

Safeguarding Role of the LADO



Every Local Authority has a Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) who is responsible for co-ordinating the response to concerns that an adult who works with children may have caused them or could cause them harm.

Allegations may be made by a child or parent, a staff member, the police or social care or may be from an anonymous source.

Task:

One of the most publicised cases of an adult causing harm to children in their care, is the case of nursery worker Vanessa George. Follow the link to find out more about the serious case review.

[Serious Case Review - Vanessa George](#)

After reading the SCR, discuss the key messages and lessons to be learnt.

Registered early years providers must also inform Ofsted of any allegation of serious harm or abuse and must also inform Ofsted of the action taken in respect of the allegation.

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