



Safeguarding in Education Newsletter - Spring 2020



Welcome to the first safeguarding newsletter of 2020. Wigan Safeguarding Partnership (WSP) have been busy developing the training and improving the support which we can offer to our schools. We hope you find this newsletter useful and we welcome any feedback which you can send us via email WSCB@wigan.gov.uk

Schools Bereavement Policy

WSP recognise that within our school community there may be recently bereaved children and adults who are struggling with their own situation or sometimes the entire school community is impacted by the death of a member of staff or a pupil. To address this need, WSP have developed a Bereavement Policy for schools, which offers guidance for whenever there is a death in the school community (not just a child). This policy will be shared with all schools in the coming weeks and WSP recommend that your school considers adopting this.

For immediate advice, contact [Child Bereavement UK](#).



Military Families

Military life can have many benefits, military-connected families also experience unique challenges such as being separated from loved ones and having to relocate frequently. This can create stress and anxiety for parents, carers and children. Families associated with the military experience higher anxiety and stress compared with the general population of the UK. It may be of benefit to explore how you identify military families in your school and what support you are able to offer. This may be through the offer an Early Help or by directing them to organisations such as Healthier Heroes. This is based in Wigan and offers FREE help and support for military families, this includes a use of veterans retreat, counselling, peer mentoring and so much more. They can be contacted on 01942 821293.



Help us to improve our training—DSL Learning Needs Analysis



We want to know how we can further develop your knowledge of safeguarding; what training you have attended; and what learning styles you prefer. This information will help us to ensure that Wigan schools have access to good quality training which addresses your learning needs.

Look out for the email which has been sent to all Wigan Schools requesting that the DSL complete the short questionnaire via the [Survey Monkey link](#). We would be very grateful if you could complete this.

Section 175 Audit

All schools should have recently received a copy of the new Section 175 Audit, this is to be completed by the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Please can we remind schools to complete this audit and return this to C.Tarring@wigan.gov.uk

Professional Curiosity and Challenge Training—NEW Training

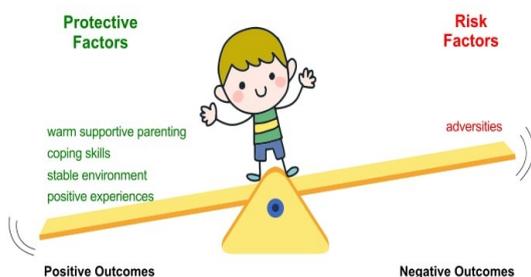


We are excited to announce the development of our NEW safeguarding training 'Professional Curiosity and Challenge.' Being professionally curious and feeling confident in challenging safeguarding decisions are essential elements of working together to keep children and young people safe. This training will help practitioners understand what is meant by Professional Curiosity and Challenge, identify the barriers and feel more confident in applying these concepts into their practice and be able to identify when to use the Resolution Policy. **We highly recommend that school safeguarding leads attend.** You can register for the training [here](#).

Designated Officer (Allegations) Name change

Formally known as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) the Wigan LADO will now be referred to as the **Designated Officer (Allegations)**. This is to reflect the title change made in Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018). Diane Kitcher remains the Designated Officer (Allegations) in Wigan and her role has not changed. WSP have recently developed a guidance document to assist you in dealing with allegations regarding an employee or volunteer. We hope you find this updated guidance useful. It can be found [here](#).

Trauma Informed Practice



Some of you may have heard about Trauma Informed Practice, that can help build resilience in children who may have experienced trauma. Over the coming months this will be increasingly referred to in the training which is delivered by WSP. If you would like further information about the impact of trauma you may wish to watch this [video](#). The NSPCC has also published new content regarding the impact of trauma on brain development. This can be accessed [here](#).

Harmful Sexual behaviour in schools

Understanding what constitutes harmful sexualised behaviour and knowing how to respond appropriately is recognised as one of the biggest challenges facing school staff.

The NSPCC has published a series of resources which explore how schools can manage and assess different levels of sexualised behaviour and when a referral to a specialist service should be made. These resources can be found [here](#).



Preventing Extremism— FREE resources for

educate.against.hate

Educate Against Hate have a useful website where you can find Government advice and trusted resources for schools to help safeguard students from radicalisation, build resilience to all types of extremism and promote shared values. You can access the FREE resources [here](#).