

Appendix to Child Protection Policy – Dorset Schools

Appendix A – Local Safeguarding Contacts and Resources (Dorset)

- **Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership (DSCP)**

Website: <https://www.dorsetscp.org.uk/>

The Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership provides local safeguarding procedures, multi-agency guidance, practice reviews, training opportunities and safeguarding resources for schools and professionals.

- **Dorset SCP Procedures Manual**

Website: <https://procedures.dorsetscp.org.uk/>

Contains Dorset child protection procedures, referral guidance, information-sharing protocols, assessment processes and multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.

- **Reporting a Safeguarding Concern**

Website: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/report-a-concern-about-a-child>

Information for professionals and members of the public on reporting concerns where a child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm.

- **Dorset Council Safeguarding Support for Schools**

Website: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Provides safeguarding advice, guidance, training, updates and support for education settings.

- **Dorset Early Help**

Website: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Information regarding Early Help services, assessments and coordinated support for children and families.

- **Dorset Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)**

Website: <https://www.dorsetscp.org.uk>

Provides advice and guidance where concerns or allegations are made about adults working with children.

Appendix B – Dorset Safeguarding Practice Resources and Devon One Minute Guides

Dorset schools should access safeguarding updates, briefings, toolkits, practice guidance and learning resources through:

- Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership
- Dorset SCP Procedures Manual
- Dorset Council Children's Services
- Department for Education safeguarding guidance

The Devon One Minute Guides provide concise guidance on safeguarding topics relevant to schools.

Access all guides here:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/support-schools-settings/safeguarding/guidance-policy-and-tools-2/safeguarding-one-minute-guides/>

Topics include:

- Neglect
- Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)
- Child-on-Child Abuse
- Contextual Safeguarding
- Serious Violence
- County Lines
- Modern Slavery
- Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- Prevent Duty
- Making a Prevent Referral
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Forced Marriage
- Honour Based Abuse
- Domestic Abuse
- Operation Encompass
- Children Missing Education (CME)
- Early Help

- Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)
- Information Sharing
- Online Safety and Sexting
- Transfer of Child Protection Records
- Governor Safeguarding Monitoring
- Disguised Compliance
- Elective Home Education
- Private Fostering
- Initial Child Protection Conferences
- MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference)

Appendix C – Statutory and National Guidance

- **Keeping Children Safe in Education (Current Version)**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

The key statutory safeguarding guidance for schools and colleges in England. All staff should be familiar with Part One or Annex A as determined by the school.

- **Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026 Draft Consultation**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/keeping-children-safe-in-education-proposed-revisions-2026>

Provides information on proposed safeguarding developments expected to influence future school practice. **change this when Draft become the statutory document**

- **Working Together to Safeguard Children**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>

- **Children Act 1989**

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/41/contents>

- **Children Act 2004**

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/31/contents>

- **Education Act 2002 (Section 175)**

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/32/contents>

Appendix D – Child Protection and Safeguarding Support Services

- **NSPCC**
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>
National safeguarding charity providing resources, training and advice.
- **Childline**
<https://www.childline.org.uk>
Confidential support service for children and young people.
- **CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection)**
<https://www.ceop.police.uk>
Online child protection reporting service.
- **Internet Matters**
<https://www.internetmatters.org>
Resources supporting online safety for children, parents and schools.
- **UK Safer Internet Centre**
<https://saferinternet.org.uk>
Online safety guidance, resources and reporting tools.
- **Childnet**
<https://www.childnet.com>
Educational resources supporting safe and responsible use of digital technology.
- **Educate Against Hate**
<https://educateagainsthate.com>
Government-supported advice regarding radicalisation and extremism.
- **Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA Centre)**
<https://www.csacentre.org.uk>
- **CSA Centre Research and Resources**
<https://www.csacentre.org.uk/research-resources/>
- **Child Sexual Abuse Response Pathway**
<https://www.csacentre.org.uk/resources/child-sexual-abuse-response-pathway/>

Appendix E – Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

- **YoungMinds**
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk>
Mental health information and support for young people, families and professionals.
- **Papyrus Prevention of Young Suicide**
<https://www.papyrus-uk.org>
Suicide prevention charity supporting young people at risk of suicide.
- **NHS Mental Health Services**
<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/>
Mental health support and access to local services.
- **Kooth**
<https://www.kooth.com>
Digital emotional wellbeing and mental health support service.
- **Dorset Healthcare CAMHS**
<https://camhsdorset.org>

Appendix F – Online Safety and Emerging Technology

- **National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)**
<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk>
- **UK Safer Internet Centre**
<https://saferinternet.org.uk>
- **Internet Matters**
<https://www.internetmatters.org>
- **CEOP Safety Centre**
<https://www.ceop.police.uk>
- **Childnet**
<https://www.childnet.com>
- **NSPCC Online Safety Hub**
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

Appendix G – Contextual Safeguarding, Exploitation and Adolescent Risk

- **Dorset Contextual Safeguarding**

Dorset's approach to safeguarding recognises that risks to young people often occur outside the family home and may arise from peer groups, neighbourhoods, online environments and community spaces.

- **Child Exploitation Guidance**

Professionals should follow Dorset SCP procedures regarding:

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

County Lines

Missing Children

Serious Youth Violence

Online Exploitation

- **Multi-Agency Child Exploitation (MACE)**

Dorset utilises multi-agency arrangements for identifying and responding to exploitation risks. Schools should follow local referral pathways and safeguarding procedures.

- **Missing Children and Contextual Safeguarding**

Practitioners should assess vulnerabilities relating to:

- Missing episodes
- Peer associations
- Exploitation indicators
- Harmful online activity
- Community-based risks

- **SafeLives MARAC Resources**

<https://safelives.org.uk/resources-for-professionals/marac-resources/>

These support professionals working with high-risk domestic abuse cases.

Appendix H – Radicalisation and Extremism

- **Prevent Duty Guidance**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

- **Making a Prevent Referral**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/make-a-referral-to-prevent>

- **Educate Against Hate**

<https://educateagainsthate.com>

- **ACT Early**

<https://actearly.uk>

- **Dorset Prevent Contacts**

Staff should follow local procedures for Prevent concerns and seek advice through Dorset safeguarding and police Prevent channels where required.

Appendix I – Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls

- **Refuge**
<https://refuge.org.uk>
- **Women's Aid**
<https://www.womensaid.org.uk>
- **Respect**
<https://respect.uk.net>
- **ManKind Initiative**
<https://mankind.org.uk>
- **Paragon Domestic Abuse Services Dorset**
<https://paragonteam.org.uk>

Provides specialist support for adults, children and families affected by domestic abuse across Dorset.
- **BCHA Domestic Abuse Services**
<https://www.bcha.org.uk>

Local support for individuals experiencing domestic abuse.

Appendix J – Child Exploitation, Missing Children and Modern Slavery

- **Missing People**
<https://www.missingpeople.org.uk>
- **National Crime Agency**
<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk>
- **Modern Slavery Helpline**
<https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org>
- **The Children's Society**
<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk>
- **Catch22**
<https://www.catch-22.org.uk>

Appendix K – Specific Safeguarding Issues

- **Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-statutory-guidance-on-female-genital-mutilation>
- **Forced Marriage Unit**
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forced-marriage>
- **Honour Based Abuse**
<https://karmanirvana.org.uk>
- **Dorset Private Fostering**
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>
- **Dorset Children Missing Education**
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>
- **Elective Home Education**
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Appendix L – Whistleblowing

- **NSPCC Whistleblowing Advice Line**

Telephone: 0800 028 0285

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/report-abuse/dedicated-helplines/whistleblowing-advice-line/>

- **GOV.UK Whistleblowing Guidance**

<https://www.gov.uk/whistleblowing>

Appendix M – Key Emergency Contacts

- **Dorset Children's Advice and Duty Service (ChAD)**
For safeguarding concerns regarding children.
Telephone: 01305 228866
Out of Hours: 01305 858250
- **Dorset LADO**
Website: <https://pdscp.co.uk/new-dorset-council-lado-referral-form/>
Email: lado@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
For allegations or concerns regarding adults working or volunteering with children.
- **Emergency Services**
999
- **NSPCC Helpline**
0808 800 5000
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>
- **Childline**
0800 1111
<https://www.childline.org.uk>
- **Police Non-Emergency**
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