



Welcome back from a well deserved summer break.

Hope you are all well and sufficiently recharged energised and excited about the new academic year as I am! I am looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming DSL network meetings later this month.

This bumper packed newsletter with lots of safeguarding updates, and resources will ensure you are kept in the safeguarding loop. The **Safeguarding Policy guidance** document can be found here: <https://thelink.slough.gov.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding-in-schools/guidance-and-toolkits> has been updated to reflect the latest KCSIE updates and will assist you with ensuring your school safeguarding policy is inclusive of all requirements. See the section on national guidance for all the key updated documents.

Children absconding from School Policy will help ensure our children are safe in our care has been signed off by the LSCB Education Sub group and can be accessed here: <https://thelink.slough.gov.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding-in-schools/guidance-and-toolkits>

We know that Ofsted are coming to visit Slough Children's Services Trust (SCST) at some point in the next few months. Let's make sure we are

ready for Ofsted when they do come so we can demonstrate the good work we are doing as they may want to speak to schools about your contribution and interaction or you may be asked to provide information on the identified 20 audit cases. If you have any 'good news' stories where school and social care have jointly built good outcomes for children - please share with me.

We acknowledge emotional wellbeing is a clear indicator of academic achievement, success and satisfaction in later life. Slough has committed to prioritising young people's mental health and what best way to kick off this priority than **World Mental Health day on 10 October 2018**. Lots of easy accessible and downloadable resources are available here from Mental Health First Aid: <https://mhfaengland.org/mhfa-centre/campaigns/world-mental-health-day-2018/#whole-organisation-framework>

An event "stronger together" has been organised to raise awareness for professionals around mental health for Friday 12 October 2018 from 12pm to 3pm at The Curve. To book a place please email Gemma.bird@berkshire.nhs.uk

Watch this space for further updates on how to develop the whole school approach to wellbeing and building resilience in your school coming shortly.

Our on line **Section 175 audit tool** will be ready for testing shortly, with roll out late this term. There is a range of significant **CPD opportunities** for DSL and supporting roles.

The LSCB is actively working away on a **child exploitation screening tool** to help schools identify children who may be or at risk of any form of exploitation. I will keep you posted on these developments at the DSL network meetings.

Your one stop shop for LA services is now live - **The Link** can be accessed here <https://thelink.slough.gov.uk>. If you have not registered please do so now or you will not be able to access any updates. The Link replaces the Gatekeeper service.

If there has any changes to the DSL roles or headships within your school please let me know so I can update my distribution list accordingly.

2018-19 DSL Network dates

Spring term	Summer term	Autumn term
Primary DSL Network: All at Burnham Park Hall from 10.00 to 12.00		
Wednesday 9 January 2019	Wednesday 24 April 2019	Wednesday 25 Sept 2019
Secondary DSL Network: All at Upton Grammar School from 16.00 to 17.30		
Thursday 10 January 2019	Thursday 25 April 2019	Thursday 26 Sept 2019



Early Help Offer - Now Live!

The Family Information and Resources Support Team (FIRST) is an enhancement of what was previously known as FIS (Family Information Service). The FIRST team delivers the services that were available under FIS, alongside the co-ordination of the early help offer to the children and families of Slough. The FIRST team is here to make a

real difference to children and families - to provide the help and support they feel they need, from the right place at the right time.

If you want to speak to a member of the FIRST team please call 01753 476589. To submit a referral, please contact FIRST@slough.gov.uk

FIRST CONTACT for children at risk of harm:

If there are any concerns of significant risk of harm to children, the Front Door (Trust) must be contacted via telephone and completing a MARF:

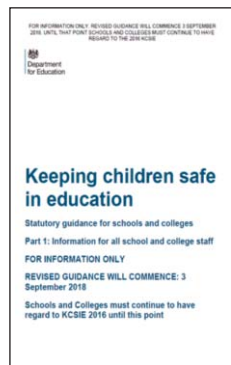
01753 875362 (09.00-17.00) or 01344 786543 (outside of these hours)

National updates and resources

Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2018

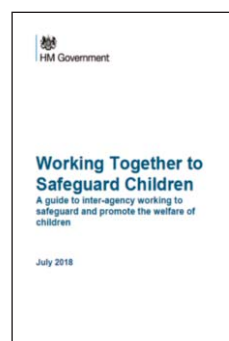
KCSIE takes effect from 3 September 2018. It was great to see so many of you for the KCSIE briefing just before the summer break. The slides and handouts of the key changes can be downloaded here:

<https://thelink.slough.gov.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding-in-schools/guidance-and-toolkits>



Working Together to safeguard Children 2018

Working Together has strengthened the safeguarding expectations in the voluntary, charity and, faith-based organisations with an emphasis on 'positions of trust'. Chapter 2 sets out the importance of these organisations having robust safeguarding policies and practices, where paid and voluntary staff know how to recognise risk, how to raise concerns, and how to make referrals to social care services and a stronger focus on identification for early help.



Information Sharing 2018 Update

This guidance has been updated to reflect the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018. It is very clear to state this legislation will not prevent, or limit, the sharing of information for the purposes of keeping children and young people safe. You are able to share safeguarding concerns under the Special category personal data.



GDPR Updates

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect on the 25 May 2018 and Department of Education has produced a toolkit for schools. They have updated sections on safeguarding, consent, retention, the data protection officer and data breaches sections of the toolkit and added new resources in the document. From a DSLs perspective it will be important to read, Annex 10.1 Safeguarding Myth-Busting (p100).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-protection-toolkit-for-schools>

Disqualification by Association 2018

The Department for Education (DfE) has published revised statutory guidance for schools and local authorities, relating to disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006 which came into force on 31 August 2018. The guidance removes disqualification by association for individuals working in childcare in non-domestic settings (e.g. schools and nurseries).

<http://email.nspcc.org.uk/c/1jnpjUWuqAj4fkVcVsCxSA3Pz>

Inspecting Safeguarding (Ofsted, 2018)

Ofsted has published a new update to Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills taking into account the changes in KCSIE and WT 2018. Schools will need to ensure that these aspects are considered in policies and in the curriculum.

A useful list of all the changes has been made available, but the key changes are:

- not only are staff and volunteers carefully selected and vetted, but 'ongoing suitability' should be considered to prevent the opportunities for harm to pupils
- inspectors will 'consider safeguarding policies and practice and evidence' of staff awareness
- the previous guidelines referred to children learning 'how to keep themselves safe'. This phrase has been changed to children know how to 'recognise when they are at risk and how to get help when they need it'
- schools and colleges hold 'more than one emergency contact number for each pupil or student'

- staff should consider the 'wider environmental factors in a child's life that may be a threat to the safety and/or welfare'
- staff in schools and colleges are supported to make reasonable judgements about when it may be appropriate to use physical contact with a child to protect them from injury
- school leaders, including governors and Designated Safeguarding Leads should understand the arrangements in their local area during the transition from LSCBs to the new local safeguarding partnerships
- prohibition checks are not normally required for teaching assistants, unless they have a QTS or undertake teaching work

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-safeguarding-in-early-years-education-and-skills-from-september-2015/inspecting-safeguarding-in-early-years-education-and-skills-settings>



Local updates and projects

Thresholds document and seminars

Slough has recently revised its Thresholds and produced new guidance. The LSCB is running threshold seminars throughout this term. The DSL network meetings will be focusing on the thresholds and come along and collect your goodies.

<https://www.sloughsafeguardingboards.org.uk/lscb/lscb/training/threshold-seminars>

FREE Mental Health training for all secondary Schools:

The latest Green paper has a strong focus on improving emotional wellbeing and building resilience in children and young people. As part of this commitment Mental Health England is offering training on mental health first aid which is taking place on 22 November 2018. All secondary heads are aware of this training at the SASH meeting recently.

Get in there first and register your school place by emailing me at jatinder.matharu@slough.gov.uk Places will be allocated on first come first serve basis.

Support for PHSE | Choices programme ready for roll out

At the Safeguarding in Education Conference earlier this year, you may remember that we unveiled plans for the 'Choices Programme' that was being designed by Lime.

Many of you have already been involved in the development, working with Lime to create resources that will assist young people in Slough to build their own resilience across all the issues. Together, we have piloted and tested a range of materials and I'm pleased to announce that these have already produced results I believe you will be pleased to share in, and excited to begin using yourselves. The Programme will be available for use right across the school landscape from primary through secondary phases, providing education and support especially through the critical transition stage. In the first instance please contact programme lead, Mark Ashfield at mark@engagelime.com

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/schools/making-sense-relationships/>

Perceptions of Crime consultation with young people

The Safer Slough Partnership (SSP), which seeks to reduce crime and disorder in Slough, would really like to speak with pupils as to their perception of crime, and what makes them feel safe. The aim of the discussion will be to develop a better understanding of how, in the eyes of the young person, the SSP can help. We are looking to hold a series of focus groups from October 2018 through to February 2019.

If your school wishes to participate in these exciting discussions, please email the SBC community safety team at communitysafety1@slough.gov.uk

International Day of the Girl Celebration

On **Saturday 6 Oct 2018**, 'International Day of the Girl Celebration' will be held at Upton Court Grammar School, for female students in Year 9-13 to attend a day of workshops, information and networking in recognition of the global annual event. Building on the success of the last few years, we are pleased to be able to open this year's event up to 150 students. The day is held to highlight the lack of opportunities for all 1.1 billion girls on the planet and promote positive messages to empower girls globally.

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/girl-child>
<https://www.sloughexpress.co.uk/gallery/slough/122276/international-day-of-the-girl-event-held-at-upton-court-grammar-school.html>

Please contact Nadine Barrett directly book: nadine.barrett@slough.gov.uk 01753 875450 or 07753 229827.



Cyberbullying Programme for Primary Schools - 'Click'

'Click' is the cyber-crime prevention production which is being rolled out to Year 6 students in the following schools from 8 to 12 November 2018. The following schools will be receiving the performances for their Year 6 students. We still have one space if any primary school would like to join (Monday 12 November 2018 at 09.30).

For further details or to join an existing school to watch the performance please contact jatinder.matharu@slough.gov.uk

Thursday 8 November 2018	
Morning	Cippenham Primary School Western House Academy
Afternoon	Pippins School St Mary's Church of England School Wexham Court Primary School
Friday 9 November 2018	
Morning	Khalsa Primary School St Ethelberts Catholic Primary School
Afternoon	Priory school
Monday 12 November 2018	
Morning	
Afternoon	James Elliman Academy

CPD opportunities

Further dates will be provided. These dates are for your diaries until March 2019.

CPD Session	Date
New to DSL/DT/SENCO role training *New	Mon 1 Oct 2018
Experienced DSL training L3 *New	Mon 26 Nov 2018 Tues 5 Feb 2019
Safer Recruitment training *New	Wed 14 Nov 2018 Thur 28 Feb 2019
Mental Health first Aid (Secondary schools only) *NEW Please email jatinder.matharu@slough.gov.uk to request a place by 12 October 2018.	Thur 22 Nov 2018

For bookings please click here:
<https://thelink.slough.gov.uk/events-and-training>

LSCB CPD Sessions	Date
LSCB Thresholds seminars	Tues 2 Oct 2018 Thur 11 Oct 2018 Thur 18 Oct 2018
Managing allegations training	Tues 16 Oct 2018 Tues 11 Dec 2018 Tues 26 Mar 2019
Core Group and Case conference	Fri 12 Oct 2018
Working Together to Safeguard Children * Refreshed training (Targeted safeguarding training L3 via LSCB)	Wed 26 Sep 2018 Wed 17 Oct 2018 Mon 26 Nov 2018 Wed 30 Jan 2019 Tues 26 Feb 2019 Tues 12 Mar 2019

For these LSCB training opportunities please click here:
<https://www.sloughsafeguardingboards.org.uk/lscb/lscb/training/threshold-seminars>

What next?

I am happy to take suggestions and requests regarding topics you would like to see covered on the next newsletter or the DSL forums. Please drop me a line
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