

# SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

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# Can Ofsted inspectors see child protection files?

Question: Should schools redact children's names in child protection records that Ofsted inspectors need to view. Ofsted: "Our policy team say that they don't see any need for schools to anonymise the case files that they present to inspectors.

The school inspection handbook sets out the evidence that schools should make available at the start of the inspection, and this includes: a list of all pupils who are open cases with children's services/social care and for whom there is a multi-agency plan.

It's important that inspectors have access to open cases so that they can track how effectively those pupils have been safeguarded by the school, working with the local authority and other relevant agencies. But of course, inspectors don't include personal data about individual cases in their reports."

## Online searches on shortlisted candidates

Keeping Children Safe in Education, paragraph 220 says introduces a new duty to consider 'carrying out an online search as part of their due diligence on the shortlisted candidates'. To help with understanding what needs to be done, education lawyer, Dai Durbridge, from Browne Jacobson, has produced a helpful FAQ on the topic.

https://www.brownejacobson.com/education/training-and-resources/guides/2022/09/howto-carry-out-the-kcsie-online-checks-faqs

# **Child criminal exploitation**

ITV News has carried out an investigation into child criminal exploitation and drug offences in the UK. Findings from a Freedom of Information request to police forces in the UK include: 5,425 children under the age of 16 have been arrested for drug offences since

https://www.itv.com/news/2022-09-26/children-as-young-as-9-arrested-for-dealingdrugs-itv-news-investigation-finds

# **County lines**

The Home Office has allocated funding to support young people who have experienced county lines exploitation and their families, focusing on four priority areas in England. Services will include: one-to-one specialist support for young people who have been referred by safeguarding partners; a rescue service helping those outside of their hometowns to be returned home safely; and mental health support and counselling to young

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-support-for-victims-of-county-lines-

# exploitation Multi-agency safeguarding and domestic abuse

The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel has published a review of key findings from a thematic analysis of rapid reviews and local child safeguarding practice reviews where domestic abuse featured. Findings include: a lack of understanding of domestic abuse; the need for increased awareness around how domestic abuse impacts children; and a lack of consideration for children's opinions and lived experiences. Recommendations includ a whole-system response to domestic abuse with child safeguarding partners being central to local responses; a domestic-abuse informed response across all safeguarding partners; and the need for reviews to record the protected characteristics of each family member to

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-safeguarding-anddomestic-abuse-paper

# Safer Internet Day

ensure diverse needs are identified.

The UKSIC has announced the theme for next year's Safer Internet Day, taking place on 7th February 2023. The theme, 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online' will focus on encouraging children and young people to shape the online safety support that they receive. Schools and organisations can now register as a Safer Internet Day supporter via the UKSIC website.

https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/theme-announced-for-safer-internet-day-2023

The BBC has released a new Panorama episode looking at persistent absence in schools. The documentary follows three students struggling to return to school and explores potential measures.

# https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b006t14n/panorama

# Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Guidance (DfE)

Reminder: Schools should note that the DfE has withdrawn the standalone document 'Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment' as the content is now part of the statutory guidance, Keeping

You should ensure that policy and procedure documents no longer refer to the sexual violence and sexual harassment guidance, but instead to KCSIE Part Five.

# Flowchart for Part Five:

https://6282.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Flowchart+Sexual+Violence+and+Sexual+Harassment+2022.pdf

## Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022 - Translations (LGfL)

London Grid for Learning have translated Part One and Annex A of Keeping Children Safe in

- Bengali
- Chinese (Simpl.)
- Chinese (Trad.)
- Gujarati
- Polish
- Portuguese (Brazilian)
- Punjabi
- Romanian
- Somali
- Spanish • Ukrainian

These translations were carried out by professional linguist with secondary proofing. However, the original English version should be treated as the official source of statutory school staff duties.

https://national.lgfl.net/digisafe/kcsie/kcsietranslate

# Keeping children safe during community activities, after-school clubs and tuition: Questions to help parents and carers choose out-of-school settings

Parents may well be looking for after-school clubs, theatre groups or sports' clubs. The DfE has a document that helps parents identify the safeguarding issues to consider when choosing a provider. Keeping children safe during community activities, after-school clubs and tuition: Questions to help parents and carers choose out-of-school settings.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-onsafeguarding-children-in-out-of-school-settings/keeping-children-safe-during-communityactivities-after-school-clubs-and-tuition-questions-to-help-parents-and-carers-choose-outof-school-settings

# Data protection: privacy notice model documents

The government has updated its model privacy notices for:

- school workforce
- school and trust governance roles
- local authorities; and
- looked-after children and children in need

# Documents here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-protection-and-privacy-privacy-notices

# Forthcoming free safeguarding webinars for Autumn term 2022

Radicalisation - Wednesday 5th October at 10am Online Safety - Tuesday 11th October at 10am Domestic abuse - Tuesday 18th October at 10am Pupil's Mental Health - Tuesday 8th November at 10am

Depression - Tuesday 15th November at 10am

Anxiety - Tuesday 22nd November at 10am

Self-harm and suicidal ideation- Tuesday 29th November at 10am

County lines - Tuesday 6th December at 10am Knife crime - Tuesday 13th December at 10am

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