

Safeguarding useful information

Effective safeguarding arrangements in every local area should be underpinned by two key principles:

- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility: for services to be effective each professional and organisation should play their full part; and
- A child centred approach: for services to be effective they should be based on a clear understanding of the needs and views of children.

The above key messages are taken from 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' - March 13 version – see full document for details. - website details overleaf

Safeguarding at a glance – some key points

Playschemes on Ofsted's Early Years Register/Childcare Register must meet the EYFS Safeguarding & Welfare requirements and/or requirements of the Childcare Register, these include:

- Policies/Procedures
- Suitable people/qualifications
- Child protection
- Safety of environment
- Record keeping

All playschemes should have regard to the following guidances, which includes information on staff allegations, whistleblowing, safer recruitment, e-safety, early help with concerns:

- 'Working together to safeguard children'
- LSCB 'Guidance for safer working practices for adults who work with children and young people'

'First Response' is Leicestershire's new single access point to contact for concerns and early intervention (formerly central duty and CAF teams) at any time of the day - call 0116 3050005

Important changes to DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service Checks – formerly CRB – see separate handout), including

- Availability of new DBS Update Service for individuals to join, allowing reuse when moving to similar job
- DBS certificate sent to job candidate, employer asks to see, records number, can check DBS Update Service if candidate has joined.
- Costs - Free of charge to eligible volunteers (but admin charge approx £16), Enhanced check approx £44 plus admin costs, Update Service £13 per year
- From 1st February a completed DBS check must be held before applying for new Ofsted registration

Safeguarding Training

Ensure all staff have up to date safeguarding training – Training Opportunities booklet

Other useful resources –

- Safenetwork 'Are they safe' pack (free to voluntary and community sector organisations)
- Child Exploitation On line Protection (CEOP) 'Thinkuknow'

Below are websites and organisations linked to the above which will help you fulfil your duty to safeguard children and young people.

- Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB)– Leicestershire and Rutland www.lrlscb.org
- Working Together To Safeguard Children document – www.education.gov.uk/aboutdfe/statutory
- NSPCC – www.nspcc.org.uk
- The Safe Network – www.safenetwork.org.uk
- Information Commissions Office (ICO) www.ico.gov.uk
- Anti bullying – www.beyondbullying.com
- CEOP – www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- Training opportunities booklet – www.leics.gov.uk/eytraining
- Out of school Website – www.leics.gov.uk/oosresourcepage
- Ofsted – www.ofsted.gov.uk – DBS fact sheet ref. number 090103
- Requirements for the childcare register fact sheet – ref number 080143
- DBS – how to obtain for employers – www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check
- EYFS – statutory framework – www.foundationyears.org.uk/early-years-foundation-stage-2012 (free to download)

Important contact numbers

First response/ emergency duty team - 0116 3050005

Local authority Designated officer – (LADO) 0116 3057597

Local Police – 0116 222 222