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Schools Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy Framework for Children and Young People

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At Butterwick Primary School the named personnel with designated responsibility for safeguarding are:

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads	Safeguarding Governor
Mrs Sam Towers	Mr. Tom Huck Mrs Emily Cannon Mrs Beth Evans	Mr. Peter Watson

The named personnel with Designated Responsibility regarding allegations against staff are:

Designated Senior Manager (normally the Headteacher)	Deputy Designated Senior Manager	Chair of Governors (in the event of an allegation against the headteacher)
Mrs Sam Towers	Mr. Tom Huck	Mr. Peter Watson

SAFEGUARDING DEFINITION:

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined for the purposes of this policy as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment;
- · Preventing impairment of children's health or development;
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes <u>("Working Together to Safeguarding Children" DfE 2015)</u>

Child Protection is a part of Safeguarding and promoting welfare. It refers to the activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm.

RATIONALE:

At *Butterwick Primary School* we recognise the responsibility we have under Section 175 (LA Schools)/157 (academies and Independent Schools) of the Education and Inspections Act 2002, to have arrangements for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The Governing Body approve the S175/157 return to the LA on a yearly basis. This policy demonstrates the schools commitment and compliance with safeguarding legislation. Through their day-to-day contact with pupils and direct work with families, staff at our school have a crucial role to play in noticing indicators of possible abuse or neglect and referring them to Children's Services (in Lincolnshire or neighbouring authorities dependent upon the child's area of residence). This also involves understanding serious case reviews and how to improve practice to prevent children from falling through the gaps.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that:

- The welfare of the child is paramount.
- All children regardless of age, gender, ability, culture, race, language, religion or sexual identity have equal rights to protection
- All staff have an equal responsibility to act on suspicion or disclosure that may suggest a child is at risk of harm.
- Pupils and staff involved in Safeguarding issues receive appropriate support.
- Staff adhere to a Code of Conduct and understand what to do if a child discloses any allegations against teaching staff, Head teacher or the Governing Body.

The procedures contained in this policy apply to all staff, volunteers, sessional workers, students, agency staff or anyone working on behalf of *Butterwick Primary School*.

They are consistent with Lincolnshire Local Safeguarding Children's board (LSCB) multi-agency child protection procedures. <u>www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lscb</u>

TERMINOLOGY:

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children refers to the process of protecting children from maltreatment, preventing the impairment of children's health or development, ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care and taking action to enable all children to have the best life chances.

Child Protection refers to the activity undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm.

Staff refers to all those working for or on behalf of the School in either a paid or voluntary capacity.

Child refers to all young people who have not yet reached the age of 18.

Parent refers to birth parents and other adults who are in a parenting role – step-parents, foster parents, carers and adoptive parents.

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There are 4 main elements to the Policy:

- 1 Prevention through the curriculum and pastoral support offered to pupils and through the creation and maintenance of a whole school protective ethos.
- 2 Procedures for identifying and reporting cases, or suspected cases of abuse.
- 3 Support to children who may have been abused.
- 4 Preventing unsuitable people working with children by following the DfE guidance in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' September 2016 together with the school's individual procedures.

1 PREVENTION

The school will establish an ethos where:

- 1.1 Children feel secure in a safe environment in which they can learn and develop
- 1.2 Children know that there are adults in the school whom they can approach if worried or in difficulty.
- 1.3 Adequate signposting to external sources of support and advice is in place for staff, parents and pupils. This policy is available via hard copy from the office and is also on the school website. Newsletters updating safeguarding information are sent out at the start of each school year highlighting who is responsible for safeguarding in our school and also reminds parents and carers of information available on the school website. There are useful links for supporting parents and children on the school website. There are also posters at each of the 3 main entry/exit points into school showing our 4 designated safeguarding leads.
- 1.4 Importance and prioritisation is given to equipping the children with the skills needed to stay safe; including providing opportunities for Personal, Social and Health Education throughout the curriculum via the 'Jigsaw' teaching, e-safety curriculum, assemblies e.g. NSPCC, our school PSCO, anti-bullying assemblies and e safety days.
- 1.5 Children develop realistic attitudes to their responsibilities in adult life and are equipped with the skills needed to keep themselves safe; including understanding and recognition of healthy/unhealthy relationships and support available. For example, we follow an e-safety and PSHE curriculum across the school. We hold e-safety days in school, have visits from our local PCSO and also work with the NSPCC. Staff, including learning mentors are always available, if needed.

- 1.6 It is ensured that children can recognise and manage risks in different situations, including on the internet, being able to judge what kind of physical contact is acceptable and unacceptable, recognise when pressure from others, including people they know, threatens their personal safety and well-being and supports them in developing effective ways of resisting pressure.
- 1.7 All adults feel comfortable and supported to draw safeguarding issues to the attention of the Head Teacher and/or the Designated Safeguarding Lead and are able to pose safeguarding questions with "respectful uncertainty" as part of their shared responsibility to safeguard children 'Think the unthinkable' Keeping Children Safe in Education-September 2016
- 1.8 Emerging themes are proactively addressed and fed back to the local authority and LSCB to ensure a coherent approach so that multi-agency awareness and strategies are developed.
- 1.9 Pupils cover issues around drug and alcohol misuse through the PSHE and Science curriculum.
- 1.10 Support and planning for young people in custody and their resettlement back into the school community is undertaken, where necessary, as part of our inclusive approach
- 1.11 It works in accordance with 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015' and supports the Lincolnshire Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Continuum of Need (see Appendix 2) to ensure children and young people receive the most appropriate referral and access provision; actively supporting multi agency planning for those children and, in doing so, providing information about the 'voice of the child' and the child's lived experience as evidenced by observations or information provided through the multi-agency forum.
- 1.12 Our school consults, listens and responds to pupils through the school council, annual survey on behaviour and staying safe, the availability of a worry box monitored by the learning mentors and staff also being available on a daily basis, should children have concerns.
- 1.13 There is a commitment to the continuous development of staff with regard to safeguarding training;
- All staff follow the LSCB 5 year training pathway (see Appendix 6) and receive a safeguarding update as part of their induction, to enable them to understand and fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities effectively.
- The Designated Leads also follow the LSCB 5 year training pathway and attends the LSCB Inter-Agency Safeguarding training.
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead, and/or Deputy attend the termly briefings for Designated Safeguarding Leads coordinated by the Safeguarding in Schools Team, therefore enabling them to remain up to date with Safeguarding practices and be aware of any emerging concerns/themes emerging with Lincolnshire. The expectation is that the Designated Lead will attend at least 2 briefings per academic year.
- Our school has 4 designated safeguarding leads, with Mrs Towers holding overall responsibility, Mr Huck, Mrs Cannon and Mrs Evans also trained leads.

2 EARLY IDENTIFICATION RECOGNISING AND RESPONDING TO SAFEGUARDING NEEDS

In Lincolnshire we have adopted an Early Intervention approach to addressing all children's needs. There is an expectation that all schools use the Early Help Assessment to identify the holistic needs of a child and seek support through the Early Help Consultants or Team Around the Child Coordinators. (refer to section 2.7 for the specific types of support on offer)

- 2.1 The school acknowledges serious case review findings and shares lessons learned with all staff with the aim to ensure no child falls through the gap.
- 2.2 All staff know of the <u>'Meeting the Needs of Children in Lincolnshire</u>' procedures and know how to pass on any concerns no matter how trivial they seem. They are consistent with Lincolnshire's Local Safeguarding Children's (LSCB) child protection procedures.

2.3 All staff understand the difference between a 'concern' about a child and 'immediate danger or at risk of harm' and know the procedures to follow for each.

2.4 The school knows how to identify and respond to, or find out further information, if needed, on the following: Signs/symptoms of any type of abuse, e.g. Physical, Sexual, Emotional Neglect Drug/substance/alcohol misuse (both pupil and parent) Child sexual exploitation / trafficked children Children missing education Domestic abuse Peer relationship abuse Risky behaviours including concerns around extremism/radicalisation Sexual health needs Obesity/malnutrition Inclusion and diversity including SEND, HIV, LGBT, EAL, LAC, PP pupils On line grooming – E Safety Advice here Inappropriate behaviour of staff towards children Bullying, including homophobic, racist, gender and disability. Breaches of the Equality Act 2010. Self Harm Female Genital Mutilation-Multi-agency statutory guidance on FGM – April 2016 Forced Marriage Unaccompanied asylum seeking children

2.5 School staff contribute to assessments along the '*Continuum of Need*' (see Appendix 2) and actively support multi agency planning for those children. Staff have an understanding of the *Framework of Assessment of Need* (see below) and make decisions based on a child's development needs, parenting capacity and family & environmental factors.



2.6 Early Help

Early Help is the term used to describe arrangements and services that identify the need for help for children and families as soon as the problems start to emerge, or when there is a strong likelihood that problems will emerge in the future. <u>Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015)</u> identifies the critical features of effective Early Help as: A multi-disciplinary approach that brings a range of:

•Practice that empowers families and helps them to develop the capacity to resolve their own problems through a "Team around the Child" (TAC) approach.

•A relationship with a trusted lead professional who can engage with the child and their family, and coordinate the support needed from other agencies

•A holistic approach that addresses the children's needs in the wider family context •Simple, streamlined referral and assessment process

•Early Help in Lincolnshire includes both the TAC and ESCO (Early support coordinators) process.

Early Help in Lincolnshire includes both the TAC and ESCO process. Signs of Safety is embedded throughout. ESCO is similar to the TAC process but specifically supports the care coordination of Children with Disabilities (CWD) Further information can be seen at <u>www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ESCO</u> All forms and guidance for Early Help including Signs of Safety, TAC Handbook, TAC Consultants contact details etc. are available at <u>www.lincolnshirechildren.net</u>

2.7 What is Team Around the Child (TAC)?

TAC is a shared assessment and planning framework which is in use by a variety of agencies across the county and is employed in similar format throughout the country. It aims to help with the early identification of additional needs of children and young people and promote a coordinated multi agency response to meet them. TAC can be used to support children and young people between 0–19 years, including unborn babies and can also be used with consent up to the age of 24 where a young person has a learning difficulty or disability. There are four main stages in setting up a TAC;

- Early identification of needs
- Assessing strengths and needs in a consistent and methodical framework
- Developing and delivering an integrated services
- Reviewing and refining the support arrangements
- 2.8 **Support and Guidance Available;** Please refer also to the LSCB Website and publications (Particularly <u>'Meeting the Needs of Children in Lincolnshire</u>) at <u>www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lscb</u>. In addition the following staff are available to support professionals;

Early Help Advisors are available to support professionals. These advisors are based within Customer Service Centre (01522 782111). They offer consultations to professionals for new cases where practitioners need some advice or guidance. The Advisors are qualified social workers who will advise on all levels of safeguarding and thresholds.

Early Help Consultants provide support, advice and guidance to lead professionals on existing TAC Cases. They will use Signs of Safety methodology to map and/or quality assure cases in order to secure improved outcomes for children, young people and their families. Contact via your local TAC Co-ordinator in your locality.

TAC Administrators provide administrative support, maintain records, monitor processes, and can signpost professionals to local services.

Further Support for Schools and Academies In addition to the support outlined above, and academies can request case supervision for all TAC cases where the Lead Professional is employed in an educational setting. For these cases administrative support can be also be requested in the form of arranging meetings and typing of assessments and plans. This support can be accessed via the Request Forms at <u>www.lincolnshirechildren.net/tac</u>

2.9 The **designated safeguarding leads** act as the focal point for all matters concerning child protection and safeguarding children and young people. One of the primary tasks is to act as the contact between school, the family and other agencies. Incidents of possible child abuse

obviously need to be handled with sensitivity and confidentiality consistent with the multidisciplinary approach. If there is any cause for concern whatsoever it is vital that information is passed to the **designated safeguarding leads** immediately. In the event, following statutory investigation, of concerns proving to be unfounded, staff should not reproach themselves for having raised the issue. In cases of this nature it is always better to be safe than sorry.

3 PROCEDURES AND RECORD-KEEPING

Butterwick Primary School will follow Lincolnshire's safeguarding procedures with reference to Lincolnshire's LSCB "Managing Individual Cases where there are Concerns about a Child's Safety and Welfare." (*Section 4 of LSCB Inter-Agency procedures*) Anyone who has or notices a possible safeguarding concern or who has to deal with a disclosure will inform our school safeguarding leads as soon as possible. They will also complete the school reporting form. (See appendix 7)

The school will ensure that:

- 3.1 Safeguarding information including Child Protection information is stored and handled in line with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998 ensuring that information is:
 - used fairly and lawfully
 - for limited, specifically stated purposes
 - used in a way that is adequate, relevant and not excessive
 - accurate
 - kept for no longer than necessary
 - handled according to people's data protection rights
 - kept safe and secure.
- 3.2 Any concerns about a child will be recorded in writing within 24 hours. All records will provide a factual, evidence-based account. Timely, accurate recording of every episode/incident/concern/activity/actions will be made including telephone calls to other professionals. Records will be signed, dated and where appropriate, witnessed.
- 3.3 Hard copies of records or reports relating to Safeguarding and Child Protection concerns will be kept in a separate, confidential file, securely stored away from the main pupil file. Authorisation to access these electronic records will be controlled by the Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- 3.4 There is always a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) available who has the necessary seniority and skills, undertakes appropriate Safeguarding training, and is given the time to carry out this important role.
- 3.5 The Policy is updated annually and that changes are made in line with any new DfE guidance or other government department guidance.
- 3.6 In the case of child protection referral or serious injury the DSL will contact Lincolnshire Customer Service Centre without delay to report concerns and seek medical attention as necessary.
- 3.7 Staff must report any concerns about adults who work with children or young people to the headteacher or to the Chair of Governors in the event of an allegation of abuse made against the headteacher. The Head or Chair must seek advice from the Local Authority Designated Officer(s) (LADO) (see Appendix 1 and Section of Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2016) The Emergency Duty Team should be contacted outside normal working hours 01522 782333.
- 3.8 In the case of poorly explained serious injuries or where behaviour or concerns arouse suspicion if in any doubt the Designated Safeguarding Lead should consult with Lincolnshire Children's Services Customer Service Centre and seek advice from the Early Help Advisors.

- 3.9 The DSL will keep written, signed and dated records detailing any allegation and action taken as near to the time of disclosure as possible even when no investigation is undertaken; following up any verbal referral in writing within 24 hours.
- 3.10 Conversations with a child who discloses abuse should follow the basic principles:
 - listen rather than directly question, remain calm
 - never stop a child who is recalling significant events
 - make a record of discussion to include time, place, persons present and what was said (child language – do not substitute words)
 - advise you will have to pass the information on
 - avoid coaching/prompting
 - never take photographs of any injury
 - allow time and provide a safe haven / quiet area for future support meetings
 - At no time promise confidentiality to a child or adult.

4 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The school will ensure that every member of staff and person working on behalf of the School:

- 4.1 Knows the name of the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) and their role and responsibility and has read part 1 of Keeping Children Safe in Education-September 2016
- 4.2 Has an individual responsibility to refer Safeguarding (Child Protection) concerns.
- 4.3 Will receive training at the point of induction and at regular intervals so that they know:
 - their personal responsibility / code of conduct / teaching standards
 - LSCB child protection procedures and how to access them
 - the need to be vigilant in identifying cases of abuse at the earliest opportunity
 - how to support and respond to a child who discloses significant harm
- 4.4 knows what to do if a child tells them he/she is being abused or neglected (appendix 5) and What to do if you are worried a child is being abused Advice for practitioners.
- 4.5 Will receive training at the point of induction and at regular intervals as required, but at least annually, so that they know:

-their personal responsibility / code of conduct / teaching standards -LSCB child protection procedures and how to access them -the need to be vigilant in identifying cases of abuse at the earliest opportunity -how to support and respond to a child who discloses significant harm

- 4.6 Knows their duty concerning unsafe practices in regard to children by a colleague.
- 4.7 The Designated Safeguarding Leads(DSL) will disclose any information about a pupil to other members of staff on a need to know basis.
- 4.8 The school will undertake appropriate discussion with parents prior to involvement with other agencies unless the circumstances preclude this.
- 4.9 The school will ensure that parents have an understanding of their obligations re: Child Protection by intervention as and when appropriate.
- 4.10 Work to develop effective links with relevant agencies in relation to Safeguarding (Child Protection).

- 4.11 Ensure that, where there are unmet needs, an Early Help discussion is initiated. Advice may be sought from the Early Help Consultants in the locality.
- 4.12 Complete reports and send representatives to case conferences, core groups and Child Protection review meetings.
- 4.13 Notify any allocated Social Worker if:
 - a pupil subject to a Child Protection Plan (CPP) is excluded (fixed term or permanent)
 - there is an unexplained absence of a pupil on a CPP of more than 2 days or 1 day following a weekend, or as agreed as part of a CPP.
- 4.14 Follow Lincolnshire's policy and statutory guidance on Children Missing Education (CME).
- 4.15 Ensure all staff in scope of the Disqualification by Association '<u>Disqualification Under the</u> <u>Childcare Act 2006</u>' have completed a Disqualification Declaration
- 4.16 Ensure that all staff are aware of their duties under the <u>Serious Crimes Act 2015</u> to report known instances of female genital mutilation (FGM) to the police via the 101 number

5 SUPPORTING VUNERABLE PUPILS AT RISK

Special consideration should be given to safeguarding and protecting children that may have additional vulnerabilities, for example children that are looked after or those with special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities. Additional barriers can exist to the recognition of abuse and neglect which can include:

- assumptions that indicators of possible abuse such as behavior, mood and injury relate to the child's disability without further exploration;
- vulnerable children can disproportionately be impacted by things like bullying without outwardly showing any signs; and
- communication barriers and difficulties in overcoming these barriers

The school will endeavour to support vulnerable pupils through:

- Its ethos which promotes a positive, supportive and secure environment; giving pupils a sense of being valued.
- Its behaviour policy aimed at supporting vulnerable pupils in school. All staff will agree a consistent approach which focuses on the behaviour of the offence committed by the child; working to support children in developing positive behaviour.
- Liaison with other appropriate agencies which support the pupil.
- Developing supportive relationships.
- Recognition that children living in difficult home environments are vulnerable and are in need of support and protection.
- Monitoring pupil welfare, keeping accurate records and notifying appropriate agencies when necessary.
- Allowing designated staff opportunity to attend face to face Safeguarding in Schools briefings/ LSCB multi-agency training. (For example Prevent, Child Sexual Exploitation guidance, domestic violence, drugs / alcohol substance misuse etc.)

- Ensuring information is transferred safely and securely when a pupil with a Safeguarding Record transfers to another school. Also notifying Key workers or social workers where a child leaves the school (as appropriate)
- Following Lincolnshire's procedures for <u>Child Sexual Exploitation</u> including using the CSE Risk Assessment Toolkit as necessary.

6 EXTREMISM AND RADICALISATION

6.1 Butterwick Primary School seeks to protect children and young people against the messages of all violent extremism including but not restricted to, those linked to Islamist ideology, or to Far Right / Neo Nazi / White Supremacist ideology, Irish Nationalist and Loyalist paramilitary groups, and extremist Animal Rights movements.

The current threat from terrorism in the United Kingdom may include the exploitation of vulnerable people, to involve them in terrorism or in activity in support of terrorism. The normalisation of extreme views may also make children and young people vulnerable to future manipulation and exploitation.

Butterwick Primary School is clear that this exploitation and radicalisation should be viewed as a safeguarding concern. Prevention work and reductions of risks will include the RE curriculum, SEND policy, assembly policy, the use of school premises by external agencies, integration of pupils by gender and SEN, anti-bullying policy and other issues specific to the school's profile, community and philosophy"

This school adheres to the Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales July 2015

6.2 Risk assessment

Settings need to assess the risk, with local partners, of their children being drawn into terrorism, as well as their support for extremist ideas and terrorist ideology. They should have robust safeguarding policies to identify children at risk, appropriate intervention and the most appropriate referral option. The suitability of visiting speakers are carefully assessed by the senior leadership team prior to coming in to school.

Police in all regions are expected to produce a Counter-Terrorism local profile (CTLPs) which is to assess the risk of individuals being drawn into terrorism and is the risk assessment that settings need to refer to. The Lincolnshire profile is currently being amended and further support can be provided by contacting prevent@lincs.pnn.police.uk

6.3 Working in Partnership

Lincolnshire settings are required to ensure that their safeguarding arrangements take into account <u>policies and procedures of Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board</u>

The key aim of the **PREVENT strategy in Lincolnshire** is:

To help local authorities, police, community safety partnerships and other partners and partnerships to develop and implement effective actions, which will make their communities safer. This will reduce the risk from terrorism and violent extremism, so that the people of Lincolnshire can go about their business freely and with confidence.

Experience has shown that the best results are achieved by:

- Partnership working and community engagement
- Understanding the challenge and its context

- Developing an effective action plan
- Managing risk
- Tracking progress and evaluating success
- Sharing learning

Lincolnshire has a PREVENT steering board which provides the strategic direction and is attended by a variety of partners including Education.

The CHANNEL panel is the operational group for Lincolnshire and has multi-agency representation.

6.4 Staff training

Settings should ensure that their staff are equipped to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism, as well as challenge extremist ideas. They should know how to refer children and young people for further help.

All staff can undertake PREVENT e-learning via the <u>LSCB website</u>. Face to face learning is available to book via the <u>Stay Safe partnership website</u>.

6.5 Referral Process

As part of the duty to protect young people from the messages of extremism, the school will refer any young person they are concerned about to the local Prevent team through the Channel process. The Channel referral form can be found through the LSCB website link above and should be returned to the email provided <u>channel@lincs.pnn.police.uk</u> The school may also email <u>prevent@lincs.pnn.police.uk</u> to seek advice and support. Should a school use the child protection referral process through Customer Service Centre 01522 782111, the CSC will ask the school to complete a channel form if there are any concerns related to extremism and radicalisation. Where the school has serious concerns about the vulnerability of a young person in relation to extremist behaviour, then the school should make a call to the Police on 999.

6.6 IT policies

Settings are expected to ensure that children are safe from online terrorist and extremist material, typically via appropriate levels of filtering.

Settings can require pupils and staff to abide by acceptable user polices which make clear that accessing such sites is unacceptable. Using school equipment to send terrorist publications to others would be a criminal offence.

6.7 Monitoring and enforcement

Ofsted inspectors will assess the settings approach to keeping children safe from the dangers of radicalisation and extremism and what is done when the setting suspects that pupils are vulnerable to these threats. School will report any concerns to customer services immediately. If a setting is considered to be failing in this regard or if their staff or children's safety is threatened, maintained schools will be subject to intervention and academies or free schools may be subject to termination of funding. For independent schools in England or Wales, they must remedy any failing or be subject to regulatory action. Early years settings are also covered by this monitoring provision.

6.8 Wider issues to consider:

These are some further areas to consider in implementing the prevent agenda:

• Our school promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs through our assemblies and curriculum, including a balanced Religious education, Personal, Social and Health Education and e-safety curriculums.

EMTET is the Ethnic Minority and Traveller Education Team who can support settings by working with individuals who are victims of racism or are perpetrators of racism or have racist views. In addition they can sign post settings to other organisations which will be able to support with other similar issues. EMTET contact details are 01427 787190, <u>www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/emtet</u>

7 FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM)

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is child abuse and illegal. As of 31st October 2015, all regulated professionals including qualified teachers or persons who are employed or engaged to carry out teaching work in schools are required to report cases of FGM to the Police. This is a <u>personal duty</u> and cannot be transferred to anyone else. The new mandatory reporting duty related to a disclosure that FGM has already happened and this should be reported to the Police on 101. Where a girl discloses information that identifies her as at risk of FGM, professionals should follow the normal safeguarding procedures.

8 SAFER RECRUITMENT AND PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES

The school pays full regard to DfE guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' September 2016 and with reference to the 'Position of Trust' offence (Sexual Offences Act 2003). We ensure that all appropriate measures are applied in relation to everyone who works in the school who is likely to be perceived by the children as a safe and trustworthy adult. Governors in our school who are required to have an enhanced criminal records certificate. We do this by:

- 8.1 Operating safer recruitment practices including appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and reference checks, verifying identity academic and vocational qualifications, obtaining professional references, checking previous employment history and ensuring that a candidate has the health and physical capacity for the job. It also includes undertaking interviews and checking the Children's List and the existence of any teacher prohibition orders (checked via the <u>'Teacher Services' system</u>) and the right to work in England checks in accordance with DBS and Department for Education procedures.
- 8.2 In February 2015 the DfE issued additional guidance about disqualification by association 'Disqualification Under the Childcare Act 2006' which applies to those staff employed and/or provide childcare in either the early years (birth until end of reception age) or later years (children under the age of 8). Schools will need to ask those staff in scope to complete a disqualification declaration. Upon return schools should contact their HR adviser and LADO where a positive declaration has been made.
 - 8.3 Ensuring that staff and volunteers adhere to a published code of conduct and other professional standards at all times, including after school activities. Staff are aware of social media/on-line conduct.
 - 8.4 Ensuring any disciplinary proceedings against staff related to Child Protection matters are concluded in full in accordance with Government guidance "Keeping Children Safe in Education-September2016" and LSCB, LADO and HR Policy, procedures and guidance.
 - 8.5 Ensuring that all staff and other adults on site are aware of the need for maintaining appropriate and professional boundaries in their relationship with pupils and parents, following the Code of Conduct.
 - 8.6 Establishing adequate risk assessments are in place including for extended school, volunteer and holiday activities.
 - 8.7 Supporting staff confidence to report misconduct.
 - 8.8 Lscb suggest, as best practice, that at least one member of every recruitment panel has completed Safer Recruitment training within the last 5 years. This has been built in to our 5 year plan (see appendix 6). A number of staff and governors will also complete and update their Staff

Safer Recruitment E-learning as required. Training is available to book at <u>www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lscb</u>

9 GOVERNING BODY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Governing Body fully recognises its responsibilities with regard to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in accordance with Government guidance.

The Governing Body have agreed processes which allow them to monitor and ensure that the school:

- 9.1 Has robust Safeguarding procedures in place.
- 9.2 Operates safer recruitment procedures and appropriate checks are carried out on new staff and adults working on the school site. This includes checking the Single Central Record (SCR).
- 9.3 Has procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse against any member of staff or adult on site
- 9.4 Has a member of the Leadership Team who is designated to take lead responsibility for dealing with Safeguarding and Child Protection issues
- 9.5 Takes steps to remedy any deficiencies or weaknesses with regard to Safeguarding arrangements.
- 9.6 Is supported by the Governing Body nominating a member responsible for liaising with the LA and/or partner agencies in the event of allegations of abuse against the Headteacher; this is the Chair.
- 9.7 Carries out an annual review of the Safeguarding policy and procedures.
- 9.8 Carries out an annual Safeguarding Audit in consultation with the Governing body, sharing this with the LSCB/Safeguarding in Schools team on request. Support available with this via safeguardinginschools@lincolnshire.gov.uk

10 WHISTLEBLOWING PROCEDURE

Maintained schools should follow the Lincolnshire County Council whistleblowing arrangements. The school should have a copy of Lincolnshire CC's whistleblowing arrangements which can be tailored to fit the school's circumstances. The LCC policy and process for schools can be found at https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/111773.article

There should be at least one member of staff and at least one governor who other members of staff can contact if they wish to report concerns. School staff can also contact the local authority on 0800 0853716 or <u>whistleblowing@lincolnshire.gov.uk</u> in case a staff member feels they should report to someone outside the school.

We are responsible for agreeing and establishing our own whistleblowing procedures.

The governing body minutes should include a record of:

- The school's whistleblowing arrangements
- the people in and outside the school that staff members should report concerns to

Every member of staff must be informed of the school's whistleblowing arrangements.

Every staff member, including temporary staff and contractors, should know:

- what protection is available to them if they decide to report another member of staff
- what areas of malpractice or wrongdoing are covered in the school's whistleblowing procedure
- the different routes available to them for reporting a concern, including who they can approach both in and outside the school

All staff and contractors should be aware of the NSPCC Whistleblowing Advice Line for Professionals (0800 028 0285) and be aware that they can use this line if:

- the school doesn't have clear safeguarding procedures to follow
- they believe their concerns won't be dealt with properly or may be covered-up
- they have raised a concern but it hasn't been acted upon
- they are worried about being treated unfairly.

They should be aware that they can call about an incident that happened in the past, is happening now or they believe may happen in the future.

11 COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS AND CARERS

The school takes steps to ensure all parents and carers understand the child protection and safeguarding policy. The policy is available through the school public website and parents receive updates on reviews and changes through home school communication. Parents can raise a concern about their child's safety or about general safeguarding concerns in the school by informing the school immediately where there is risk of harm to a child or raising the concern through the school's complaints procedure.

Parents are regularly informed of information that they may need to be aware of to help them to protect their children from harm inside and outside the school environment.

Where the school has concerns for the safety of a child, parents are made aware of these concerns and their consent is sought in line with local safeguarding procedures unless doing so would increase the risk of harm to the child.

12 (LADO) ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST ADULTS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN

Child Protection procedures must be followed whenever any member of staff or volunteer becomes aware of a concern, or an allegation of abuse is made, about an adult including volunteers who works with children. The Head teacher must be notified or, where the allegation is against the Head teacher, the Chair of Governors must be informed. The first priority is whether any immediate action needs taking to ensure a child or other children are safe. All allegations of alleged or suspected abuse against an adult who works with children must be reported to the Lincolnshire's Local Authority Designated Officers (LADO). (contact numbers in Appendix 1) Further guidance is in part 4 of the statutory document; Keeping Children Safe in Education – September 2016.)

Reporting to the LADO applies even where the nature of the alleged assault would not normally meet the threshold if applied to children in their own families. For example, a report of a child being smacked by a parent, with no injury caused, would be unlikely to require any response by Police of Social Care. However, a similar report of a child being smacked by a teacher should be responded to because of:

- the vulnerability of children away from home;
- the higher standards of conduct demanded by law and regulation of those caring for other people's children;
- the position of trust enjoyed by such people.

Contact should be made with the LADO when it is alleged, or there are concerns that, a person who works with children has

- behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child;
- possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child; or
- behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates he or she would pose a risk of harm if they work regularly or closely with children.

This process should be followed for members of staff/volunteers who are currently working in any school or college regardless of whether the school or college is where the alleged abuse took place – i.e. the allegation may relate to the individuals personal life or be historic.

Employers have a duty of care to their employees. They should ensure they provide effective support for anyone facing an allegation and provide the employee with a named contact if they are suspended. Decisions about suspension are made on a case by case basis and will depend on the nature and seriousness of the allegation. It is essential that any allegation of abuse made against a teacher or other member of staff or volunteer in a school or college is dealt with in a timely manner, in a fair and consistent way that provides effective protection for the child and at the same time supports the person who is the subject of the allegation.

13 OTHER RELATED POLICIES

The school takes safeguarding seriously and understands this policy is over- arching. The school also maintains other linked policies in line with the legislative requirements; together these make up the suite of policies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in this school.

- Attendance policy
- Data Protection/Information Sharing protocol
- Staff Code of Conduct / Staff Handbook
- Guidance for Safer Working Practice for Adults who work with Children & Young People in Education Settings
- Extremism and Radicalisation PREVENT guidance
- E-Safety guidance & policy
- Anti-Bullying policy
- Complaints procedure
- Intimate Care policy
- Child Sexual Exploitation Toolkit and procedures
- Professional Resolution and Escalation Protocol Flowchart
- Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2016
- Working Together to Safeguard Children March 2015
- Domestic Abuse guidance
- SEND policy
- Acceptable Use policy
- Meeting the Needs of Children in Lincolnshire
- Team Around the Child (TAC) Handbook
- Children Missing in Education policy
- Password policy

14 Appendices

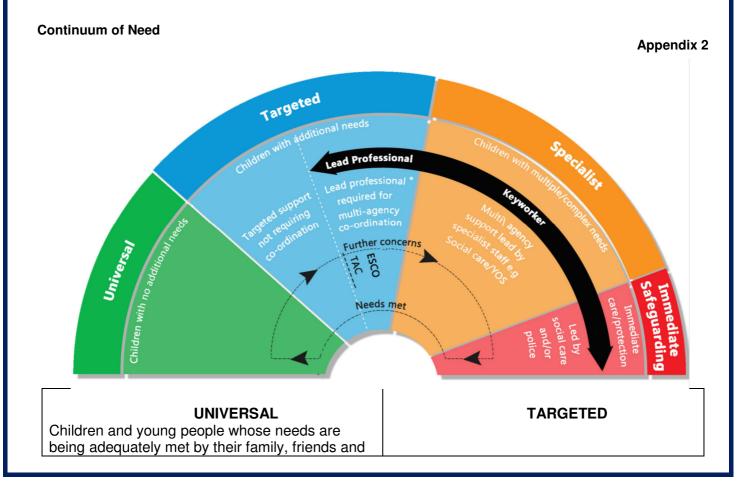
Appendix 1

Staying Safe

Advice on any aspect of Child Protection can be sought from the Child Protection Team;

Designated Safeguarding Lead		Mrs Sam Towers		
Deputy Safeguarding Lead		Mr Tom Huck		
Our lo	cal cor	ntact numbers are:		
Safeguarding of children concerns (Children living in	01522 782111 Lincolnshire's Children's Services Customer Service Centre for reporting concerns and Early Help Team for Advice			
Lincolnshire)	015	01522 782333 (6pm-8am + weekends and Bank Holidays)		

	Emergency Duty Team
Allegations against	01522 554668 Anne Faulkner/ 01522
/concerns about adult(s)	554674 Ursula Morton
working with children	Local Authority Designated Officers (LADO)
Police (Emergency) Police (Non Emergency)	999 101 Lincolnshire Police Public Protection Unit, Central Referral Unit 01522 947590
Safeguarding Children	01522 554695
Officer (Education Settings)	Ruth Fox
for advice around safeguarding	<u>safeguardinginschools@lincolnshire.gov.uk</u>
policy, audits etc.	Stay Safe Partnership website



 community and who are accessing universal services. (e.g. health visiting, GP, schools) RESPONSE: - Continue meeting child or young person's needs as a universal service in a safe environment. Universal services will remain at all levels of need. 	 Children and young people who would benefit from additional help with moderate difficulties in order to make the best of their life chances. RESPONSE: - A practitioner who identifies unmet needs for a child or young person should consider how these needs can best be met, usually by some additional help from within their own agency. The Early Help Assessment (EHA) can help to identify and plan to meet needs and involve others where necessary.
 COMPLEX Children and young people who have a range of additional needs affecting different areas of their life. RESPONSE: Request support from other agencies such as family support, commissioned services Youth Crime Prevention Team and Education Welfare. Agencies work together to provide a network of support to the child or young person and their family. Identify a lead professional to co-ordinate support and be primary link with the family. Hold a multi-agency meeting and use the Early Help Assessment (EHA) with child and family to assess their needs. Develop and implement an Action Plan and review progress. 	 SPECIALIST Children and young people who need immediate protection or who require integrated support from a statutory service such as CAMHS, Children's Social Care, or Youth Offending Service. Children's Social Care lead multi-agency planning and support through a Child-in- Need Plan, Child Protection Procedures, or accommodation by Children's Social Care. Youth Offending Team lead multi-agency interventions for Court-Ordered Supervision of Young Offenders in the community and in custody.

Children's Services Customer Service Centre

01522 782111

Tel: Tel:

01522 782333 (Emergency Duty Team for out of hours)

Appendix 3

DEFINITIONS OF ABUSE "WORKING TOGETHER TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN" 2015



The persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development.

It may occur during pregnancy as a result of maternal substance abuse.

Once a child is born, neglect may involve a parent or carer failing to:

• provide adequate food, clothing and shelter (including exclusion from home or abandonment)



The persistent emotional maltreatment of a child such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on their emotional development. It may involve:

- conveying to them that they are worthless, unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of another person.
- not giving them opportunities to express their views, deliberately silencing them or 'making fun' of what they say or how they communicate.
- developmentally inappropriate expectations being imposed; interactions that are beyond the child's developmental capability

 protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger ensure adequate supervision (including the use of inadequate care-givers) ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment. It may also include unresponsiveness to, or neglect of a child's basic emotional needs. 	 overprotection and limitation of exploration and learning preventing the child participating in normal social interaction. seeing / hearing the ill-treatment of another. serious bullying causing them frequently to feel frightened or in danger exploitation or corruption of them. Some level of emotional abuse is involved in all types of maltreatment of a child, though it may occur alone	
 Sexual activities, not necessarily involving a high level of violence, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening. physical contact: including assault by penetration e.g. rape or oral sex; or non-penetrative acts e.g. masturbation, kissing, rubbing & touching outside of clothing Non-contact activities: e.g. involving children in looking at/ in the production of sexual images/ activities, encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways, grooming a child in preparation for abuse. 	Physical A form of abuse which may involve: • Hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning, scalding, drowning, suffocating, or otherwise causing physical harm to a child. • Physical harm may also be caused when a parent or carer feigns the symptoms of, or deliberately induces illness in a child. • Injuries in babies and non-mobile children	

Symptoms of Abuse

Physical

•Bruises, black eyes and broken bones

- •Unexplained or untreated injuries
- •Injuries to unusual body parts e.g. thighs, back, abdomen
- •Bruising that resembles hand/finger marks •Burns/scalds
- •Human bites/cigarette burns
- •Injuries that the child cannot explain or explains unconvincingly
- •Injuries in babies and non mobile children

Sexual

- •Genital discomfort, pain, itching, bruising, injuries •Public /compulsive masturbation
- •Eating disorders
- •Sexually explicit behaviour or language not
- appropriate for their age
- •Sexually Transmitted Infection
- •Sexually explicit drawings
- Pregnancy

Behaviours

- •Marked change in general behaviour
- •Low self-esteem
- Extremely passive/aggressive
- •Withdrawn/withdrawal from friends &
- family
- •Sleeping difficulties
- Eating disorder

- Lethargy/tiredness
- •Fear of certain adults
- Poor social relationships
- Bullying/anti-social behaviours
- Attendance difficulties
- Disclosure
- Self harm

Neglect

- •Child cold/inappropriately dressed
- •Undernourished/always hungry
- •Untreated medical problems e.g. dental decay, head lice etc
- •Lethargy, tiredness or aggressive tendencies

Emotional

•Physical, mental & emotional development lags

- •Talks of excessive punishment
- •Fear of parents being contacted
- Sudden speech disorders
- •Running away
- •Self deprecation, low self esteem

Appendix 4

Receiving Disclosures:

Receive

- Listen, try not to look shocked or be judgmental
- Believe what they say 'take it seriously'.
- Accept what the young person says.
- Don't make them feel bad by saying "you should have told me earlier"
- Don't 'interrogate' them let them tell you, try not to interrupt
- Note the date and time, what was done, who did it, and where it took place
- Use the young person's own words
- Don't criticise the perpetrator
- Don't take photographs of any injuries
- Don't ask leading questions use 'open' questions to clarify only (T.E.D)



Tell me what you mean by that?/ Can you Tell me how that happened?

Explain that to me

Describe that....



Reassure

- Stay calm, tell the young person they've done the right thing in telling you
- Reassure them they are not to blame
- Empathise don't tell them how they should be feeling
- Don't promise confidentiality, explain who needs to know
- Explain what you'll do next
- Be honest about what you can do

Report and Record

- Make a Brief, accurate, timely and factual record
- Discuss with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or their Deputy, without delay
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead will assess the situation and decide on the next steps

Things to include:

- Time and full date of disclosure/incident and the time and full date the record was made
- An accurate record of what was said or seen
- Whether it is 1st or 2nd hand information
- Whether the child was seen/spoken to
- Whether information is fact/ professional judgement
- Full names and roles/status of anyone identified in the report
- Avoid acronyms/jargon/abbreviations
- Sign the record with a legible signature.
- Record actions agreed with/by the Designated Lead

Records should be reviewed regularly and any new concerns should be added and responded to immediately.





Appendix 5

The 5 Year Safeguarding Training Pathway

Appendix 6

The statutory guidance, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2015', states 'All staff members should be aware of systems within their school or college which support safeguarding and these should be explained to them as part of staff induction. This includes: the school's or college's child protection policy; the school's or college's staff behaviour policy (sometimes called a code of conduct); and the role of the designated safeguarding lead. All staff members should also receive appropriate child protection training which is regularly updated. '

Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) & Lincolnshire County Council agree that best practice would be for all staff to undertake **annual** safeguarding training, based on the LSCB 5 year training pathway which is available at <u>www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lscb</u>.

Our school 5 year pathway for **designated safeguarding leads**, subject to amendment, depending on the needs of the school.

5 Year Cycle Training Pathway for Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) from September 2015				
Year 1	 Early Help Assessment & Team Around the Child Role. (ST and TH) 			
	 Complete 'Awareness of Child Abuse & Neglect Foundation' E- Learning (ST and TH) 			
	 2015 Refresher - Safeguarding Children Refresher Training. (TH) 			
	 Learning mentors to complete 2 day face to face safeguarding children training for safeguarding leads. 			
	 Complete PREVENT training (ST and TH) 			
	 Safer recruitment training TH 			
	 Complete the 'Train the trainer' Safeguarding course (TH) 			
	 Attend termly safeguarding briefings (ST or TH) 			
	 Deliver annual update to all staff re awareness of safeguarding procedures and policies specific to our setting, including safer working practices and procedures for reporting concerns about adults who work with children and young people annually. Complete Basic Awareness Safeguarding training based on Keeping Children Safe in education document September inset and then as required as new staff join our school. (TH and ST) Mrs Towers to compete face to face safer recruitment training 			
Year 2	 Complete 2 day refresher training for safeguarding lead (ST) Deliver Lscb Training Package (contains a Trainer Manual, delegate workbook, PowerPoint presentation and training notes along with certificate templates) TH and ST September insetInformation Sharing e learning (ST and TH) Deliver annual update to all staff re awareness of safeguarding procedures and policies specific to our setting, including safer 			

	 working practices and procedures for reporting concerns about adults who work with children and young people annually. Complete Basic Awareness Safeguarding training based on Keeping Children Safe in education document September inset and then as required as new staff join our school. (TH and ST) Mrs Towers to compete face to face safer recruitment training Safeguarding Children in a digital world (TH & learning mentor) Attend termly safeguarding briefings (ST or TH) An Introduction to Integrated Working (Early Help Assessment, Lead Professional and Information Sharing (Learning mentors, TH and ST)
Year 3	 Deliver annual update to all staff re awareness of safeguarding procedures and policies specific to our setting, including safer working practices and procedures for reporting concerns about adults who work with children and young people annually. Complete Basic Awareness Safeguarding training based on Keeping Children Safe in education document September inset and then as required as new staff join our school. (TH and ST) TH and learning mentors to complete 2 day refresher training for safeguarding leads Safer recruitment training (TH) Attend termly safeguarding briefings (ST or TH) Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace (TH and ST)
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Year 4	 Deliver annual update to all staff re awareness of safeguarding procedures and policies specific to our setting, including safer working practices and procedures for reporting concerns about adults who work with children and young people annually. Complete Basic Awareness Safeguarding training based on Keeping Children Safe in education document September inset and then as required as new staff join our school. (TH and ST) Safer recruitment training (ST) Information Sharing for Refresher e learning (ST and TH) Complete 2 day refresher training for safeguarding lead (ST) Attend termly safeguarding briefings (ST or TH)
Year 5	 Deliver annual update to all staff re awareness of safeguarding procedures and policies specific to our setting, including safer working practices and procedures for reporting concerns about adults who work with children and young people annually. Complete Basic Awareness Safeguarding training based on Keeping Children Safe in education document September inset and then as required as new staff join our school. (TH and ST) Attend termly safeguarding briefings (ST or TH) Complete 2 day refresher training for safeguarding lead (TH, learning mentors) Safer recruitment training (TH) Managing risk on line face to face training (TH and learning mentor)

Our school 5 year pathway for all staff, subject to amendment, depending on the needs of the school taking into consideration any gaps in staff knowledge, updates to statutory guidance documents and the needs of the children and young people in the setting and community.

Accurate records of staff safeguarding updates must be kept (Mrs Veall) on a spreadsheet and keep a central copy of any evidence of training, e.g. certificates.

Year 1	 Complete Basic Awareness Safeguarding training based on Keeping Children Safe in education July 2015 document September inset and then as required as new staff join our school. Complete The LSCB 'Awareness of Child Abuse & Neglect Foundation E-Learning' Please note that if the E-Learning is being undertaken, Complete PREVENT training eSafety School Day Deliver Safeguarding in Schools 'Training Package' which is updated annually, delivered by the DSL once DSL has completed the training course. Staff MUST be made aware of safeguarding procedures and policies specific to our setting, including safer working practices and procedures for reporting concerns about adults who work with children and young people annually.
Year 2	 Deliver Safeguarding in Schools 'Training Package' which is updated annually, delivered by the DSL. Staff MUST be made aware of safeguarding procedures and policies specific to our setting, including safer working practices and procedures for reporting concerns about adults who work with children and young people annually. Understanding Pathways to Extremism and the Prevent Programme eSafety School Day Online e safety FGM eLearning module
Year 3	 Deliver Safeguarding in Schools 'Training Package' which is updated annually, delivered by the DSL. Staff MUST be made aware of safeguarding procedures and policies specific to our setting, including safer working practices and procedures for reporting concerns about adults who work with children and young people annually. Complete Awareness of domestic violence and abuse including the impact on children, young people and adults- e learning eSafety School Day Mrs Lewis to compete face to face safer recruitment training
Year 4	 Deliver Safeguarding in Schools 'Training Package' which is updated annually, delivered by the DSL. Staff MUST be made aware of safeguarding procedures and policies specific to our setting, including safer working practices and procedures for

	 reporting concerns about adults who work with children and young people annually. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace eSafety School Day Domestic violence eLearning
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Schools should plan the 5 year pathway carefully, taking into consideration any gaps in staff knowledge, updates to statutory guidance documents and the needs of the children and young people in the setting and community. Always keep accurate records of staff safeguarding updates on a spreadsheet and remember to keep a central copy of any evidence of training, e.g. certificates.

The 'Training Package' is available on request by emailing <u>safeguardinginschools@lincolnshire.gov.uk</u>. The Training Package contains a Trainer Manual, delegate workbook, powerpoint presentation and training notes along with certificate templates.

Butterwick Primary School Appendix 7 Child Protection Record of Concern or Disclosure Complete and pass to Designated Senior Person as soon as possible on the same day. If not

available pass to deputy. DSP or Headteacher.

Pupils Name:		Class/TG		Yr:
		DoB:	/	/
Concern identified I	oy:	Date and Time form completed:		
		/ /		: :
Nature of Concern /	details of disclosure	/ other releva	ant infoi	mation.
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Passed to:	Received by: Date:			
Action taken by DS	P (or person receiving	this form)		