

Safeguarding in Education

About our service

Safeguarding children is the responsibility of all professionals who work with children and young people. Education providers have a statutory responsibility to ensure that policies and practices within their establishment reinforce this ethos.

Our service offers safeguarding training to designated safeguarding leads to support their roles and to ensure they can continue to keep children and young people safe. Training is offered termly to assist them in understanding and applying best practice in the field, as laid down within statutory frameworks.

We also work closely with schools to help them update their safeguarding policies to reflect any recent statutory guidance and best practice in safeguarding vulnerable children in society.

What we offer

- Respond immediately and appropriately to all enquiries about child protection issues; and advise on the required action as outlined in the [Waltham Forest Safeguarding Children Board \(WFSCB\)](#) guidelines.
- Liaise with the police Child Abuse Investigation (CAIT) Team, Children Social Care Services, the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and the voluntary sector in order to address issues following correct procedures.
- Advise schools of their responsibilities and the standards that are expected in order to protect children.
- Disseminate information to schools on child protection issues.
- Provide advice to schools and colleges on confidentiality and record keeping procedures to ensure that records are kept in strict and secure files.
- Offer surgeries to education professionals on relevant child protection matters or procedures on termly basis to disseminate information on good safeguarding practices.
- Work closely with schools and colleges to evaluate their safeguarding policies in line with Ofsted expectations before and after inspection.

Confidentiality and record keeping

The Safeguarding in Education Service maintains a record of every case brought to its attention, including correspondence and telephone calls.

All confidential records are kept under strict, secure conditions. Confidentiality is maintained on all cases dealt with by the Safeguarding in Education Service and information is shared only with those professionals who have involvement in individual cases.

The Safeguarding in Education Service, under its monitoring remit, maintains a database to ensure schools fulfil their responsibilities in safeguarding children.

Benefits of using our service

- All child protection training by the Safeguarding in Education Service is underpinned by the [London Child Protection Procedures](#).
- Every designated lead and deputy designated lead receives either one day or half day child protection training, which is tailored to help support their role and responsibility in their respective schools.
- Courses are quality assured, with summary evaluation reports being produced as evidence of best value.

- Feedback is used constructively to continuously maintain our high standards.
- Child protection procedures are followed according to the London Child Protection Procedures. The trainers used to deliver our child protection training have proven track records in the field coupled with a good working knowledge of Waltham Forest and national procedures.
- While there is no charge to schools for the advice and support provided by the Safeguarding in Education Service there is a charge for course attendance. This charge reflects the cost of delivery, course materials and refreshments. Courses are non-profit making and are widely accepted as good value for money.

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