

Hope you all had a restful break.

It has been a quick term since my last newsletter but an eventful term working on new projects and pulling together the 1st Safeguarding in Education Conference. It has been great catching up with you all at the DSL Forums on the 18 and 19 January. Please note the upcoming DSL forum dates.

This is a bumper packed newsletter with local and national safeguarding updates, consultations, resources and upcoming training dates. There will be some changes to statutory guidance in 2018 as well as changes to the Data Protection Act in May 2018. I will pick up some of these through the newsletter, DSL forums and the Safeguarding in Education Conference.

There are some fantastic resources readily available so why reinvent the wheel. I have added a page of resources to this newsletter for you to use in your schools. Get your PHSE leads on board and share the resources. I will be adding these to the LINK website when it is up and running so you will be able to access them via the portal at all times.

A number of schools raised concerns over communication of ongoing cases with social care. With some close liaison and joint working please find the updated list of contacts for social care at the end of the newsletter.

**Please note all new referrals must still go through the same channels via MARF to

**First Contact 01753 875362
or email
Child.protection@slough.gcsx.
gov.uk**

I would like to welcome and introduce a new member of our Team, Deborah Bowers who is our Education Standard and Effectiveness Officer (SEND). She qualified in 1993 and has worked in nine schools across six local authorities and holds the National SENCO Award. Her role is to:

- support schools and SENCOs
- promote inclusion and encourage the development of best practice
- ensure robust and comprehensive training, guidance and support across SENCO network and individual schools as part of Slough's SEND improvements. You can contact her on deborah.bowers@slough.gov.uk

Safeguarding in Education Conference 2018



Mark the 27 March 2018 in your diaries for the 1st Safeguarding in Education Conference in Slough! The conference will help DSL's gain an understanding of the key challenges within Slough and explore:

- The latest updates on changes in safeguarding guidance
- Best practice in safeguarding for the education and early years sector
- Disseminate themes from the safeguarding audits
- Share new local initiatives/projects and provide a networking opportunity with key services working in safeguarding

The bookings are limited to two places per school. Book your place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safeguarding-in-education-conference-tickets-41424620154>

DSL Forum dates

All DSL forums will take place on the following dates:

Primary DSL forum

- Wednesday 2 May 2018
10.00-12.00
- Wednesday 26 September 2018
10.00-12.00

Secondary DSL Forum

- Thursday 19 April 2018
16.00-17.30
- Thursday 27 September 2018
16.00-17.30



New website

Slough Borough Council has invested in an exciting new website to promote the services it provides to schools called **The LINK**. It will act as a one stop shop for all your queries from safeguarding through to attendance services. Watch this space for further details of the launch coming soon.

In the interim please note the LSCB website is now live. You can access it here: www.sloughsafeguardingboards.org.uk/

Key safeguarding awareness dates

Your school can get involved in raising the profile around safeguarding with National awareness days coming up this term:

- **6 February 2018**
Female Genital Mutilation Awareness Day
- **6 February 2018**
Safer Internet Day (education awareness packs available to download for ages 3-18 years here: [Safer Internet Day education packs](#))

- **8 March 2018**
International Women's Day
- **13 March 2018**
Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day

Training needs survey

Please find the link to a short survey for the safeguarding training needs survey discussed at the last DSL meeting. It is important that you complete the questionnaire as it will help shape and design new training programmes for 2018. Please click here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/D6ZR8P2>

Upcoming training dates

January 2018	February 2018	March 2018
16 Jan - Targeted multi agency Safeguarding training Aimed at DSL and SMT professionals working within a safeguarding arena.	13 Feb - Safeguarding and Protecting Children (18.00-21.00) This course is delivered by tutors from UK Coaching and aimed at sports coaches and their role and responsibilities. The booking for this course must be made here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safeguarding-and-protecting-children-tickets-41757871919	8 March - Targeted Safeguarding Refresher training (0.5 day) Aimed at DSL and SMT professionals working within a safeguarding arena and require an annual refresher.
23 Jan - Multi agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) training This is aimed at professionals making referrals on medium to high risk domestic violence cases.	20 Feb - Case Conference and Core Group training (0.5 day) Aimed at DSL and other professionals who are new to safeguarding and will be attending case conference reviews as part of their safeguarding duties.	13 March - Targeted multi agency Safeguarding training Aimed at DSL and SMT professionals working within a safeguarding arena.
31 Jan - Prevent training Aimed at all professionals who wish to gain an understanding of the Prevent duty.	22 Feb - Prevent training Aimed at all professionals who wish to gain an understanding of the Prevent duty.	15 March - Targeted child sexual exploitation (CSE) training (0.5 day both am and pm sessions available)
		20 March - Multi agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) training This is aimed at professionals making referrals on medium to high risk domestic violence cases.
		22 March - Prevent training

How to book

The training and charges can be accessed by completing an online form: www.sloughsafeguardingboards.org.uk/lscb/lscb/training/training or contact Richard House on 01759 875771. The sports safeguarding booking on 13 February is managed through a different booking system.



National Guidance

Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE)

The Department for Education (DfE) is consulting on proposed changes to its statutory guidance on keeping children safe in education. These will also reflect the changes being made to the Working Together to safeguard children statutory guidance (below). The consultation also seeks views on a new non-statutory advice document on responding to sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges. Deadline for your comments is 22 February 2018.

Further details: [DfE consultation hub: Keeping children safe in education Keeping children safe in education: proposed revisions \(PDF\)](#)

Working Together 2018 Consultation

Working Together to Safeguard Children consultation ended 31 December 2017. The statutory guidance which sets out what is expected of organisations, individually and jointly, to safeguard and promote the welfare of children is expected to be ready for March 2018.

These revisions are being made largely to reflect the legislative changes introduced through the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and new 'child death review' guidance. I will keep you posted of the revised guidance so you can update your safeguarding policies accordingly.

Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports

children and young people exposed to domestic abuse. It reports to schools before the start of the next school day when a child or young person has been involved or exposed to a domestic abuse incident the previous evening. The information is given in strict confidence to a school's DSL to enable support to be given dependent on the needs and wishes of the child. **Also look out for the MARAC training on the training guide.

Further details can be found here: www.operationencompass.org/ if your school has not been sent a link or contact for this programme please let me know.

Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges guidance

The Department for Education (DfE) has published non-statutory advice for schools and colleges on how to prevent and respond to reports of sexual violence and harassment between children. This covers: what is meant by "sexual violence and harassment between children"; schools' and colleges' legal responsibilities; the importance of having a whole school or college approach; how to respond to reports of sexual violence and sexual harassment; safeguarding and supporting all children involved.

For further information: [Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges: advice for governing bodies, proprietors, head teachers, principals, senior leadership teams and designated safeguarding leads \(PDF\)](#)

A summary can be found here: [DfE summary of Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges](#)

The NSPCC has also launched its new Managing sexualised behaviour in primary schools online training course. It gives primary school staff the confidence to respond to these behaviours, with practical information and advice. www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/get-expert-training/managing-sexualised-behaviour-primary-schools-online-course/

Relationships and sex education guidance consultation

The Department for Education is considering how to update the existing Sex and Relationship guidance which, was last updated in 2000, and is therefore now out of date. The updated guidance will support schools in delivering the new subjects of Relationships Education at primary and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) at secondary, as well as, potentially, Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE).

The new relationships and sex education guidance, which will come into force in 2019, will cover mental health, staying safe online and issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender pupils to make it relevant to modern life. Please share widely with PHSE leads within your schools to consider and comment here: [Sex & Relationship Education - A call for evidence](#)



Resources

Peer on peer abuse toolkit

Farrer & Co, in collaboration with Dr. Carlene Firmin, has published a toolkit to help schools prevent, identify early and respond appropriately to peer-on-peer abuse. It provides guidance on developing and introducing a peer-on-peer abuse policy and a template peer-on-peer abuse policy. Topics covered include: developing an overarching policy and introducing it to the school community; tailoring your policy to your school's specific context; risk assessment; appropriate language and approaches; ongoing protective work.

Source: Farrer & Co briefing on new resources on sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges, and peer-on-peer abuse

Further information: [Peer-on-peer abuse toolkit \(PDF\)](#)

Safer internet resources

Education awareness packs are available to download for ages 3-18 years here to promote safer internet day: [Safer Internet Day education packs](#)

Cyberbullying teaching resources

The Royal Foundation's taskforce (including NSPCC, The Diana Award and Anti bullying Alliance) on the prevention of cyberbullying has launched the Stop, Speak, Support campaign. They have developed guidance for teachers designed to support them to deliver Stop, Speak, Support to 11-16 year olds in their schools.

Click here for further details: [The Royal Foundation of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry](#)
Resource packs can be accessed here: [School pack for KS3 & 4](#)

Child trafficking awareness materials

The attached materials from Thames Valley Police are intended to raise awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking, specifically relating to the risk of Vietnamese children coming into the UK on student visas and then going missing. It may be an issue or not in your school particularly around this particular group.

The NSPCC's Child Trafficking Advice Centre 0808 800 5000

ECPAT awareness video 'The Secret Gardeners' is available to view here

Resources for PHSE on terror attacks

Counter Terrorism Policing, the PSHE Association and Girlguiding have produced a Run, Hide, Tell resource pack for teachers to use to inform 11-16 year olds on how best to react to a gun or knife terror attack. The resource includes training films, lesson plans for key stage 3 and key stage 4 as well as teacher guidance on how to deliver this material confidently and safely.

Source: [National Counter Terrorism Security Office](#)
Further information: [Run, Hide, Tell](#)

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 01753 875068/07714 858213 jatinder.matharu@slough.gov.uk



If your concern is regarding the **harm of a child** or young person please immediately contact: **First Contact: 01753 875362** and email Child.protection@slough.gcsx.gov.uk
For out of hours service please call: 01344 786543

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