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| **Changes to Child Protection and Safeguarding policy guidance for schools-Sept 2020** | |
| Dates | Updated to from KCSE 2019 to KCSE 2020 |
| Safeguarding definition | *Mental and physical* added to definition of safeguarding to emphasise the importance of these. Definition now reads ‘Preventing impairment of children’s *mental and physical* health or development’ in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020. |
| Supply staff/ Volunteers | Where any reference is made to agency staff, ‘*supply staff’* has also been added throughout the document in line with the updates to part 4 of KCSE 2020. This now outlines that allegations are dealt with thoroughly even where school is not the employer. The title of Part 4 of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020 has been updated to ‘*Allegations of abuse made against teachers including supply staff, volunteers and other staff’*. |
| North Tyneside Safeguarding Children Partnership | All references/footnotes to ‘*Local Safeguarding Children Board’* and ‘*local safeguarding arrangements’* removed as these are now replaced with North Tyneside Safeguarding Children Partnership (NTSCP). |
| Safeguarding during the Coronavirus pandemic | Links added throughout the policy to signpost to DfE advice on ‘Safeguarding in schools during the Coronavirus pandemic’ and notes added to indicate that schools should have a child protection policy addendum outlining any amendments made to safeguarding arrangements in school during the period of the pandemic. |
| Specific safeguarding issues | Further specific safeguarding issues added as outlined in Annex A of KCSE 2020   * Honour based abuse * Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) |
| Peer on peer/child on child abuse | Peer on peer abuse now also refers to child on child abuse. The child protection policy has been updated for schools to indicate if these incidents are managed through procedures outlined in the behaviour policy or they have a standalone peer on peer/child on child abuse policy. Where relevant, this should link to Part 5 of Keeping Children Safe in Education regarding child on child sexual violence and sexual harassment. |
| Operation Endeavour | Operation Endeavour added to the policy outlining the local procedures for reporting missing children to schools. |
| Signs and indicators of abuse | Full list of vulnerabilities added to policy from Keeping Children Safe in Education, Part 1 and link to NSPCC website added to further highlight signs and indicators of abuse. Updated link added to the most recent 2014-2017 analysis of serious case reviews. |
| Statutory RSE/ Health Education | Updated information included on Statutory Relationship, Sex and Health Education from Sept 2020 |
| Online Safety/ e-learning | Additional information included to signpost schools to Annex C in Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020 which outlines support for governors, staff, pupils and parents regarding online safety. DSLs should consider e-learning as an option to safeguarding CPD in addition to face to face training. |
| MASH professional helpline | Where the Front Door service is mentioned in the policy, the North Tyneside Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub professional helpline has now also been added. |
| Child in Need review | Information added to the policy in line with the recent Children in Need Review which has also been added to KCSE 2020. This outlines the need for DSLs/DDSLs to be aware of children who have needed social work input so they can support staff to understand the challenges these children face and support adjustments to teaching and learning where necessary. |
| Guidance for Safer Working practice | Guidance for Safer Working practice document from the Safer Recruitment Consortium added to the list of induction documents to align with advice given by LA. All other references to the Guidance for Safer Working practice document also outlines that a Coronavirus addendum to the guidance is available on the Safer Recruitment Consortium website. |
| Section 11 audit | The wording regarding returning the Section 11 audit ‘*annually*’ to the North Tyneside Safeguarding Children Partnership (NTSCP) has been amended to ‘*as and when requested’* as a proposed issues date is currently unknown. |
| Early Help | Added in a link to North Tyneside Council’s Early Help page for further support and information. |
| Escalation and effective challenge procedures | Added the North Tyneside process for escalating concerns about a child’s welfare. This is so professionals have clear procedures in place to quickly and easily challenge decision making if felt necessary as recommended by serious case reviews. Paper copies should be made available so they can be accessed by all staff. |
| Mental Health | More information added to the policy regarding child and adolescence mental health in line with new information in Keeping Children Safe in Education such as behaviours linked to mental health and considering mental health in a safeguarding context. |
| Exploitation | New paragraph added to the policy to consider the need to support pupils who have been exploited. |
| Recruitment | The policy now includes the need for at least one interview panel member to have safer recruitment training. Information has been added to clarify that Section 128 checks also apply to governors of maintained schools. |
| Reference Document A: Contact details | The out of hours number for the Front Door has been changed and the North Tyneside Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub professional helpline has now also been added to Reference Document A. |
| Reference Document B: Links to other policies in school | * Removed Early Help policy/procedures from policy list as this is now included in main policy as an integral part of safeguarding processes. * Child/young person’s mental health and wellbeing policy is needed as Keeping Children Safe in Education outlines that schools should have clear process in place to support mental health issues. * Peer on peer/child on child abuse policy to be in place as a standalone policy or explicitly in the behaviour policy. Schools   should indicate which policy these incidents are managed through and amend Ref Doc B list accordingly. |
| Governors checklist | * Whistleblowing added to induction list in governors’ checklist. * The statement regarding the LADO role has been reworded to now outline the need for the LADO role to be understood by ‘*relevant staff and governors’* rather than just DSLs.   Link to the most recent version (April 2019) of the HR visitors signing in protocol added. |