)</i>
Police (Emergency) Police (Non Emergency)	999 101 <i>Lincolnshire Police Public Protection Unit, Central Referral Unit</i> 01522 947590
Safeguarding Children Officer (Education Settings) <i>for advice around safeguarding policy, audits etc.</i>	01522 554695 Ruth Fox safeguardingschools@lincolnshire.gov.uk Stay Safe Partnership website



<p style="text-align: center;">UNIVERSAL</p> <p>Children and young people whose needs are being adequately met by their family, friends and community and who are accessing universal services. (e.g. health visiting, GP, schools)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESPONSE: - Continue meeting child or young person’s needs as a universal service in a safe environment. Universal services will remain at all levels of need. 	<p style="text-align: center;">TARGETED</p> <p>Children and young people who would benefit from additional help with moderate difficulties in order to make the best of their life chances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESPONSE: - A practitioner who identifies unmet needs for a child or young person should consider how these needs can best be met, usually by some additional help from within their own agency. The Early Help Assessment (EHA) can help to identify and plan to meet needs and involve others where necessary.
<p style="text-align: center;">COMPLEX</p> <p>Children and young people who have a range of additional needs affecting different areas of their life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESPONSE: Request support from other agencies such as family support, commissioned services Youth Crime Prevention Team and Education Welfare. Agencies work together to provide a network of support to the child or young person and their family. • Identify a lead professional to co-ordinate support and be primary link with the family. • Hold a multi-agency meeting and use the Early Help Assessment (EHA) with child and family to assess their needs. Develop and implement an Action Plan and review progress. 	<p style="text-align: center;">SPECIALIST</p> <p>Children and young people who need immediate protection or who require integrated support from a statutory service such as CAMHS, Children’s Social Care, or Youth Offending Service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Social Care lead multi-agency planning and support through a Child-in-Need Plan, Child Protection Procedures, or accommodation by Children’s Social Care. • Youth Offending Team lead multi-agency interventions for Court-Ordered Supervision of Young Offenders in the community and in custody.

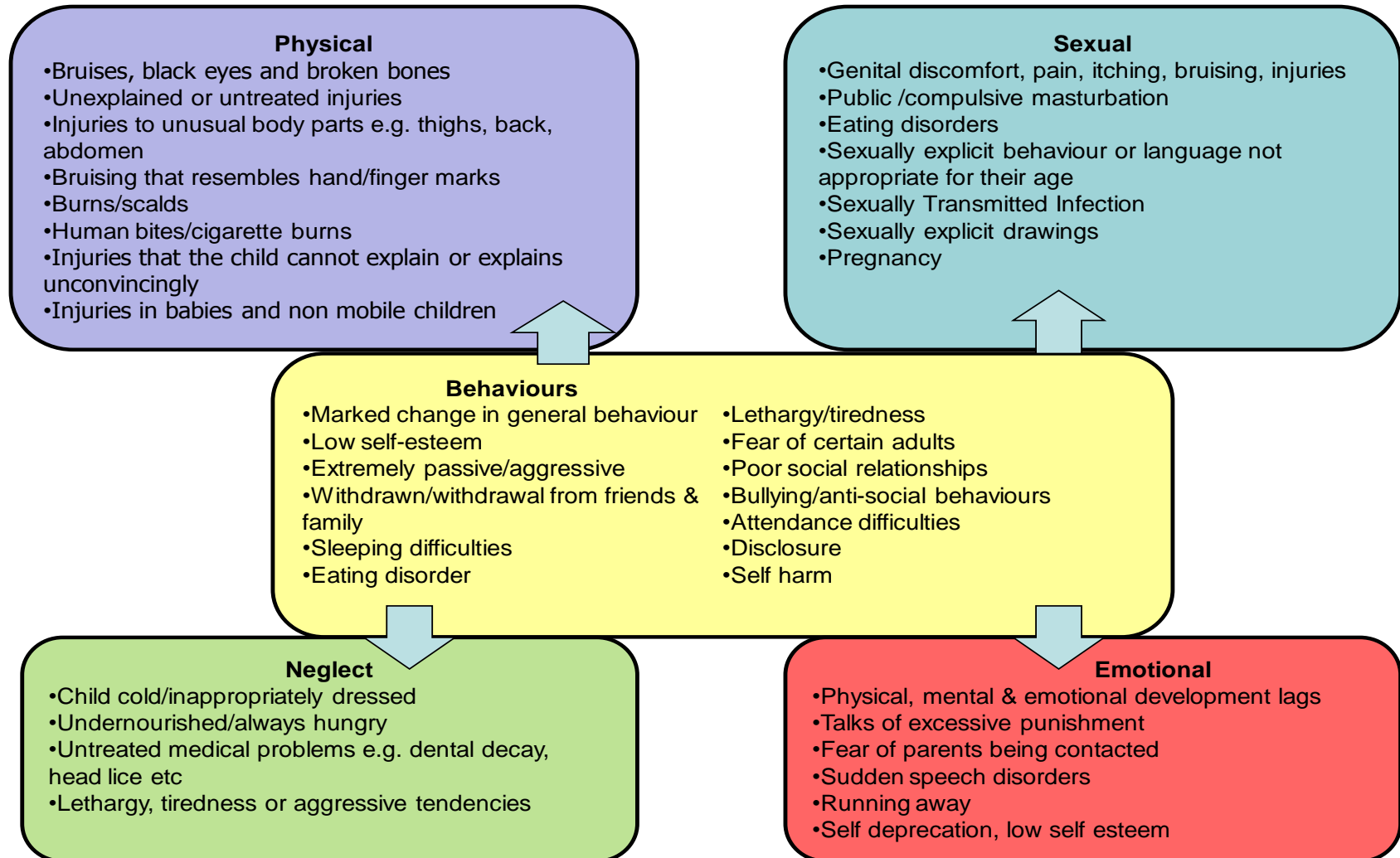
If at any point you are concerned about the safety of a child or young person, contact Lincolnshire Children's Services Customer Service Centre

 **Tel:** 01522 782111
 **Tel:** 01522 782333 (Emergency Duty Team for out of hours)

**DEFINITIONS OF ABUSE
“WORKING TOGETHER TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN” 2015**

<div data-bbox="316 405 624 600" data-label="Section-Header"> <p align="center">Neglect</p> </div> <p>The persistent failure to meet a child’s basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child’s health or development.</p> <p>It may occur during pregnancy as a result of maternal substance abuse.</p> <p>Once a child is born, neglect may involve a parent or carer failing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide adequate food, clothing and shelter (including exclusion from home or abandonment) • protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger • ensure adequate supervision (including the use of inadequate care-givers) • ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment. <p>It may also include unresponsiveness to, or neglect of a child’s basic emotional needs.</p>	<div data-bbox="951 405 1337 600" data-label="Section-Header"> <p align="center">Emotional Abuse</p> </div> <p>The persistent emotional maltreatment of a child such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on their emotional development. It may involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conveying to them that they are worthless, unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of another person. • not giving them opportunities to express their views, deliberately silencing them or ‘making fun’ of what they say or how they communicate. • developmentally inappropriate expectations being imposed; interactions that are beyond the child’s developmental capability • overprotection and limitation of exploration and learning • preventing the child participating in normal social interaction. • seeing / hearing the ill-treatment of another. • serious bullying causing them frequently to feel frightened or in danger • exploitation or corruption of them. <p>Some level of emotional abuse is involved in all types of maltreatment of a child, though it may occur alone</p>
<div data-bbox="328 1429 608 1624" data-label="Section-Header"> <p align="center">Sexual Abuse</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forcing or enticing a child to take part in sexual activities, not necessarily involving a high level of violence, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening. • physical contact: including assault by penetration e.g. rape or oral sex; or non-penetrative acts e.g. masturbation, kissing, rubbing & touching outside of clothing • Non-contact activities: e.g. involving children in looking at/ in the production of sexual images/ activities, encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways, grooming a child in preparation for abuse. 	<div data-bbox="983 1429 1305 1624" data-label="Section-Header"> <p align="center">Physical Abuse</p> </div> <p>A form of abuse which may involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning, scalding, drowning, suffocating, or otherwise causing physical harm to a child. • Physical harm may also be caused when a parent or carer feigns the symptoms of, or deliberately induces illness in a child. • Injuries in babies and non-mobile children

Symptoms of Abuse



Appendix 4

Receiving Disclosures:



Receive

- Listen, try not to look shocked or be judgmental
- Believe what they say 'take it seriously'.
- Accept what the young person says.
- Don't make them feel bad by saying "you should have told me earlier"
- Don't 'interrogate' them – let them tell you, try not to interrupt
- Note the date and time, what was done, who did it, and where it took place
- Use the young person's own words
- Don't criticise the perpetrator
- Don't take photographs of any injuries
- Don't ask leading questions – use 'open' questions to clarify only (T.E.D)



Tell me what you mean by that?/ Can you Tell me how that happened?

Explain that to me

Describe that....



Reassure

- Stay calm, tell the young person they've done the right thing in telling you
- Reassure them they are not to blame
- Empathise – don't tell them how they should be feeling
- Don't promise confidentiality, explain who needs to know
- Explain what you'll do next
- Be honest about what you can do

Report and Record

- Make a Brief, accurate, timely and factual record
- Discuss with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or their Deputy, without delay
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead will assess the situation and decide on the next steps

Things to include:

- Time and full date of disclosure/incident and the time and full date the record was made
- An accurate record of what was said or seen
- Whether it is 1st or 2nd hand information
- Whether the child was seen/spoken to
- Whether information is fact/ professional judgement
- Full names and roles/status of anyone identified in the report
- Avoid acronyms/jargon/abbreviations
- Sign the record with a legible signature.
- Record actions agreed with/by the Designated Lead



Records should be reviewed regularly and any new concerns should be added and responded to immediately.

The 5 Year Safeguarding Training Pathway

Appendix 6

The statutory guidance, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2015', states 'All staff members should be aware of systems within their school or college which support safeguarding and these should be explained to them as part of staff induction. This includes: the school's or college's child protection policy; the school's or college's staff behaviour policy (sometimes called a code of conduct); and the role of the designated safeguarding lead. All staff members should also receive appropriate child protection training which is regularly updated. '

Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) & Lincolnshire County Council agree that best practice would be for all staff to undertake **annual** safeguarding training, based on the LSCB 5 year training pathway which is available at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lscb. Some staff find the pathway a little confusing so please see a simplified version below.

5 Year Cycle Training Pathway <i>Example</i> for Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)	
Year 1	Complete 'Awareness of Child Abuse & Neglect Foundation' E-Learning and LSCB 2 day 'Inter-Agency Safeguarding Children & Young People' face to face course in the locality of your setting.
Year 2	Complete another Safeguarding course, e.g. PREVENT
Year 3	Complete Safeguarding Children Refresher training. This could be the LSCB E-learning
Year 4	Complete another Safeguarding course, e.g. Awareness of Domestic Abuse
Year 5	Complete another Safeguarding course, e.g. Keeping Children Safe in a Digital World

5 Year Cycle Training Pathway <i>Example</i> for all other members of staff	
Year 1	Complete Basic Awareness Safeguarding training. This may be the Safeguarding in Schools 'Training Package' which is updated annually, delivered by the DSL or a DSL from a partner school. The package may be presented in one longer session or completed over several sessions. The LSCB 'Awareness of Child Abuse & Neglect Foundation E-Learning' is a suitable alternative, however, please note that if the E-Learning is being undertaken, staff MUST be made aware of safeguarding procedures and policies specific to your setting, including safer working practices and procedures for reporting concerns about adults who work with children and young people.
Year 2	Complete another safeguarding course/session, e.g. PREVENT. This may be face to face/e-learning or attending an in-house session.
Year 3	Complete a Safeguarding Children Refresher course. This could be a refresh of one or more of the sections of the 'Training Package' or the LSCB 'Safeguarding Children Refresher training' E-Learning.
Year 4	Complete another safeguarding course. This may be face to face/e-learning or attending an in-house session.
Year 5	Complete another safeguarding course. This may be face to face/e-learning or attending an in-house session.

Schools should plan the 5 year pathway carefully, taking into consideration any gaps in staff knowledge, updates to statutory guidance documents and the needs of the children and young people in the setting and community. Always keep accurate records of staff safeguarding updates on a spreadsheet and remember to keep a central copy of any evidence of training, e.g. certificates.

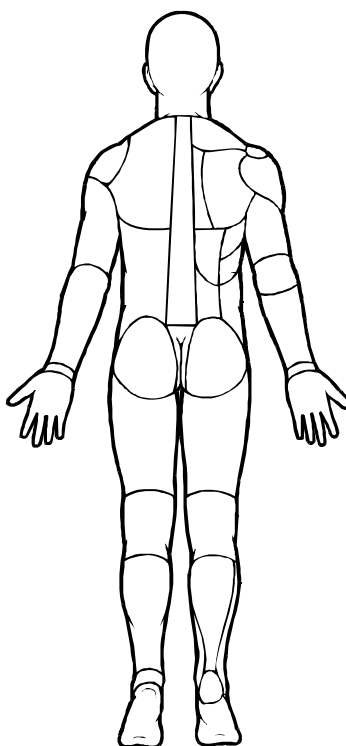
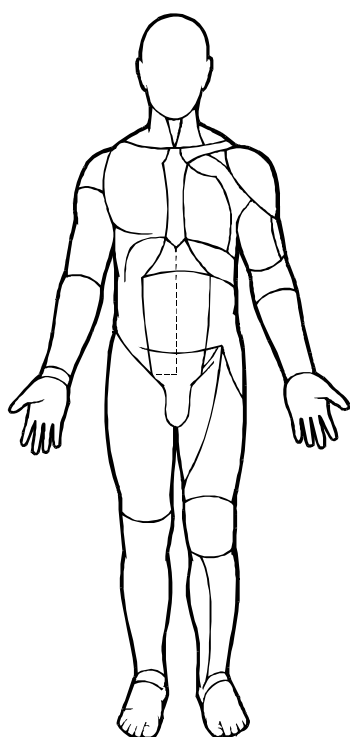
The 'Training Package' is available on request by emailing safeguardingschools@lincolnshire.gov.uk . The Training Package contains a Trainer Manual, delegate workbook, powerpoint presentation and training notes along with certificate templates.

Signed :

Appendix 8

REPORT SHEET FOR MARKS OR BRUISES

Please draw, shade, sketch or mark what has been observed on the outlines below. (DO NOT photograph)



Description of mark or bruise:

1. Type
2. Size
3. Colour
4. Tenderness

Name of Observer:

Signed:

Date:

Reported to Child Protection Officer:
Date:

Signed:

Concerns File Frances Olive Anderson C of E Primary School

Designated Child Protection officer: Mrs Sarah Woolley

- This is a confidential file regarding concerns that you have regarding a child's welfare: however slight
- Please remember to date and sign your name against any concern so that if further clarification is needed this can be done
- Please file the forms so that the latest information is at the top.
- Mrs Woolley, the Headteacher will regularly review the file. **However please inform Mrs Woolley or Mrs Kershaw as soon as possible if you feel your concern requires urgent action**

If Mrs Woolley is not available please inform Mrs Kershaw or report to the Safeguarding Customer Service Centre on 01522 782111 They will give you advice and log your call.

Make that call

The 5 Year Safeguarding Training Pathway

Appendix 10

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	Designated Safeguarding Lead/s SW / CD	All staff	Other – KC acting Deputy DSL	Governors	Pupils / parents
2015 - 16	SW Awareness of child abuse and neglect foundation E Learning. (17.09.15) 2 day inter agency safeguarding children and young people face to face (.5/.6.10.15) Prevent whole staff – (13.01.16) E – safety E learning (19.11.15) Safer recruitment – E learning (19.11.15) CD E – safety guidance in date (17.12.14) Awareness of child abuse and neglect foundation	Awareness of child neglect and Abuse foundation E learning. Updates on KCSIE, signs and symptoms, staff handbook, policy and code of conduct. In house, September INSET. Prevent training (13.01.16)	Safer recruitment face to face(28.09.16)	E learning – awareness of child abuse and neglect – foundation. (25.10.15)	Workshop on e – safety (03.05.16) 5 pupils absent. Parent Workshop on e – safety (03.05.16)

	<p>E Learning. (17.09.15) 2 day inter agency safeguarding children and young people face to face (.5/.6.10.15) Safer recruitment – face to face (02.16)</p>				
2016-17	<p>SW TAC updates TAC forum attended Safer recruitment face to face (28.09.16) Safe guarding and leadership E-Learning (08.16) Child protection in Education – 1 day national conference. Optimus Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on how role of safeguarding has changed • Clarification of the impact of changes to KCSIE guidance • Developing a whole organisation 	<p>Updates on KCSIE, signs and symptoms, staff handbook and code of conduct. In house, September INSET</p> <p>Basic awareness of domestic violence – Spring 2017</p> <p>Emergency First Aid (08.11.16)</p> <p>Paediatric First Aid – to be booked 2 staff</p> <p>Food hygiene / awareness</p>	<p>Child protection in Education – 1 day national conference. Optimus Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on how role of safeguarding has changed • Clarification of the impact of changes to KCSIE guidance • Developing a whole organisation approach to safeguarding • Achieve full compliance under Prevent duty and 		<p>Anti-Bullying assembly led by team leaders</p>

	<p>approach to safeguarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve full compliance under Prevent duty and know latest obligations • Learn lessons from SCR and safeguard against common mistakes • Mental health Workshop • Safer recruitment workshop • Allegations and staff conduct Workshop <p>(06.10.16)</p> <p>Briefing for Education safeguarding leads, face to face (12.10.16)</p> <p>Dates for Spring and Summer updates to be confirmed</p> <p>Domestic Violence face to face for</p>	course to be booked	<p>know latest obligations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn lessons from SCR and safeguard against common mistakes • Mental health Workshop • Safer recruitment workshop • Allegations and staff conduct Workshop <p>(06.10.16)</p>		
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	<p>DSL – January 2017</p> <p>AK Awareness of child abuse and neglect foundation E Learning. () 2 day inter agency safeguarding children and young people face to face (November 2016)</p>				
2017 - 2018	<p>Complete Safeguarding Children Refresher training. This could be the LSCB E-learning</p>	<p>Updates on KCSIE, signs and symptoms, staff handbook and code of conduct. In house, September INSET</p> <p>All staff refresher training – Keeping Children Safe in Education</p>			
2018 - 2019	<p>Complete another Safeguarding course, e.g. Awareness of Domestic Abuse</p>	<p>Updates on KCSIE, signs and symptoms, staff handbook and code of conduct. In house, September INSET</p>			

		Emergency First Aid needs updating. Paediatric first aid to be updated (VB, SH)			
2019 - 2020	Complete another Safeguarding course, e.g. Keeping Children Safe in a Digital World	Updates on KCSIE, signs and symptoms, staff handbook and code of conduct. In house, September INSET			

Appendix 11

Whistle-blowing

What is whistleblowing?

Whistleblowing is when someone raises a concern about a dangerous or illegal activity or any wrongdoing within their organisation.

Raising a concern is known as "blowing the whistle" and is a vital process for identifying risks to people's safety.

Sharing information or talking through a concern can be the first step to helping an organisation identify problems and improve their practices

If you are concerned about anything you see or hear in school please contact:

Sarah Woolley (Headteacher) Ali Kershaw (Deputy Headteacher)

**Alternatively, you can contact the school Safeguarding Governor:
Mrs Mel arnold
Or Clerk to Governors
Mrs Mary Gibson**

**Or the Local Authority on: 0800 085 3716
whistleblowing@lincolnshire.gov.uk**

You can also contact the NSPCC Whistleblowing Advice Line for Professionals on 0800 028 0285

help@nspcc.org.uk.

Appendix 12

Whistleblowing Advice Line Support for professionals who are worried about children in the workplace

The Whistleblowing Advice Line offers free advice and support to professionals with concerns about how child protection issues are being handled in their own or another organisation.

If you think an organisation is putting children at risk, even if you're not certain, call us today to talk through your concerns.

A chat with your partner or a mate about your concerns won't change anything but a chat with us can change a child's life.

Contact the Whistleblowing Advice Line

Call [0800 028 0285](tel:08000280285)

Email help@nspcc.org.uk

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When to call

If you have any concerns about a child in your workplace you should raise this with your employer or organisational safeguarding lead in the first instance.

You should call the Whistleblowing Advice Line if:

- your organisation doesn't have clear safeguarding procedures to follow
- you think your concern won't be dealt with properly or may be covered-up
- you've raised a concern but it hasn't been acted upon
- you're worried about being treated unfairly.

You can call about an incident that happened in the past, is happening now or you believe may happen in the future.

What to expect when you call

One of our call handlers will connect you with a trained practitioner.

They will discuss your concerns with you and:

- talk you through the whistleblowing process
- take details of your concern
- explain the protection available to you if you need it
- get relevant agencies and authorities to take action on your concern.

You don't have to tell us who you are if you don't want to - you can remain anonymous. If you do give us your name and contact details you can ask us not to share these with other agencies.

If you think a child is in immediate danger

Don't delay - call the police on 999,
or call us on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000), straight away.

What the law says about whistleblowing

If you disclose information about wrongdoing the law protects you from being treated unfairly or losing your job.

A disclosure qualifies for protection if you are a worker and you disclose something about an organisation.

A disclosure must be about something that affects the general public such as:

- a criminal offence has been committed, is being committed or is likely to be committed
- an legal obligation has been breached
- there has been a miscarriage of justice
- the health or safety of any individual has been endangered
- the environment has been damaged
- information about any of the above has been concealed.

This is set out in the [Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998](#). The Act applies to England, Scotland and Wales. For more information about child protection across the UK see our pages on reporting concerns in [England](#), [Northern Ireland](#), [Scotland](#) and [Wales](#)

The NSPCC has been a prescribed whistleblowing body for child welfare and protection since 2014 ([Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, 2016](#)). This means any worker who has child protection or welfare concerns can make a disclosure to us and we can seek to protect them against unfair treatment at work.

You can find out more about whistleblowing on the [GOV.uk website](#).

About the Whistleblowing Advice Line

In addition to our [general helpline](#) for anyone who is worried about a child and would like support and advice, we run several [dedicated helplines](#).

The Whistleblowing Advice Line was commissioned by the [Home Office](#). It is a direct response to the recommendation for "a new whistleblowing national portal for child abuse related reports" set out in the Government's Tackling child sexual exploitation report ([HM Government, 2015](#)).

The Whistleblowing Advice Line isn't intended to replace any current practices or responsibilities of organisations working with children. We encourage professionals to raise any concerns about a child to their own employer in the first instance.

The NSPCC Whistleblowing Advice Line

