

# Safeguarding Updates – Issue 3 summer 2018

## Safeguarding Competency Framework Review

The review of the safeguarding competency framework is well underway and both Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council have been working closely to ensure that the revised version is fit for purpose. Thank you to those of you that took the time to complete the Safeguarding Competency Framework Survey. Your feedback is essential and contributed to our thinking whilst making improvements. The intention of the review is to simplify the framework, streamlining competencies, making expectations of practitioners clearer. The task group working on the revision are excited about the progress being made and look forward to rolling out updates in due course.

In the meantime, the existing framework continues to serve the very important purpose of enabling practitioners to reflect on their safeguarding knowledge and it is the intention that the transition to the new framework will be as smooth as possible. WATCH THIS SPACE!

**ESSENTIAL AWARENESS TRAINING -  
COMING SOON!!**

**Children's Workforce Matters**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Multiagency Training Programme Review

The review of the multiagency training programme continues. On behalf of the sector, we have stressed that the demand for essential awareness is high. The LSCB recognise its importance and new dates for **Essential Awareness Training** can be expected imminently. The EED team will publicise these dates, so please read all emails to ensure you do not miss out. Bookings can be made through the usual channel of the Children's Workforce Matters website.

**This is likely to be the last chance to access this training free of charge within the city, so please act fast to avoid disappointment!**

## Allegations against Adults that Work With Children Training

The role of the LADO is now well established within the sector. However, we are seeing reoccurring trends within Ofsted inspection reports that would indicate that practitioners are still not confident of the procedure to follow when an allegation is made against a member of staff.

Instinctively providers want to address such issues as soon as possible, but by failing to contact the LADO as the initial step, they are failing to follow the procedures set out in the LSCB online policies and procedures and are thereby not meeting the statutory requirements of the EYFS.

To ensure that you and your team are up to date with your knowledge and understanding of what to do, should an allegation be made against a member of staff, the following training will be going live on the Children's Workforce Matters website shortly;

**Allegations against Adults that Work With Children: June 27<sup>th</sup> - 1:30-3:30, City Hall.**

## Safeguarding Practitioner Engagement Group

Every two months the Multi Agency Safeguarding Frontline Practitioners Group meet. This meeting is run by the Leicester Safeguarding Children Board and brings together a representative from all local authority services such as Schools, the Police, Health, Early Help etc. The aim of the meeting is to share practice issues, some will be dealt with at the meeting, and others may be escalated and signposted to the relevant department. Our team (EEDT) have representation at this meeting and are able to share any challenges you may have around child protection issues, this may be when making a referral or with existing children that are subject to a multi-agency plan.

If you would like a particular issue raised at this meeting, please use the email address below. Please do not use names. All information will be treated as confidential.



### **What is this website about?**

The website 'kids and teens' is a section of the [leics.police.uk](https://leics.police.uk) website, offering advice and information on various different subjects relating to the wellbeing of children and adults.

*"It is important that this information is delivered directly and successfully to children of all ages, therefore encouraging them to report crime if they deem it necessary. Not only that, but this website encourages interaction with parents, carers and teachers along with opening up communication between the police and young people, and thus giving them confidence to speak up."*

The site is broken down in to age groups, with sections specifically for parents or professionals. This makes it easy to navigate relevant information such as useful videos, animations and printable resources.



For information and resources, please visit; <https://leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/kids-and-teens>

## Talk PANTS and help keep your child safe



Visit [nspcc.org.uk/pants](https://nspcc.org.uk/pants) for loads of tips and materials to get this simple conversation started. It's easy, it's not scary, but it is important.



## The Prevent duty

Departmental advice for schools and  
childcare providers

June 2015



*Prevent Duty Guidance:  
for England and Wales*

### The Prevent Duty

Reference to The Prevent Duty continues to be a trend in recent Ofsted inspection reports. Whilst the sector endeavours to understand and embed Prevent within their practice, it is apparent that staff can still find it difficult to articulate their knowledge of the signs and indicators of radicalisation, contributing factors and how they support children in developing resilience to becoming radicalised.

It may therefore be advisable to invest some time in reviewing staffs knowledge and understanding of Prevent and identifying any areas for improvement.

At the last series of Quality Forums, we spent some time on tables mind mapping everything we knew and understood about Prevent and what some questions we still feel we are unable to answer. This was not only an opportunity to learn from one another, but also highlighted meaningful next steps for practitioners to go away with to build on their practice. Consider bringing this activity to your next team meeting. Encourage staff to share their expertise and develop confidence in articulating their knowledge.

Where training needs are identified, consider online training opportunities from a reputable source such as;  
<https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk>

Alternatively, the Home Office provide a catalogue of appropriate Prevent training for you to consider;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-catalogue-of-training-courses>

Useful Links;

DfE website: <http://www.educateagainsthate.com>

Let's Talk About It: <http://www.ltai.info>

WRAP online: <http://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

Channel Online: [http://course.ncalt.com/channel\\_general\\_awareness/01/index.html](http://course.ncalt.com/channel_general_awareness/01/index.html)

Prevent Tragedies: <http://preventtragedies.co.uk>

Leicester Prevent: [www.leicesterprevent.co.uk](http://www.leicesterprevent.co.uk)

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