

FAO Headteacher's, DSLs, Designated Teachers and Wider School Safeguarding Teams

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1.Training Offer & Dates

Network Meetings for DSL/DDSL/Pastoral Staff – book now to confirm numbers.

Informal meetings held face to face to share knowledge, experience and good practice and discuss current challenges and brainstorm solutions.

If you have a room and can host the event (dates below) please drop me an email to confirm.

16th November Primary Widnes (9.30am – 11.00am)- St Michael and St Thomas CE Primary [Click to book](#)

16th November Primary Runcorn (1.30pm -3.00pm) [venue to be confirmed](#) [Click to book](#)

17th November All Secondary & Post 16 (1.30pm – 3.30pm) [venue to be confirmed](#) [click to book](#)

17th November Specialist Settings (9.30am – 11.00am) [venue to be confirmed](#) [Click to book](#)

Multi- Agency Plan (MAP) Training (DSL/DDSL/SENCO/Pastoral Staff)

In order to fulfil the statutory duties as set out in KCSIE 23 all education settings need to offer early help via a MAP when it has been identified early help is appropriate to support a child/ren. This training will provide the designated safeguarding lead (and/or a deputy DSL/SENCO) with the skills and knowledge needed to navigate/lead on liaising with other agencies and setting up an inter-agency assessment as appropriate. If you're feeling daunted with this task the locality team are

offering face to face MAP training, answering many common questions, support to use the system and a bank of resources to support the process.

17th October - 9.30am – 12.30 face to face - [Click to book](#)

17th October - 1pm – 4pm face to face - [Click to book](#)

Safer Recruitment Refresher Training

Please note to be able to access this training we **must see evidence** of attendance at the full one-day Safer Recruitment training delivered by the Local Authority.

6th November 12 noon – 4pm at Sandymoor Ormiston Academy, Wharford Lane, Runcorn, Cheshire,
– [Click to book](#)

Safer Recruitment Full Training – DCBL Stadium Widnes

This training is for Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Governors, Business Managers, HR professionals and for those who recruit workers and volunteers to work with children and young people. As a minimum at least one member of the interview panel should have had Safer Recruitment Training. All organisations in England that work with or provide services for children and families have a duty to protect their welfare.

16th January 9.30am – 4.30pm face to face DCBL Stadium Widnes - [click to book](#)

Governor Safeguarding Briefing – new dates added.

The 2023 version of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) has now come into force on 1st September 23. We have developed a short briefing to ensure governors, trustees, directors and/or management committees are aware of the most important changes and any necessary actions required from recent changes.

Governor Safeguarding Briefing **30th October 9.30am** via teams [click to book](#)

Governor Safeguarding Briefing **7th November 5.00pm** via teams [click to book](#)

Governor Safeguarding Briefing **10th November 5.30pm** via teams [click to book](#)

Designated Safeguarding Governor Training

This training is specifically for those who have responsibility as the Designated Governor for Safeguarding within school settings. Safeguarding governors are the officials who ensure an effective understanding of safeguarding and how it's implemented within a school setting. The Competency Framework for Governance (DfE 2017), states that they should be 'confident in their challenge to executive leaders on strategies for monitoring and improving the behaviour and safety of pupils.' The training will support those in role to be familiar with specific areas of safeguarding which schools may have to manage, enable delegates to feel more confident and equipped in being a 'critical friend' to schools and provide resources and ideas to support their role.

Please note both sessions must be attended to obtain a certificate.

30th November 4.30pm – 7.30pm via teams & 5th December 4.30pm – 7.30pm via teams

- [Click to book](#)

Operation Encompass Key Adult – training

Learn about the expectations of the Key Adult for Operation Encompass notifications, local data and support for domestic abuse available.

1st December 1pm – 2.30pm via teams - [click to book](#)

Single Central Record – housekeeping

As part of your Safer Recruitment processes having a complaint Single Central Record (SCR) is an Ofsted requirement. This training is suitable for all those with responsibility for keeping the SCR up to date and for all Headteachers who need to regularly monitor the SCR.

6th December 2023 9.30am – 11.30am via teams - [click to book](#)

1. Training Calendar – Academic Year Plan ahead

Please find attached proposed dates for the SCIE training offer for the whole academic year. Dates after Dec 23 are not available for booking but by saving the date hopefully this will help you plan ahead.



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2. Safeguarding Partnership Training

DSL's and Deputy DSL's must refresh their 'Working Together' Level 3 training once every 2 years (with regular updates during this time, such as the DSL workshops). 'Working Together' training is delivered by the safeguarding partnership & spaces can be reserved via the new Safeguarding Partnership Training Portal. Training available through the partnership is listed below. Spaces can be reserved via [the new Safeguarding Partnership Training Portal](#).

Nov-23	7th	10:00-012:00	Web-Teams	Mental Health Disorder and Parenting Capacity	Merseycare
	* 9th	09:30-16:30	Web-Teams	Intra-familial Child Sexual Abuse- For Social Workers/managers	CEM Social Work Teaching Partnership
	20th	09:30-15:00	Web-Teams	Working Together to Safeguard Children Refresher	HCYPSP
	23rd	09:30-12:30	Web-Teams	Domestic Abuse Awareness	Sarah Ashcroft
Jan-24	8th	09:30-12:00	Web-Teams	Managing Allegations Against People Who Work & Volunteer With Children	M McPherson
	23rd	09:30-16:30	Web-Teams	Intra-familial Child Sexual Abuse -An introduction for multi-agency staff	HCYPSP
	TBC	09:30-16:00	Web-Teams	Working Together to Safeguard Children L3	HCYPSP
Feb-24	* 5th	09:30-16:30	Web-Teams	Intra-familial Child Sexual Abuse- For Social Workers/managers	CEM Social Work Teaching Partnership
	13th	09:30-15:00	Web-Teams	Working Together to Safeguard Children Refresher	HCYPSP
Mar-24	5th	10:00-012:00	Web-Teams	Mental Health Disorder and Parenting Capacity	Merseycare
	* 7th	09:30-16:30	Web-Teams	Intra-familial Child Sexual Abuse- An introduction for multi-agency staff	CEM Social Work Teaching Partnership
	12th	09:30-12:30	Web-Teams	Sexual Violence Awareness	RASAC & SARC
	TBC	09:30-16:00	Web-Teams	Working Together to Safeguard Children L3	HCYPSP

3. Contact details – Change of contact details.

If your contact details change, you have a new member of the safeguarding team please fill in the form so I can inform all the necessary departments of the settings/persons new contact details. This will help keep databases up to date. [Please click link to complete the form.](#)

4. LADO

Please do not email the current LADO (Michelle McPherson) direct as this may result in a delayed response. To ensure that the cover arrangements for LADO are consistently responded to all emails and or referrals should be sent to LADO@halton.gov.uk and safeguarding.adminteam@halton.gov.uk with immediate effect.

5. Prejudicial / discriminatory incident reporting link

Here is the link to be able to report any prejudicial incidents (such as racist or homophobic behaviours) to the LA: [Please click to report an incident.](#)

6. Childrens Social Care – latest contact numbers

Attached to the newsletter are they latest details and contact numbers for Halton Childrens Social Care.

7. NEW Multi-Agency Forum

A new multi-agency forum for external agencies to present any MAP cases that you may be struggling with. The forum will be offering MAP support and guidance around issues such as ‘stuck’ cases, Navigator support, MAP’s open longer than 12 months, concerns that a case is escalating and may require social work oversight and any other issues.

The meeting will take place on a **Monthly basis – last Friday of the month - Friday at 10:30 – 11:30** via skype and will have key agencies attending to be able to give advice and guidance on MAP issues to support you in the best possible way.

If you wish to present a Runcorn case at the WTM, please email the Runcorn Locality inbox Runcornlocalityreferrals@halton.gov.uk with the family surname and confirm that you have consent from the family to present the case at the meeting. (Cases cannot be discussed without consent). You will then join the meeting at 09:30 via SKYPE using the details below. All cases to be discussed must be received no later than Tuesday pm to ensure they are included on the agenda.

If you wish to present a Widnes case at the WTM please email the Widnes Locality inbox Widneslocalityteam@halton.gov.uk with the family surname and confirm that you have consent from the family to present the case at the meeting. (Cases cannot be discussed without consent). You will then join the meeting at 09:30 via SKYPE using the details below. All cases to be discussed must be received no later than Tuesday pm to ensure they are included on the agenda.



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See attached leaflet.

8. Snap Chat – local ongoing safeguarding incident – ACTION REQUIRED

Please note we have an on-going Police investigation linked to a Snap Chat account called Runny S@@@. If you have any incidents in school linked to this account, please report to the Police via 101.

9. Crisis line for Children and Young People – mental health

The Mersey Care 24-hour response team is for young people up to the age of 18 experiencing emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties which are causing difficulties in their school, family or social life.

The service is for children and young people who are registered with a GP in Halton, Knowsley, St Helens and Warrington, up to their 18th birthday presenting in crisis needing an emergency response.

They provide:

- No wrong front door for emergency referrals, providing advice and consultation to professionals, parents, carers and children and young people
- Emergency assessment and follow up
- Brief intervention and home treatment.



Within four hours they will do an assessment, a risk assessment, keep young people safe, offer advice to children and families, working with social care, schools and other professionals. You can contact the team on 01744 415 640 – 24 hours a day seven days a week.

10. Operation Encompass

I am pleased to update that following conversations with Cheshire Police they are looking at their new systems and how to try and support settings with further information on Operation Encompass notifications. They are looking at creating drop down boxes to support identifying the victim and perpetrators as well as relationships within notifications.

11. Virtual School

Please remember to inform the virtual school about all significant changes or requests for LAC. This includes holiday requests, possible moves and changes in circumstances.

If a Looked-After Child is at risk of exclusion – get in touch – we can help!

If a child becomes 'Looked After', an initial PEP must be completed within 20 days – this is a statutory timescale which we need to stick to and will mean we need to act quickly!

12. YGAM FREE CPD for teachers/support staff - LIMITED PLACES BOOK NOW

Date: 30.11.2023 Time: 3:45pm-6:00pm

Venue: Kingsway Learning Centre, Victoria Road, Widnes, WA8 7QY

Ygam is a national charity with a social purpose to inform, educate, safeguard and build digital resilience amongst young and vulnerable people; helping them to make informed decisions and understand the consequences around gambling and gaming.

Our education programme is City & Guilds assured and our resources are the winners of the Children and Young People Now PSHE Award 2020. In 2022, Ygam won two national awards for the important work it does to safeguard young people. These were the "Wellbeing Award" from the National Children and Young People Awards and "The Outstanding Contribution to Pastoral Care Award" from National Awards for Pastoral Care in Education.

Learning outcomes suitable from Y3 and above:

- The learner will understand why CYP might game/gamble
- The learner will understand what is meant by gaming/gambling related harm
- The learner will recognise the signs of gaming/gambling related harm
- The learner will know where to find further support

· The learner will have increased confidence when talking to CYP about gaming and gambling

Your unique booking link is here: <https://www.ygam.org/nep-v2-workshop-booking-pre-workshop-questions->



Flyer for Halton
teachers.pdf

13. Runcorn Family Hub Launch Event

Fun day with free activities for children and families:



Runcorn Family
Hubs Invite Flyer.pdf

- Free lunch Face painter
- Arts, crafts and music
- Storytime, reading corner with puppets.
- Petting farm • Swap shop • Treasure hunt
- Giveaways and much more

WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER TIMES: 9.30am – 2.00pm (first hour will be quiet time for families) 11am (formal celebration ceremony) WHERE: Brookvale Family Hub, Woodhatch Road, Brookvale, Runcorn WA7 6BJ.

Please display the attached poster and promote with your families in Runcorn.

14. Missing from Home – support and case worker details

Trigger Meetings

As per the new Pan Cheshire MFH Protocol 2023 - 2024, the threshold for holding a stage 1 Missing From Home (MFH) intervention meeting has changed from 5 missing incidents in a 90-day period, to 3 missing incidents in a 30-day period. This level of trigger intervention meeting is the crucial stage in avoiding serious escalation and must, therefore, be given high priority by all concerned.

It is for the YP's Social Worker/Lead Professional to ensure that all relevant agencies/individuals are invited to MFH Intervention meetings. Please send invites for trigger meetings via email to the caseworker who completed the most recent Return Home Interview.

Pan Cheshire Out of Borough (OOB) Return Home Interview Offer

As of January 2023, we have extended our offer of Return Home Interviews (RHI) to all Cheshire CYP placed out of borough (OOB). Requests for RHIs to be completed by With You will only be accepted on receipt of a fully completed notification form from the social worker, including contact & incident information, sent to the Service Manager and Team Leader.

Halton Caseworkers:

Chris Atkinson Christine.Atkinson@wearewithyou.org.uk

Christine.Atkinson@wearewithyou.cjsm.gov.uk 07976712468

Loretta Foster Loretta.Foster@wearewithyou.org.uk Loretta.Foster@wearewithyou.cjsm.net

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15. Online safety resources

INEQE Safeguarding group have a range of resources available navigating the complex and constantly evolving area of online safety. From shareables for use with children & young people to

podcasts for professionals, the resources provide practical advice & guidance. [Click to access resources](#)

16. Senior Mental Health Lead - DfE offers second grants.

The DfE has announced that eligible settings can apply for a senior mental health lead training grant to commence training by 31 March 2024. Relevant schools can also now claim a second grant to train a new person if the senior mental health lead they previously trained left their setting before embedding a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing. The grant can be used to cover (or contribute to) the cost of attending a quality assured course and may also be used to hire supply staff while leads are engaged in learning.

The Department for Education offers grants of £1,200 for eligible state-funded schools and colleges in England to train a senior mental health lead to develop and implement a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing. This training is not compulsory, but it is part of the government's commitment to offer this training to all eligible schools and colleges by 2025. Although independent schools are not eligible for a grant, all assured courses are available to their staff.

You can find more details on the DfE's website here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/senior-mental-health-lead-training#applying-for-a-grant>

18. National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS).

Since 2015, the Department for Education has commissioned a national advocacy helpline to support the rights of children to be heard. Since 2017, this helpline has been delivered through Coram Voice's 'Always Heard' service.

From 1st October, the national advocacy helpline service will be provided by the National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS).

New details for accessing the service are available below. Please ensure to use these after 1st October 2023:

- Website and online chat: <https://www.nyas.net/safetynet/>
- Freephone: 0808 808 1001
- Email: help@nyas.net.
- WhatsApp: 07494788875.
- Text: text NYAS to 85258.

The Coram Voice 'Always Heard' Service will continue to operate and receive calls until 30th September.

The NYAS 'Safety Net' helpline service will continue the national provision of:

- Helpline advice and support.
- Signposting to local services.
- Issue-based advocacy.
- Specialist non-instructed advocacy.
- Advocacy finder service.
- Self-advocacy information.

The service accepts referrals from children and young people, professionals working with young people, friends, families, and carers.

The service will be available to:

- Children in care and care leavers up to age 25.
- Children and young people needing support from children's services, including those on child in need plans, child protection plans, or who are 16-17 years old and homeless.

NYAS will also continue to support refugee and migrant children and young people, as well as young people in mental health settings.

17. CPOMS best practice - what next

The training sessions provided by CPOMS have been a huge success with many settings now planning time to fine tune their systems to benefit monitoring and identification of patterns and trends as well as creating reports to support their roles. For anyone who missed these sessions please find links below to the CPOMS training materials.

Please find the link that will take you to a whole selection of CPOMS training resources and help sheets that you can share with your colleagues.

https://linktr.ee/CPOMSTRAINING?utm_source=linktree_profile_share&tsid=db7ce282-81c6-4578-8085-76e910771191

We will discuss CPOMS during our network meetings and how we can support each other moving forward in this area.

18. New Information Sharing advice

Following recent serious case reviews in the UK where children have died or been seriously harmed through abuse or **neglect**, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has released **new guidance** to improve **information sharing** practices and help safeguard children.

Data protection laws can make it challenging for those working with children to determine what personal information is safe to share. This guidance aims to build confidence about sharing information when you have concerns that a child or young person is at risk of harm.

The guidance is for any organisation that works with children and sets out 10 steps around:

- Being clear about data protection.
- Identifying objectives for sharing information.
- Following the data protection principles.

The ICO has also created **free marketing materials and a video** to help organisations raise awareness of the benefits of sharing information to protect children and young people from harm.