Welcome to Safeguarding in Education Briefing No 1 – 22 June 2020

Welcome to the new regular briefing from the Safeguarding in Education Service at Northamptonshire County Council. This briefing aims to provide updates on key local and national safeguarding issues to Designated Safeguarding Leads in all education settings in Northamptonshire.

If you have any questions or queries about safeguarding in education, please contact the Safeguarding in Education Lead.
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Article 1 CFN Structure Charts and Contact Information

Available at the below link are up to date structure Charts that detail the management and team structure of safeguarding teams at Children First Northamptonshire.

These charts will be hosted on the Safeguarding in Education webpage and will be updated monthly in order that they are as up to date as possible.

Also available is the most up to date list of Teams, Duty Phone numbers, Team Managers and the associated Service and Strategic Manager for your information.

Any feedback on this information please let me know.

CFN STRUCTURE CHART

CFN DUTY NUMBERS AND TEAM AND MANAGER INFORMATION
Article 2 NSCP Escalation Procedure Updated

The Partnership’s Case and Conflict Resolution Procedure has been updated and re-launched to ensure that all members of the partnership are aware of the process and expectations on them when a conflict occurs in a case they are dealing with.

Effective safeguarding of children is based on practitioners and front-line staff wanting the very best for children. They need to be ready to stand up in the best interests of children to enable collective responsibility for problem solving, even if this brings them into disagreement with other practitioners, with other organisations or with their own managers and employing bodies.

Escalating concerns about a child is an expected part of partnership working. There is often no right or wrong answer when it comes to safeguarding children and judgements and decisions should be made by way of robust challenge, discussion and debate about the most effective way forward to ensure the child receives the best possible outcome.

Children’s cases can only be successfully escalated or conflicts resolved if those involved are willing for that to happen and genuinely want resolution to be the outcome.

Below you will find a link to a number of documents to assist you in dealing with a conflict that may arise.

NSCP Conflict Resolution Procedure

Article 3 NGAGE Offer

Please see attached information from Ngage with Aquarius about their offer to schools during COVID. They have also asked if you could share this information on your Social media pages/websites if possible so that parents can see the service is still able to be accessed.

TEL: 01604 633848

https://aquarius.org.uk/our-services/young-peoples-services/northampton-yp/

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Article 4 Volunteers needed to represent schools on NSCP Sub Groups

Message from Laura Clarke, Schools Representative on NSCP.

The Strategic Partnership has welcomed Education colleagues to the Board, and is very keen to work with us. Our partners recognise that schools have almost daily contact with the majority of the children in the County and have tremendous knowledge of local areas and families. It is vital that we work together with our partners to ensure that our processes and systems, as well as our ideas are shared in order to improve safeguarding of all of the County’s children.

The Strategic Partnership is seeking volunteers from the School community to contribute the schools perspective to the NSCP subgroups. One school representative is requested for each subgroup to join LSE colleagues to represent the education sector.

The opportunity to have representation from schools on the Partnership sub groups is vital to improving two-way communication between the Board and schools and I urge you to consider taking on this rewarding role, and to be part of developing more effective working together.

The NSCP Sub Groups seeking representation are:-

- Child Criminal Exploitation Sub Group-vacant
- Early Help Sub Group-vacant
- Learning and Development Sub Group-vacant
- Local Learning Review Sub Group- Laura Clarke
- Quality and Governance Sub Group –Jamie Nairn

The expectations of this role are that:-

- The schools representative attends each sub group meeting which are held on a two monthly basis.
- The schools representative provides summary feedback to the wider schools sector following each subgroup through a short article in the monthly Safeguarding in Education briefing.
- The school representatives will meet termly, to ensure continuity and clarity of messages flowing between the Strategic Partnership and schools in the County. These meetings will be facilitated and attended by Debbie Carrie, Lead Officer for Safeguarding in Education.
- The school representatives will attend the Designated Safeguarding Leads Forums.
- Strategic Board members and Subgroup members will be appointed annually, by a voting procedure.

If you would be willing to volunteer for any of the above sub groups please respond by email to Laura Clarke through head@rowangate.northants-ecl.gov.uk
The updated version of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020 has just been published. Please note that this does not go live until September 2020 until then the existing KCSIE 2019 remains in force. The updates for September are not as extensive as originally planned and had to be scaled back due to COVID impact.

Please see final version here. Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020
Also attached to this briefing is a summary of the main changes for your information.

Action that is needed
1. Update the schools Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy to incorporate the changes ready for September 2020. The NCC model Policy will be published on 10 July 2020 on the website with all updates added.
2. Ensure that any other policies and procedures are updated at the same time
3. Prepare briefing and updates for staff and Governors highlighting the new changes

Please find attached the latest and fifth edition of the partnership Child Exploitation Bulletin. I am also attaching a poster and a leaflet, both of which are referred to in the newsletter. This Bulletin details a new E Learning course on Gangs which has been added to the NSCP E Learning offer. See below link.

NSCP E-Learning