



To: All School Designated Safeguarding Leads in  
North Yorkshire

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Dear Colleagues,

Further to our letter of 7 June 2022, I am writing to keep you updated regarding some important developments for Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) within schools.

The NYSCP is now leading on the DSL Network meetings and I am pleased to report that there was good attendance at our online webinar last week. I can confirm that on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 we will be holding a DSL Conference at the Pavilions in Harrogate. This conference is open to all schools across North Yorkshire (Maintained, Academies, Special, Free and Independent).

The conference will consist of keynote speakers and workshops covering a variety of subjects which will include:

- Harmful Sexual Behaviours and Sexual Harassment
- What good looks like
- Keeping children safe in education
- Exploitation and contextual safeguarding
- Early help and thresholds

This is a unique opportunity for all schools to come together, establish new networks and share good practice. Spaces for the conference are limited and we are expecting a high demand. While we will try to accommodate as many schools as possible, places are limited due to venue capacity and only up to two places may be booked per school. You can book your place online by visiting:

- <https://nyestraining.co.uk/Event/176518>

Please note, this conference is offered free of charge. Due to the cost of the conference and the expected demand, this is subject to the NYSCP charging policy, any school who has booked a place and does not attend on the day will be required to pay the full cost of their place.

Following the launch of our [Be Aware Knowledge Hub](#) we are looking for schools to help us promote awareness of the site and highlight the launch of the Knowledge Hub to parents and carers on their websites, social media and via school newsletters. I have attached further information on the Be Aware Knowledge Hub to help you promote this within your school.

A number of schools have been enquiring when the NYSCP School Child Protection Manual (Sept, 2022) is to be launched. This is currently in the final stages of development and we are aiming to release this to schools prior to the start of the new term. The NYSCP Model School Child Protection Policy has been separated from the Manual and significantly reviewed. Due to the level of change, the document will not identify changes but will highlight areas where the document needs to be personalised. All schools are reminded that while the

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document shows key areas to personalise, schools must consider all of the document and not just the areas highlighted to ensure that the model policy meets the school's needs and update as required.

The next School Safeguarding Audit will commence in the coming academic year. All schools are required to undertake the audit and respond by 31 March 2023. Schools are reminded that responses should only be submitted after approval has been received by their governing body, trustees, proprietors or other appropriate roles. **Due to changes in Keeping Children Safe in Education a new audit tool is being created. It is anticipated that the audit tool will be available to schools in September 2022 and further information will be provided to schools in due course.**

On a final note, I would like to remind all schools that in our previous letter we requested email forwarding addresses be set up for DSLs. To date, not all schools have responded to the request by completing the survey link circulated in the letter. Some schools have also provided person email addresses rather than DSL links and some schools have also asked if the generic Headteacher email address can be used instead. I would like to clarify that we are not able to accept personal email addresses and request that any schools which have used a personal email address set up a generic DSL@YOURSCHOOL.DOMAIN email address as requested. We recognise that for smaller schools the DSL is often the Headteacher. If this is the case the generic Headteacher email address for the school may be used. Please ensure that you have notified us of your schools DSL email by completing the survey at <https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=165349102278>.

Thank you for your time and I on behalf of the NYSCP I hope you have a good summer and look forward to working with you next term.

Yours faithfully,

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