

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

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Welcome back. I hope you have all had a lovely half term. This is a busy newsletter this month with lots of great links to resources for children, young people, parent/carers and school staff.

### 1.Training Offer & Dates

**Network Meetings for DSL/DDSL/Pastoral Staff – book now to enable me 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 to host the Secondary Network meeting, please let me know.**

**16<sup>th</sup> November Primary Widnes (9:30am – 11:00am)- St Michael and St Thomas CE Primary [Click to book](#)**

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**16<sup>th</sup> November Primary Runcorn (1:30pm – 3:00pm) St Martins Catholic Primary School [Click to book](#)**

**17<sup>th</sup> November All Secondary & Post 16 (1:30pm – 3:30pm) **venue to be confirmed** [click to book](#)**

**17<sup>th</sup> November Specialist Settings (9:30am – 11:00am) Brookfield Special School [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.

**16<sup>th</sup> January 9:30am – 4:30pm face to face DCBL Stadium Widnes - [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 is 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.**

**30<sup>th</sup> November 4:30pm – 7:30pm via teams & 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> December 1pm – 2:30pm via teams - [click to book](#)**

#### **Single Central Record – housekeeping**

As part of your Safer Recruitment processes having a compliant 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.

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 9:30am – 11:30am via teams - [click to book](#)**

### DSL Workshop (CPD) for all DSL/DDSL/HT/Pastoral Staff

Termly DSL workshops provides an essential opportunity for DSL's to be updated on national, regional and local policy, procedure and safeguarding issues. As well as refresh skills and knowledge through best practice speakers and guest speakers on practice development. Thus, meeting the requirements of KCSIE 23 for their role. Book now before the all the Christmas business begins.

**23<sup>rd</sup> January - 1pm – 4pm via Teams - [Click to book](#)**

## 2. Training Calendar – Academic Year ahead – save the dates

Please find attached proposed dates for the SCIE training offer for the whole academic year. Dates after Dec 2023 are not available for booking but by saving the date hopefully this will help you plan ahead.



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## 3. 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	10:00-12:00	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	<a href="#">Click Social Work Training Partnership</a>
	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	<a href="#">Click Social Work Training Partnership</a>
	13th	09:30-15:00	Web-Teams	Working Together to Safeguard Children Refresher	HCYPSP
Mar-24	5th	10:00-12:00	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	<a href="#">Click Social Work Training Partnership</a>
	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

Please note it is essential that post evaluations are returned by email to the partnership to enable a certificate of completion to be issued.

## 4. YGAM face to face training – **LIMITED Places book now!**

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Time: 3:45pm-6:00pm Face to Face

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

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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.vgam.org/nep-v2-workshop-booking-pre-workshop-questions->

## 5. Understanding your own Trauma - Online Programme for Parents/Carers

I wanted to let you know about a fantastic new online resource we have available for parents/carers of Halton from the Solihull Approach – **"Understanding your own Trauma"**

This is an online programme that supports parents to:

- Understand trauma and the impact this has
- Learn effective ways to process their trauma
- Nurture resilience through healthy relationships
- Understand more about the importance of emotional health and wellbeing

This resource is free to access, simply signpost to [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) and use our access code which is **TOGETHER**.

Once registered, parents/carers can access all of the evidence-based programmes available on this resource. See attached leaflet. **How will you promote/share this resource with parents and carers?**

## 6. Talking Teens Parent Group

Halton are now running Talking Teen Nurture programme as a drop in group, we have an expectation that those who attend our first session will then make the commitment to attend all 3 remaining sessions to complete this evidence based programme.

This course starts Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November @ Ditton Community centre 5:30pm-7:30pm.

See attached leaflet for more information. **How will you promote/share this resource with parents and carers?**

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## 7. Contact details – Change of contact details.

If your contact details change or you have a new member of staff that joins your team. Please fill in the form so I can inform all the necessary departments of the settings/person's new contact details. This will help keep databases up to date. [Please click link to complete the form.](#)

## 8. 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](mailto:LADO@halton.gov.uk) and [safeguarding.adminteam@halton.gov.uk](mailto:safeguarding.adminteam@halton.gov.uk) with immediate effect.

## 9. 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.](#)

**Have you reported all cases from within school from the last half term?**

## 10. Children's Social Care – latest contact numbers updated.

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

## 11. 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](mailto: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 9:30am 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 Widnes Locality [widneslocalityteam@halton.gov.uk](mailto: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 9:30am 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.

## 12. Snapchat – local ongoing safeguarding incident – **ACTION REQUIRED**

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

## 13. 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!

## 14. CSA – brand new website.

Visit the site today and browse a range of resources to support education settings.

<https://www.csacentre.org.uk/>

## 15. Cyber Security resources for education.

- The National Cyber Security Centre have some great resources for 7-11 year olds. Cyber Sprinters is a digital game that can be played on phones, tablets and desktop computers with activities to learn more about cyber security. Great for the classroom or home. You can view the resources [HERE](#).
- Internet Matters have a whole range of topics and resources related to issues such as phishing and ransomware, privacy and identity theft, doxxing and more. You can view the resources [HERE](#).
- Also from Internet Matters and very useful for parents is an interactive guide to creating secure accounts, e.g. strong passwords and two-factor authentication. You can access this [HERE](#).

## 16. Updates to the School Inspection handbook

Ofsted has made several updates to the [School inspections handbook](#) regarding safeguarding, including:

- The monitoring policy to include early monitoring inspections;
- New paragraphs on monitoring programmes for inadequate schools;

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- A new section on monitoring programmes for schools judged inadequate solely due to ineffective safeguarding;
- Final feedback meetings for inadequate schools with serious weaknesses solely due to ineffective safeguarding.

## 17. Talk Pants

Talk PANTS - Developed with the PSHE Association, NSPCC Learning has published new Talk PANTS resources. <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/schools/pants-teaching>

The lesson plans, slide presentations and classroom activities have been designed to help early years and primary school settings teach children the Underwear Rule to help keep them safe.

## 18. Help for Households – cost of living

Unfortunately, it's that time again when the colder weather is upon us. As a Health Improvement Team we are keen to make sure that all our front line practitioners are equipped with the knowledge to be able to support people who are struggling with the cost of living crisis. We have the website [www.halton.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.halton.gov.uk/costofliving) which summarises all of the support we have available including support with income, debt, food, gas and electric bills etc. See attached leaflet.

**How will you promote/share this resource with parents and carers?**

## 19. Criminal Exploitation – Home Office

The Home Office have published a new guidance document aimed at frontline staff in England & Wales who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults. The guidance provides an excellent overview of the county lines issue, explaining common forms of exploitation, providing case studies, and providing indicators of exploitation to be aware of: [Criminal-exploitation-of-children-and-vulnerable-adults-county-lines](#)

## 20. Online Safety Bill becomes law

The Online Safety Act brings in what is being seen as a 'new era' for internet safety, as legislation allows children and adults more control over the content they see online, and for stronger action to be taken against online harm. Social media companies will now be more accountable for illegal and harmful content seen on their platforms and will have to provide parents and children with clear and accessible ways to report problems online. Companies will also be required to prevent children from accessing harmful content by enforcing strict measures including age limitations. To learn more about this latest development, and to gain a full overview of what this means, you can read the full statement on the UK Government website. [Read full statement.](#)

## 21. Free webinar for educators – Understanding online S@@@ harassment amongst children and young people

Created by leading online safety charity and UK Safer Internet Centre partner, Childnet, this session will run for 30 minutes, with an optional 15-minute Q&A session.

What is the webinar about?

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- The webinar will look at young people's experiences of online sexual harassment, including the different forms it can take.
- It will explore some of the reasons why online sexual harassment happens, address some of the challenges in supporting young people with this issue and signpost to practical resources to help start conversations in the future.
- Use the link below to book.

<https://saferinternet.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8535f411306c2a993fec6e332&id=0630c0e257&e=a82fa46f1c>

## 22. Online chat apps

Find out about different chat apps like WhatsApp and Kik, and how to help young people use them safely [here](#).

## 23. HSB - The Lucy Faithful Foundation

The Lucy Faithful Foundation have launched a website called Shore in response to an increase in under 18's contacting them about HSB thoughts & behaviours, as well as an increase in adults contacting with concerns about the behaviour of a young person. The website includes an anonymous chat & email function for teenagers who are worried about their own or someone else's HSB. Click to access a safe place to talk - [Click to access a safe place to talk](#).

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## 24. Safer Recruitment

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) have announced updates to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) and amendments to the filtering rules that will come into force from the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023. These changes and amendments affect what is disclosed on Basic, Standard and Enhanced checks; the new filtering guidance applies to certificates issued on or after 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The impact of the changes will mean **all unspent conditional cautions and convictions will be automatically disclosed**. This change means that in limited circumstances, some applicants will now see additional unspent records being disclosed. This is a link to the changes [DBS filtering guide - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

Further guidance on the potential impact of these changes can be found in the [filtering-scenario-guidance](#).