

Termly Safeguarding Briefing for Schools

Main changes in “Keeping children safe in education” (September 2022)

The revised statutory guidance comes into force on 1st September and includes a number of changes. The more significant ones are set out below:

Para 19—be aware that children may not be ready to talk about their experiences of abuse

Para 23—Extra-familial harms—eg sexual abuse/harassment/exploitation, domestic abuse in intimate relationships

Para 81—safeguarding training for governors and trustees (including online) at induction which needs to be updated regularly

Page 33/34—teach about safeguarding including: healthy relationships, consent and boundaries, prejudice, equality, stereo-typing, body confidence/self-esteem, recognising an abusive relationship, sexual harassment and violence, laws and concepts relating to consent, sexual exploitation, abuse, grooming, coercion, harassment, rape, domestic abuse, so-called honour-based violence

Para 140—regularly review effectiveness of internet filtering in school

Page 49—LGBT—risks can be compounded if they lack a trusted adult with whom they can be open. Need to reduce additional barriers and provide a safe space for them to speak to a trusted adult or share concerns

Para 220—consider carrying out an online search as part of due diligence on the shortlisted candidates (publicly available material only)

Page 112—Sexual violence and/or harassment—confidentiality/anonymity—reports of sexual violence/harassment including where the young person asks the school not to tell anyone (GDPR principles); making referrals against the wishes of the young person; considering the potential impact of social media breaching confidentiality

Page 113—Risk Assessments—to include the time and location of the incident and any action required to make the location safer

Page 112/113—Impact on any siblings—new bullet—importance of understanding intra familial harms and any necessary support for siblings following incidents

Page 162—Annex C—role of the DSL—the DSL to be aware of the requirement for children (police investigation) to have an Appropriate Adult present (learning from Child Q)



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Statutory guidance for schools and colleges

For information

DSL Forums—save the date

On Wednesday September 28th 2022, 10am—12noon, we are hosting a DSL forum on TEAMS – this will provide an opportunity for DSLs to be updated with any relevant information. The link for the meeting is included below.

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or join by entering a meeting ID

Meeting ID: 354 075 782 89

Passcode: vwmmkp

Operation Encompass Updates— Save the date

An Operation Encompass update meeting is planned for **Thursday 15th September** but the time and venue has not yet been finalised. This will provide an update on the working of Operation Encompass. The founders of Operation Encompass will be delivering a presentation and input from Leicestershire police will explain the latest planned developments locally.

School Nurses—change to local service

The age 0-11 service will remain with the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust and will operate as Healthy Together 2. The age 11 plus service will be coming in-house from September and delivered within the Children and Family Wellbeing Service. This will be a universal service focusing on both prevention and intervention. Local priorities which may change over time include:

Support to improve **mental health and emotional wellbeing** with a focus on:

- Self esteem
- Body image
- Building resilience

Supporting **healthy relationships**

- Building positive relationships
- Reduce violence in intimate relationships
- Promoting positive sexual health and wellbeing

Supporting children and young people to **make healthier choices** with a focus on

- Reducing substance misuse particularly **cannabis use**
- Reducing **alcohol consumption**

From mid-August, referrals will begin to come into the service through new contact channels, these will be shared in due course.

Fabricated or Induced Illness and perplexing presentations—revised procedures

New guidance is available on the Local Safeguarding Children Partnership Procedures for FII – this includes a new flow chart. See link to guidance below.

https://llrscb.proceduresonline.com/files/fab_ind_illness.pdf?

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