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## WCF Updates

### March WCF DSL Network Meetings

The resources from the 19 and 21 March 2024 WCF DSL Network meetings can be accessed via the following google drive: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dEiApxH4vteITfT\\_jOA2-i9lDeU7d1wL?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dEiApxH4vteITfT_jOA2-i9lDeU7d1wL?usp=sharing)

Please ensure that you book your place on either the 25/06 or 02/07 WCF DSL Network meeting via CPD, as due to Mikey Addis leaving, we have had to update MS Teams links. This means any calendar invites received regarding these dates before 15/03 will no longer work.

### Hayley Doyle

Change of working pattern for Hayley, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 Hayley will now work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only. After Easter an out of office will be added to her diary and emails from next week when the schools return.

## Useful information for schools

### West Mercia Police letter

Within the following google drive you will find a letter from Superintendent Ed Hancox, Head of Prevention, outlining some changes that West Mercia Police is making to the youth engagement offering and the way they support schools.

Google drive link:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y7OaUKjpVbg\\_JG7NvRI6X0aD4maeO3sL?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y7OaUKjpVbg_JG7NvRI6X0aD4maeO3sL?usp=drive_link)

### Safeguarding Subscription 24/25

We are pleased to confirm that the Safeguarding Subscription for Sept 2024 to July 2025 is now available.

The Safeguarding Subscription 24/25 has been designed to ensure schools/colleges have an effective, relevant, and compliant safeguarding culture. To achieve this schools/colleges need to have the required level of training alongside appropriate approaches to quality assure safeguarding practices and procedures.

Included within the subscription we offer subsidised training for all those involved in keeping children safe in education.

Our Safeguarding subscription will ensure schools/colleges can actively accomplish this.

### Core Offer support in SLA

- 1 day Safeguarding Audit- Self Assessment for schools who are due an Ofsted inspection within 2 terms.
- School complaint guidance and advice on all stages of the complaints process
- 7-minute briefings training resource
- A training package for DSLs to deliver safeguarding training to all staff.

## Core Training Included within SLA

- Introduction to role of Designated Safeguarding Lead 6-hour session specific training for NEW DSLs/DDSL's
- Designated Safeguarding Lead training 6-hour specific training for DSLs and DDSLs

## Additional training is available to book at a subsidised rate for SLA subscribers:

- Managing Allegations against staff or volunteers
- Safer Recruitment in Educational Settings
- Safeguarding Children in Education - Governors' Roles and Responsibilities
- Understanding the Single Central Record

If your school would like to purchase the Safeguarding Subscription 24/25 then please visit [eStore \(opens in new window\)](#). Prices are confirmed once logged into eStore and discounts maybe applicable for MAT / Trusts where all schools wish to receive the Safeguarding subscription.

If you encounter any issues when accessing eStore please contact Mark / Clare via [SchoolServices@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:SchoolServices@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk) or call 01905 844300

## Additional Safeguarding packages of support

Alongside the Safeguarding Subscription 24/25 there are several other packages of support that the Safeguarding Team offer, which maybe of interest to your school. Again these can be purchased via [eStore \(opens in new window\)](#).

### Safeguarding self-assessment 2-day audit – cost £735 + VAT

The package includes:

- 1 day on school site
- 1 day research of your schools safeguarding policy and procedures including your website.
- A review of your annual Section 175/157 audit, including any actions plans.
- A thorough assessment of your Single central record and safer recruitment process.
- We will meet with your safeguarding team including the safeguarding Governor.
- We will gather the voice of the child.
- We will talk to staff and their understanding and knowledge and how to keep children safe.
- A comprehensive report including development plan

### Single central record health check – cost £339 + VAT

The package includes:

- A review of the SCR, comparison with the requirements of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2024) and checking for gaps
- Health check report
- Includes 2 places on the WCF Understanding the Single Central Record training.
- Telephone and email support
- A follow up visit to check on progress and offer further advice.

## Safeguarding Universal support for all schools

For all educational settings we provide the following universal support:

- Individual case discussions – advice and guidance example Domestic Abuse/Child on Child Abuse Sexual Harassment
- Support regarding Level 2 needs - support and completing an Early Help Assessment
- Section 175/157 quality assurance evaluation for governor and the WSCP partnership
- Weekly Newsletter
- Advise on national and local safeguarding guidance.
- Annual summary of KCSIE changes
- DSL termly networks meetings
- Daily Operation Encompass notifications

## Star\* scheme

A copy of the poster overleaf can also be found in the following google drive

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y7OaUKjpVbg\\_JG7NvRI6X0aD4maeO3sL?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y7OaUKjpVbg_JG7NvRI6X0aD4maeO3sL?usp=drive_link)



@star.scheme

# star\*

We make a material difference in the lives of young people who experience or have experienced Adversity in Childhood, ACEs, poverty or mental health issues, across the UK, through the sport of rugby.

## What We Do

We support young people and their families both emotionally and financially. We provide outstanding training in trauma-informed coaching. We create a link between professional rugby clubs and grassroots rugby clubs. We remove any barriers that might otherwise stop access for young people. And most importantly we remove judgement.

## The Impact

The young people involved in star\* regain control of their lives. They transform into happy, confident and resilient individuals who have opportunities open up to them as they become the best version of themselves. We see growth within the community, an increased awareness and conversation around childhood adversity and its impact and clubs transforming into a large supportive family.



To refer a young person please scan the QR code

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## WCF Training and Events

### WCF DSL network meetings

Due to Mikey Addis leaving the joining instructions for the 25 June and 02 July WCF DSL network meetings have been updated to ensure Denise Hannibal and the team have full flexibility to delivery accordingly.

All delegates who had booked their place before 19 March 2024 will have received an update confirmation from CPD explaining that they are new links.

We would like to remind DSL and Deputy DSL's that **it is essential** that all places are formally booked via CPD. Any previous calendar invites for the below dates received from Mikey Addis before he left will not work.

**Worcester, Wyre Forest and Malvern:** 25 June 2024, 3pm to 4.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: SCH 10438 / 84041

**Bromsgrove, Wychavon and Redditch:** 02 July 2024, 3pm to 4.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: SCH 10438 / 84042

Book via CPD <https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch.aspx> using your school CPD Leader login details. Confirmation will be issued to the delegate email and will contain the correct links to join the DSL network meeting.

### MHFA Youth Mental Health Champion

Aims and objectives:

- The one-day course qualifies you as a Youth MHFA Champion and the course aims to equip delegates with:
- An understanding of common mental health issues and how they can affect young people.
- The ability to spot signs of mental ill health in young people and guide them to a place of support.

Cost: This course is heavily subsidised to schools who have purchased the Education Safeguarding Support SLA

- Price for those who have the Safeguarding SLA £90 + VAT
- Price for those who have not purchased the Safeguarding SLA £180 + VAT
- 14 May 2024, 9am to 4.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: 10104 / 83256

How to book:

- Book via CPD - <https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch.aspx> - using your school CPD Leader login details.
- Confirmations will include all joining instructions.

### Suicide Attempts: Guidance for education settings.

**FAO: Secondary, High, Middle school Headteachers, DSL, Pastoral leads, Senior Mental health Leads and FE College Wellbeing leads**

### **Action: arrange for a school rep to attend the webinar**

An Education Settings Suicide Prevention Task & Finish Group has been meeting this academic year. One action was to provide guidance for schools in the event of an attempted suicide by a pupil.

The guidance, developed in conjunction with other Local Authorities also addressing this issue, is now complete. A copy of the new guidance is available from the following [google drive \(opens in new window\)](#)

The guidance includes:

- Immediate, medium and long term responses to an attempted suicide
- Evaluation process
- Circles of Vulnerability guide
- Template spreadsheet to record cases to assess for contagion
- Template Terms of Reference and Agenda for a Suicide Prevention Action Group
- Template Safety/Back to School Plan

Webinar: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 3.45pm to 4.30pm to explain the guidance and the tools within it. DSLs may have already covered this at recent DSL meetings.

Please book via CPD

- [https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch.aspx?search\\_course\\_code=10479](https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch.aspx?search_course_code=10479)
- Using your CPD leaders login details and confirmation will be issued including the MS Teams links and the google drive link to access the guidance

## **Third party training and events**

### **NSPCC's Building Connections programme**

We have launched our new online service Building Connections, that empowers young people to tackle loneliness. We are now accepting referrals for young people up to the age of 19, to work with a trained Building Connections befriender, who will support them to find their way through loneliness. Please note that the service is in the English language only at present. You can find out more about the service and suitability criteria on the [NSPCC Learning website \(opens in new website\)](#).

### **Updated NSPCC Online Safety Workshop information**

The Keeping Children Safe workshop is now [online \(opens in new window\)](#) and provides parents and carers with information about how to support their child in their online world. The 40-minute pre-recorded presentation covers topics such as online bullying, mental health, and social media, as well as signposting to resources and organisations for help and support.

### **West Mercia Cyber Crime Unit events**

Prevent Live for Professionals:



8th April 2024 at 10:30 am, use the following link to book

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/3634e6fe-cae5-402e-bee0-b0abbc0605f0@dd7d99f4-65c4-4822-bf7b-75d61ebc8f4a>

#### Webcasts for Parents / Guardians and carers

Focusing on the Prevent network and how referrals can be made if they have concerns and two focusing on the Protect Network, giving advice on how to keep families safe online. These are presented by West Mercia's Force Cyber Crime Unit in conjunction with the West Midlands Regional Cyber Crime Unit.

#### Cyber Prevent Live Information Session for Parents, Guardians & Carers

A live online session giving advice on how to make a referral into the Cyber Choices programme; an explanation of how it operates and what to look out for with children in your care.

- **8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 6pm** – use this link to book:  
<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/22592de2-db26-4676-a577-ab7986391f20@dd7d99f4-65c4-4822-bf7b-75d61ebc8f4a>
- **29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 6pm** – use this link to book  
<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e3722958-b96b-40ba-954a-f7851ac5caad@dd7d99f4-65c4-4822-bf7b-75d61ebc8f4a>

#### Cyber Protect Live Information Session for Parents, Guardians & Carers

A live online session giving advice on how to keep yourself and your family safe online. This will be presented by West Midlands Regional Cyber Crime Unit Prevent Team in conjunction with West Mercia's Force Cyber Crime Unit.

- **24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 6pm** – use this link to book:  
<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/244797bd-f3db-43c2-81f0-b4e9be0d6fad@dd7d99f4-65c4-4822-bf7b-75d61ebc8f4a>
- **8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 6pm** – use this link to book:  
<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/fb7f9e84-9df4-453a-a5d7-6a1002ed9c7a@dd7d99f4-65c4-4822-bf7b-75d61ebc8f4a>

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## Useful Website's

### Worcester Children First Education Safeguarding

- [Safeguarding support for teachers and education professionals | Worcestershire County Council](#)

### Worcestershire Children First CPD

- [Courses Search \(worcestershire.gov.uk\)](#)

### KCSIE

- [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64f0a68ea78c5f000dc6f3b2/Keeping\\_children\\_safe\\_in\\_education\\_2023.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64f0a68ea78c5f000dc6f3b2/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_2023.pdf)

### Home Office (Prevent)

- [The Prevent duty: safeguarding learners vulnerable to radicalisation - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)