
Job Description for Safeguarding Officer (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL))

Responsible to: Designated Safeguarding Lead

Based at: Dinnington High School

Paid on: Band G of the School Support Staff Spine

OVERALL PURPOSE OF THE POST

As part of the Safeguarding Team, work with a case load of students to provide appropriate support.

MAIN DUTIES

- Work collaboratively with other members of staff to support a case load of students identified as requiring safeguarding support (either through a disclosure or prior information), to include making appropriate referrals to other support agencies and updating appropriate IT/data systems with relevant information, which can then be shared.
- Identify and deliver appropriate interventions with the safeguarding cohort, as required, i.e. voice of child.
- Act as the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and as one of the primary points of contact for staff who have concerns about students, following the School/Trust's Safeguarding Policy and procedures at all times and reporting to the DSL.
- Participate positively in the school's approach to anti-bullying, including the contribution, maintaining, and monitoring of school's policies and processes.
- Ensure logs are completed and maintained in respect of Bullying, Hate Crime & Sexual Harassment.
- Where required, liaise with statutory agencies and ensure they have access to all necessary information.
- Attend and participate in multi-agency meetings whilst working closely with colleagues in Children's Services, as required, some of which may take place out of normal working hours.
- Ensure that relevant, detailed and accurate electronic records of referrals/concerns/meetings are kept and updated on a regular basis.
- Liaise with feeder schools, under the direction of the DSL & Attendance Lead to obtain safeguarding information on new students and upload relevant information onto appropriate systems. Work collaboratively with relevant members of staff to provide any appropriate support and ensure a smooth transition to the school.
- Undertake additional training and development relevant to the post to meet statutory obligations and to be able to fully support the school's and students' needs.
- Liaise with other departments in school to ensure the student in question is supported.
- Operate to the highest standards and have due regard for confidentiality where required.
- Attend regular meetings as relevant to the post.
- Contribute to safeguarding training for staff, as appropriate.
- Help to create training resources for safeguarding to be used by members of staff.

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- Take a lead on ensuring good attendance for those students on the safeguarding cohort. You will support these students to overcome barriers to attending school, preventing them from becoming persistent absentees by:
 - Working with attendance staff to develop and implement strategies through the triangulation of in-house services such as modifications to timetables.
 - Monitoring and tracking patterns of attendance for this targeted cohort and intervening where necessary.
 - Making contact and working alongside families including conducting home visits to promote good attendance.
 - Attending attendance strategy meetings where required to share information on students within the cohort.
 - Work collaboratively with external agencies to ensure attendance matters.
- Take a lead on co-ordinating Children's Mental Health work within school, liaising with the inclusion team and external services.
- Assist the DSL in ensuring the schools safeguarding, well-being and support website pages are updated on a regular basis and that school's social media page is updated accordingly with emerging information for parents.
- To act as a source of support, advice and expertise to staff on matters of safety and safeguarding with follow up to relevant agencies, should it be deemed appropriate.
- To observe at all times confidentiality appropriate to the post and to work within Trust guidelines of Data Protection.
- Perform other duties as assigned by your line manager.

Please note this job has a Probationary Period of 6 Months and a Notice Period of 1 Month.

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Person Specification for Safeguarding Officer (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL))

There will be various opportunities for you to demonstrate you have the necessary attributes for this role such as through completion of the application form, at interview, during any tasks and through your provided references.

ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Relevant Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of recent experience of working within the field of Safeguarding* Experience of handling large amounts of sensitive data and upholding the principles of confidentiality. Excellent record keeping skills and attention to detail, in order to produce reports and document safeguarding concerns. Awareness of local and national agencies that provide support for young people and their families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To have a knowledge and understanding of safeguarding in relation to the education sector. Previous experience of working in an educational setting.
Education and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good standard of education. Expert knowledge of legislation and guidance on safeguarding and working with young people, including knowledge of the responsibilities of schools and other agencies* Has successfully undertaken appropriate statutory Child Protection Training (Level 2)* Willingness to undertake further training relevant to the post. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Degree level qualification. Evidence of relevant training and/or qualifications. Has a successfully undertaken Child Protection Training at Level 3, (Designated Safeguarding Lead).
Special Skills and Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment to student welfare and achievement. Good listening skills. Ability to work with others on difficult/delicate/sensitive subjects. Ability to motivate others. Able to prioritise workload. Good time management skills. 	
Personal Skills and Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be able to demonstrate an understanding, awareness and empathy for the needs of the students within the school and how these could be met. Passion for the role and improving learner life chances. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidence in working with students within 11-16 age range. • Ability to work independently or as part of a team. • Good communication skills. • Caring and supportive personality 	
Additional Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enthusiasm and commitment for the post. • An interest in working in the education sector. • Flexible approach to work and a willingness to undertake a variety of tasks. • Commitment to equal opportunities and safeguarding. • A supportive and empathetic approach to students and the ability to relate well to staff. 	

**Not required if applying for the role as a development opportunity.*

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