

To: All School Designated Safeguarding Leads in
North Yorkshire

County Hall, Northallerton
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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to inform you of a number of developments in relation to the work of the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) and how we are looking to move forward with and work closer with schools and particularly the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) in the future.

From this term the NYSCP is coordinating the delivery of DSL Updates previously delivered through the North Yorkshire County Council's, School Improvement Service. The next North Yorkshire DSL Network Meeting will be held on 15 July 2022 and will explore:

- Developing DSL Gaps
- School Attendance
- Changes to the NYCC Safeguarding Team
- The latest NYSCP Updates

As part of the new structure for the updates we are also introducing a new 30 minute section dedicated for new DSLs to ensure they are aware of the key information they need to undertake their role.

The new DSL Updates will take place online on a termly basis and will be open to **all** primary, secondary and special schools and PRUs in North Yorkshire (i.e. maintained, academies, and independent). DSLs will be able to book their places with for each session through the NYSCP website (www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/training-north-yorkshire/training-courses/).

In order to improve communications directly with schools we are also looking to create a directory of DSL contact emails. Given the number of schools in North Yorkshire and staff involved, it is impractical to keep an up to date list as this will constantly be subject to change due to staff mobility. Therefore, I would be grateful if your school would create a dedicated "DSL" email forwarding address (e.g. DSL@youschoolname.domain) to ensure that the NYSCP can send regular updates directly to DSLs. **Please note that the "DSL" email address should be redirected to your DSL's email account by your school if and when your DSL changes.**

When your DSL email address has been set up, please complete the short snap survey to confirm your school details. **Please complete this by the 30 June 2022.**

- <https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=165349102278>

Last week the Government released the September edition of Keeping Children Safe in Education ([Keeping children safe in education 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/115276/keeping-children-safe-in-education-2022.pdf)). We are currently reviewing the changes to the document and will be updating the School Child Protection Manual and Template Policy for adoption by schools.

We are also planning the next NYSCP School Safeguarding Audit for 2022/2023 commencing in the autumn term. Our short snap survey also includes some questions to assist in this process. Further details about the audit will be provided in due course.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of some useful resources available from the NYSCP:

Keep up to date with Safeguarding via

W: www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk Socials: Twitter, Facebook and Instagram

- **NYSCP Website:** The NYSCP website is your go to resource for key safeguarding information including the North Yorkshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Child Procedures, Practice Guidance, One Minute Guides, training and more (www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk)
- **NYSCP E-Bulletin:** Our monthly e-bulletin provides the latest news and information for safeguarding. Each edition is issued at the beginning of the month and contains links to numerous resources and information. See our previous e-bulletins and sign-up to receive the latest editions direct to your inbox at <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/nyscp-e-bulletin>
- **Masterclasses and training:** The NYSCP offers monthly free masterclasses on safeguarding issues. The masterclasses are run at 12:00 noon on the last Friday every month (except August and December). You can book your place on our masterclasses and see our other free and paid for training by visiting <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/training-north-yorkshire/training-courses/>
- **Social Media:** You can also follow us on social media:
 - **Twitter** <https://twitter.com/NYSCP1>
 - **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/nyscp1/>
 - **Instagram** <https://www.instagram.com/nyscp/>
- **Safeguarding Videos:** Visit and subscribe to our YouTube channel for the latest safeguarding videos you can use and see with staff in school and watch previous Masterclass webinars at [youtube.com/channel/UCUeuPdnazmoELTpkUNEW80g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUeuPdnazmoELTpkUNEW80g)
- **NYSCP Podcast:** You can subscribe to the NYSCP podcast for more information on different safeguarding topics at:
 - **Anchor.FM:** <https://anchor.fm/north-yorkshire-safeguarding-children-partnership>
 - **Spotify:** <https://open.spotify.com/show/4VMvKQeJv8a2tSQQUxzVG>
 - **Google Podcasts:** <https://podcasts.google.com/search/north%20yorkshire%20safeguarding%20children%20partnership>
 - **Republic Radio:** <https://radiopublic.com/north-yorkshire-safeguarding-chil-WPgNq9>
 - **Pocket Casts:** <https://pca.st/hl4vkb4g>
- **Be Aware:** NYSCP has developed and hosts a series of North Yorkshire centric and appropriate national resources to provide information, raise awareness and develop knowledge across areas of child exploitation. More information can be found at: <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/beaware/>
- **Policies, Procedures and One Minute Guides:** The NYSCP website contains a wide range of guidance for anyone working with children and young people, including the Framework for Assessment, Standards and Criteria, North Yorkshire multi-agency procedures, practice guidance and one minute guide available from <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/procedures-practice-guidance-and-one-minute-guides/>
- **Information for parents and carers:** As well as information for parents the NYSCP has information targeted at parents and carers available from <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/>
- **Information for children and young people:** The NYSCP also hosts information specifically targeted at children and young people, to learn more visit <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/>

If you have any questions please contact Haydn Rees Jones, NYSCP Policy and Development Officer (haydn.reesjones@northyorks.gov.uk).

Yours Sincerely,

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