



A very warm welcome to 2019 and I hope you are all well and recovered your Christmas break.

We can look forward to another jam packed term. So, what do we have to look forward in the safeguarding world this term?

Many thanks for the constructive feedback about the online **Sec 175 safeguarding audit** which was launched on the 6 December 2018. The audit is intended to fulfil your reporting duties under to the LSCB under Sec 175. It should also support with your annual report to governors and safeguarding self assessment for Ofsted. Following the feedback we have now extended the deadline for the full audit to the **1 March 2019**. We would ask that sections one and two are still completed by 31 January as this is important information for us to use.

Ofsted has arrived and will be inspecting Slough Children's Services Trust (SCST) over the next three weeks.

You should have all received an email to notify you of the inspection.

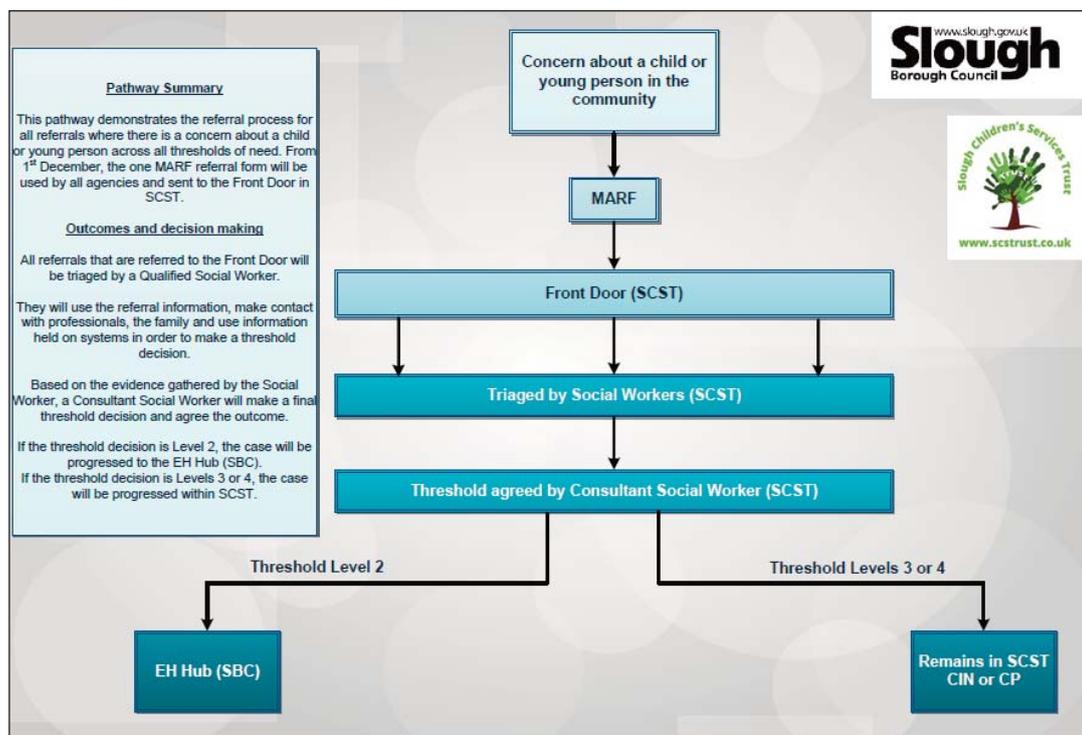
Just as a reminder and to clarify the changes to the front door for referrals to social care and electronic safeguarding cue cards are available.

- 1) There is NOW just one front door for all referrers which include both Early Help and Social Care services.
- 2) There is just one phone number (01753 875362) and there are more telephone lines available for referrers to speak to someone
- 3) There is just one Multi Agency Referral Form to be completed (called MARF for short) and it is on [CLICK HERE](#)
- 4) There is just one email address to send enquiries or the MARF to [sloughchildren.referrals@scstrust.co.uk](mailto:sloughchildren.referrals@scstrust.co.uk)

The purpose of the Early Help panel is to provide multi-agency decision making and support for children and families with complex needs and for cases that Lead Professionals within the community are unable to progress.

- Co-chaired by the Operational Manager EH Hub (SBC) and Consultant Social Work Manager(SCST)
- Multi-agency panel meets weekly
- All submitted cases are reviewed by members 48 hours prior to panel
- Each referrer attends panel to present their case to partners.

For making a referral to the Early Help Panel please email Operational Manager [donna.briggs@slough.gov.uk](mailto:donna.briggs@slough.gov.uk) 01753 476589.



# Tools and resources

The LSCB is developing screening tools to help you make professional judgements and aid decision making which have been developed out of local **serious case reviews and learning reviews** which can be accessed here:

<https://www.sloughsafeguardingboards.org.uk/lscb/lscb/about-the-lscb/serious-case-reviews>

The **child exploitation (CE) screening tool** is now 'live' for anyone who works with children. If you are worried that a child may be being exploited, this tool gives you a list of indicators to help you work it out and take appropriate action. Often, children do not recognise themselves as victims, or that they

are being groomed, and as a result disclosures of such abuse can be unlikely. Therefore, this indicator tool aids the identification of exploitation. If you are concerned a child is being exploited, complete the tool and make a referral to children's social care.

<https://www.sloughsafeguardingboards.org.uk/lscb/lscb/professionals/criminal-exploitation-of-children>

The **neglect screening tool** is currently being developed and will be shared shortly as it is finalised.

The **mental health directory** has been uploaded onto the Family Information Service portal and can be accessed through the LiNK here:

<https://thelink.slough.gov.uk/safeguarding/emotional-wellbeing>

The revised **hub structure** for 2019 at the Children's Trust has been sent with newsletter and an updated contacts list of safeguarding key contacts is attached to the last page of the newsletter.

Your one stop shop for LA services is now live "**The Link**" and 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 has now replaced the Gatekeeper service.

# 2019 DSL Network dates

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

# Private fostering

The legal definition of a privately fostered child is where a private arrangement has been made by the child's parent (or someone with parental responsibility and without the involvement of the local authority or Trust) for the child to live with a carer who is not a close relative\* of a child under the age of 16 (or 18 if the child is disabled) for 28 days or more. A short one

minute guide can be accessed here: <https://www.scstrust.co.uk/what-we-do/private-fostering/>

*\*Close relative is defined as: grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt (whether full or half blood by marriage) or step parent (by marriage or civil partnership) of the child. Close relatives do not include great-aunts or uncles, great grandparents or cousins.*

Amita Sharma in the Children's Trust can be contacted for further information and advice in relation to private fostering on 01753 875530 or 07715 242548  
[Amita.Sharma@scstrust.co.uk](mailto:Amita.Sharma@scstrust.co.uk)



# National updates and resources

## World Internet Safety Day Tuesday 5 February 2019

The UK Safer Internet Centre Insider which includes Childnet International, The IWF (Internet Watch Foundation), and SWGfL (South West Grid for Learning) have designed some resources to use to promote and support safe internet working practices. They have created a range of new educational resources to support educators to promote Safer Internet Day 2019. **Free to download**, these engaging resources are tailored for 3-18 year olds and look at the topic of consent online and/or register to share what they are doing for the day. **Register here** and view our supporter map.



## Mental Health and behaviour in Schools guidance, November 2018 & Mental Health and Wellbeing provision in schools October 2018

The DfE has issued guidance to help schools to support pupils whose mental health problems manifest themselves in behaviour. Schools have an important role to play in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children by developing whole school approaches tailored to their particular needs, as well as considering the needs of individual pupils. This can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-health-and-wellbeing-provision-in-schools>

## The anxious or worried child (Mentally Healthy Schools)

It's quite natural for children to worry and to be anxious at various stages of school and home life. Most children will learn how to manage their thoughts, feelings and emotions, but some may need extra support. This website is full of resources and is a good starting point for training and for working directly with children and families. <https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/mental-health-needs/the-anxious-or-worried-child>

There is of course our local resources of support for young people and mental health through the Family Information Service here: <https://thelink.slough.gov.uk/safeguarding/emotional-wellbeing>



## Out-of-school settings: voluntary safeguarding code of practice - CONSULTATION (DfE)

The DfE have opened a consultation, which closes on Sunday 24 February 2019 for a voluntary safeguarding code of practice of out-of-school settings. Apart from the fact it will be voluntary, I think the guidance is a good step-forward and long overdue. The lessons from child abuse in organised activities have clearly shown the risks to children and how vigilant organisations need to be. From my own soundings, safeguarding in out-of-school settings has improved, but in many cases there is a continuing complacency in some places.

Questions for parents can be downloaded here: [Safeguarding questions for parents and carers draft guidance](#)

The consultation documents and online questionnaire can be found here: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/regulatory-framework-unit/out-of-school-settings-voluntary-safeguarding-code/>



# Local updates and projects

## Egress licences

Egress invoices for secure email will be coming out shortly for the charges to each school who have subscribed for the service. If any school would like additional licences please let me know. If you have any queries regarding invoice please email:

[egress@slough.gov.uk](mailto:egress@slough.gov.uk)



## Support for PHSE Choices programme ready for roll out

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](mailto:mark@engagelime.com)

## Community based initiatives

Ketan Gandhi, Service lead for Communities and Leisure, SBC would like to know if your school is involved in any community based initiative in your area. He aims to coordinate existing and new initiatives to add value by pooling resources and prevent duplication. If your school is working on an initiative please email and let him know at [ketan.gandhi@slough.gov.uk](mailto:ketan.gandhi@slough.gov.uk)

## Cyberbullying Programme for Primary Schools - 'Click'

Thank you to all the schools that showcased the 'Click' is the cyber-crime prevention production in November 2018. It was very well received and some great feedback.

## Operation Encompass Update

Ellie from Operation Encompass has updated on some of the questions raised at the recent DSL forums which can be accessed here: <https://thelink.slough.gov.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding-projects/operation-encompass>



## Youth Offending Team update

The Youth Offending Team will be in a position to offer workshops to schools to address 'Weapons Awareness and Serious Youth Violence'. They also notify and share the risk assessments children on YOT caseloads for a more coherent response is provided for the young person. If schools have any questions they can contact Scott on 01753 690447 or [scott.strand@scstrust.co.uk](mailto:scott.strand@scstrust.co.uk)



# CPD opportunities

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

CPD Session	Date
The training below can be accessed via the link here: <a href="https://thelink.slough.gov.uk/events-and-training">https://thelink.slough.gov.uk/events-and-training</a> Further details of new dates of DSL and Safer recruitment training will be available over the next few weeks	
Experienced DSL training L3 *New	Tuesday 5 Feb 2019
Safer Recruitment training *New	Thursday 28 Feb 2019
The training is offered through the LSCB below can be accessed via the link here: <a href="https://www.sloughsafeguardingboards.org.uk/lscb/lscb/training">https://www.sloughsafeguardingboards.org.uk/lscb/lscb/training</a>	
Working Together to Safeguard Children (Targeted safeguarding training L3 via LSCB)	Wednesday 30 January 2019 Tuesday 26 February 2019 Tuesday 12 March 2019
LSCB Thresholds seminars 12-2pm @ SMP	Thursday 17 January 2019 Wednesday 13 February 2019 Wednesday 13 March 2019
Child Exploitation (CE) Training	Tuesday 12 February 2019 Tuesday 26 March 2019
Managing allegations training	Tuesday 26 March 2019 Wednesday 25 June 2019, 10.00-12.00
MARAC (Multi agency Risk assessment Conference) Training	Tuesday 19 February 2019 Tuesday 22 October 2019
Core Group and Case conference	Tbc

## Contact details

- **Slough child protection procedures**  
<http://berks.proceduresonline.com/slough/index.html>

### Social Care Early Help

- **Slough Children's Services Trust Ltd**  
If your concern is regarding the harm of a child or young person please immediately contact **01753 875362** and email [sloughchildren.referrals@scstrust.co.uk](mailto:sloughchildren.referrals@scstrust.co.uk)
- **Social Care out of hours service**  
01344 786543
- **Thames Valley Police**  
101 [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)
- **NSPCC**  
0800 800 5000
- **Child line**  
0800 11 11
- **Slough LSCB**  
Business Manager, Betty Lynch  
Independent Chair, Nick Georgiou  
[safeguardingboards@slough.gov.uk](mailto:safeguardingboards@slough.gov.uk)

- **Whistleblowing and Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO):**  
Nicola Johnstone - [nicola.johnstone@scstrust.co.uk](mailto:nicola.johnstone@scstrust.co.uk)  
[nicola.johnstone@slough.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.johnstone@slough.gcsx.gov.uk)  
LADO Telephone: 01753 474053 / 0788 5828387  
[LADO@slough.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:LADO@slough.gcsx.gov.uk)
- **NSPCC Whistleblowing advice line**  
0800 028 0285 [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)
- **Education Safeguarding Officer**  
Jatinder Matharu - 01753 875068/07714 858213  
[jatinder.matharu@slough.gov.uk](mailto:jatinder.matharu@slough.gov.uk)
- **Prevent Coordinator**  
Naheem Bashir - 01753 875201 / 07540 147340  
[naheem.bashir@slough.gov.uk](mailto:naheem.bashir@slough.gov.uk)
- **Prevent Education Officer**  
Rabena Sharif - 07928 655038  
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- **Education Standard and Effectiveness Officer (SEND)**  
Deborah Bowers - 07712 548725  
[deborah.bowers@slough.gov.uk](mailto:deborah.bowers@slough.gov.uk)
- **CSE Exploitation Manager**  
Beth Matthews - 01753 875835  
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