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Introduction

This Safeguarding & Prevent Policy represents the commitment of Dove Nest Management Training and Development Limited ("the Company") to safeguarding the welfare and protection of all children, young people and adults at risk, who have contact with the organisation and aligns our approach.

The Policy has been developed in accordance with the principles established by the:

- Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE): Statutory guidance for schools and colleges. (Department for Education, September 2025) [Keeping children safe in education 2025](#)
- The Prevent Duty Guidance: Statutory guidance for England and Wales (Home Office. 6th March 2024). [Prevent duty guidance: for England and Wales \(accessible\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- The Prevent duty: an introduction for those with safeguarding responsibilities [The Prevent duty: an introduction for those with safeguarding responsibilities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children: A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. (Her Majesties Government, December 2023) [Working together to safeguard children 2023: statutory guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- The Care Act (2014). Statutory guidance: Care and support statutory guidance updated June 2020 that provides a detailed guidance on all aspects of implementing the requirements contained in Part 1 of the Care Act (2014) to local authorities, the NHS, police and other partner organisations. (Department of Health and Social Care)

All staff should ensure that they have read and understood the associated policies to support the effective implementation of the safeguarding policy and procedures.

1. Aims/Communication

Communication and Dissemination of the Policy

The Company recognises that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its learners is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with learners and their families, carers and employers has a role to play in safeguarding. The safeguarding policy is shared with all staff, learners and employers on an annual basis and as and when any in-year updates are made aligned to legislation changes. The policy, its purpose and reporting procedures will be reinforced via team and employer meetings, staff training, learning resources and literature. Additional support and guidance will be provided to ensure that any learner with a learning difficulty or language barrier can access the policy, its aims and supporting literature. All staff have read and confirmed their understanding of the Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE): Statutory guidance for schools and colleges. (Department for Education, September 2025).

- 1.1 The objective of this Policy is to prevent and reduce the risk of significant harm to children and adults from abuse or other types of exploitation, including radicalisation, whilst supporting individuals in maintaining control over their lives and in making informed choices without coercion. The Company seeks to achieve these aims by:
 - Outlining the Company's safeguarding structure
 - Establishing common procedures that enable children and adults at risk to receive the protection and support they are entitled to.
 - Providing a consistent framework for signposting and making referrals to external support agencies.
 - Recognising and taking action to prevent safeguarding issues, including radicalisation.
 - Defining the responsibilities of the Company and its employees in responding to safeguarding and prevent concerns/allegations.
 - Providing common values, principles and practice that underpin the protection of children and adults at risk.
 - Defining the different types of abuse, signs, symptoms and indicators.
 - Setting standards of practice that safeguard children and adults at risk.
 - Ensuring ALL allegations are taken seriously, kept safe and never be made to feel like they are creating a problem for reporting abuse, sexual violence or sexual harassment
 - That ALL employees of Dove Nest Group have a clear and definitive understanding of Safeguarding and Prevent and not to solely rely on the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Deputy DSL
- 1.2 The Company is committed to providing an environment where everyone is respected and valued and can feel safe and secure. This includes employees, and the customers and learners who access our facilities and services, as well as the employers and partners we work with.
- 1.3 The Company seeks to ensure that its Policy and procedures comply with statutory duties, reflects guidance and good practice in safeguarding children and adults at risk, and that safeguarding arrangements are proportionate and appropriate.

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- 1.4 The Company is committed to ensuring that children, young people, and adults are given the right support, training and encouragement to realise their true potential and make a valuable contribution to their local community and society generally. All individuals, regardless of age, disability, gender, race, marital status, religion or belief, sexual orientation or identity have the right to protection from all types of harm and abuse. The Company actively works to ensure that all customers and learners are given equal access to its services and the support offered, providing an environment that is free from any form of discrimination and one in which safeguarding concerns are appropriately addressed.
- 1.5 The Company promotes this Policy to ensure that the appropriate action can be taken when an individual is suspected by staff of being subject to, or at risk of abuse from parents, carers, any adult, including any employee, or other individuals, either at work or in placement with other organisations.
- 1.6 The Company acknowledges that members of staff are not specialists in recognising where abuse may occur or has already taken place; however, the Company expects all staff to adopt and support this Policy to the best of their ability. The Company will support this by providing training for staff in the organisation's procedures for identifying, responding to, and reporting abuse and radicalisation. The Company expects all members of staff to be sensitive and alert to the issue of abuse.
- 1.7 The Company has a statutory duty under Section 29 of the Counterterrorism and Security Act 2015 and the Counter-terrorism strategy (CONTEST) 2023 to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". The purpose of this policy is to define how the Company and its subcontractors can effectively meet this duty. The Prevent Strategy is part of the Government's overall counter-terrorism strategy, known as CONTEST.
- 1.8 The aim of CONTEST is to reduce the risk from terrorism to the UK, its citizens and interests overseas, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence. CONTEST helps us to balance our duty to protect the UK and its interests from terrorism against the need to respond to other national security threats
CONTEST is the UK's counter-terrorism strategy.
It's based on 4 themes:
- prevent: to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism
 - pursue: to stop terrorist attacks happening
 - protect: to strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack
 - prepare: to minimise the impact of a terrorist attack
- 1.9 The aim of Prevent is to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.
The objectives of Prevent are:
- tackle the ideological causes of terrorism
 - intervene early to support people susceptible to radicalisation
 - enable people who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate (Prevent Duty Guidance in England and Wales; December 2023)

2. Scope of Policy and Responsibilities

2.1 This Policy applies to:

- Learners and customers.
- Employees (individuals who work – or have applied to work for the Company either on a permanent, temporary, or contractual basis), and forms part of any employment or service contract.
- Employers (organisations that work in partnership with the Company and employ learners as part of their workforce)
- Employers who offer work placements to learners or customers.
- Suppliers (external partners who provide training or employability services on our behalf).
- External stakeholders and visitors.

The contents of this Policy are to be regarded by any person as implied, collateral, or express terms to any employment or service contract made with the Company.

2.2 Any employee who does not comply with this Policy may face disciplinary sanctions which, depending on the severity of the breach, may result in dismissal from the Company. It is the responsibility of all employees to ensure they are familiar with the contents of this Policy and follow the procedures and guidelines laid out herein.

2.3 The Company believes that everyone has a moral responsibility to safeguard and promote everyone's welfare and protection from abuse or radicalisation/extremism. This Policy therefore also applies to all customers, learners and other stakeholders of the Company including any person to whom the Company provides a service.

2.4 The Company believes that safeguarding is everybody's business, with employees playing a key role in preventing, identifying, and reporting safeguarding and Prevent Duty issues. The Company's role in safeguarding is to provide the vision and direction and ensure that the legal and procedural framework, including powers and duties, is clear, and proportionate, whilst ensuring operational flexibility. This framework will be sufficient to enable employees to take appropriate and timely safeguarding action.

2.5 The Company recognises its particular responsibility to safeguard the wellbeing of children and adults engaged in the delivery of services offered by the Company by ensuring that there are appropriate arrangements in place to enable it to discharge its duty to provide a safe and secure environment and to deal with issues concerned with suspected or reported abuse of children and adults or where an individual is at risk of being drawn into extremist or radical ideology.

2.6 The Company recognises that it has a duty to help employees, customers and learners recognise their responsibilities (through guidance, support and training), understand changes in behaviour, minimise risk and avoid situations (where possible) where abuse or neglect might be alleged or where it is thought a vulnerable individual may be being groomed.

2.7 It is not the responsibility of the Company to decide whether abuse or radicalisation has taken place. The Company has a responsibility to act if there is cause for concern, in order that the appropriate agencies can investigate and take any necessary action to protect an individual.

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2.8 All employees are expected to attend awareness training sessions, participate in online learning modules, and become familiar with this document and to apply it in practice. The Company has a strategy to ensure staff awareness, continuous training and updating on legislation in relation to this and monitoring arrangements to ensure the effectiveness of our Safeguarding and Prevent Policy and procedures.

2.9 The Company reserves the right to amend and update this Policy at any time.

3. Key Safeguarding Principles

3.1 The key principles set out below are integral to this Policy and can be used to measure existing safeguarding arrangements and to measure future improvements. The principles are not in order of priority; they are all equal importance but with an emphasis on the importance of prevention and ensuring proportionate responses:

- **Empowerment** – presumption of person led decisions and informed consent. We give individuals the right information about how to recognise abuse or radicalisation and what they can do to keep themselves safe. We give them clear and straightforward information about how to report causes for concern, abuse and crime and what support we can give. We consult them before we take any action. Where someone lacks capacity to decide, we always act in their best interests.
- **Prevention** – it is better to act before harm occurs. We help identify and report signs of radicalisation and extremism, abuse, and suspected criminal offences. We train staff how to recognise signs and take action to prevent abuse occurring. In all our work, we consider how to make people safer.
- **Proportionality** – proportionate and least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented. We discuss with the individual and where appropriate, with partner agencies what to do where there is risk of significant harm before we take a decision. Risk is an element of many situations and should be part of any wider assessment.
- **Protection** – support and representation for those in greatest need. We have effective ways of assessing and managing risk. Our complaints and reporting arrangements for abuse and suspected criminal offences operate effectively.
- **Partnership** – local solutions through services working with communities. We encourage sharing information locally. We have multi-agency partnership arrangements in place and staff are trained to understand how to use these. We foster a “one” team approach that places the welfare of individuals before the “needs” of the system.
- **Accountability** - accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding. The roles of all employees are clear, together with the lines of accountability. Staff are trained to understand what is expected of them and others, and recognise their responsibilities to each other, act upon them and accept collective responsibility for safeguarding arrangements.
- **Responsibility for working with employers** – support in the workplace. We work closely with employers to ensure that they understand their responsibilities within safeguarding and prevent and that their practice mirrors the Company approach. Employers receive guidance on safeguarding and are aware of who to contact and how.

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- **Relationship building** – We encourage positive relationships between individuals and groups but also ensure that the education of sexual relationships and healthy living is promoted throughout the facility.

4. Prevention/Safer recruitment

Safer Recruitment and Training for Staff

When recruiting new members of staff, the Company follows the government statutory guidance set out in Part 3 of KCSIE (2025), which details Safer Recruitment pay due regard to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and the Protection of Freedom Act 2012. The Company adapts the guidelines within the Baseline Security Standard (BPSS) for all appointments and ensures that the relevant staff member uses the DBS checking service to assess applicants' suitability for positions of trust. The company also compiles fully with the Code of Practice and aims to treat all applicants for positions fairly. DBS checks are undertaken in line with government guidance and current legislation, alongside appropriate references being obtained and ensuring qualifications are verified. Safer Recruitment training has been undertaken by senior members of staff who conduct recruitment activities in accordance with statutory guidance. Newly appointed staff will have a job role induction to include a robust introduction into the safeguarding of children, young people and adults at risk policy and procedures. This includes mandatory reading of internal and external policies and e-learning modules.

- 4.1 Whilst Safeguarding procedures focus on responding to incidents of abuse and radicalisation, its prevention must always be the primary objective. The Company and its employees have a role in preventing abuse and radicalisation.
- 4.2 The Company and its employees can help prevent abuse and radicalisation, by encouraging people they are concerned about to recognise risks, to seek support and to access services they need. This might be by helping people to access information and advice or to understand their rights and responsibilities.
- 4.3 Prevention involves a safe and appropriately skilled workforce where practice is consistent, there is good communication between members of staff, employees have the skills, experience and aptitude to work with particular client groups and all employees have read and understood the Company's Safeguarding and Prevent Policy.
- 4.5 The Company encourages prevention through a safeguarding culture where customers and learners are the primary concern; employees are attuned to risks of neglect, harm, abuse, and radicalisation and understand their roles and responsibilities around safeguarding.

5. What is Safeguarding?

- 5.1 Safeguarding is the term that describes the function of protecting adults and children from abuse or neglect. It is an important shared priority and a key responsibility of the Company and its employees.
- 5.2 Safeguarding relates to the need to protect certain people who may be in vulnerable circumstances. These are people who may be at risk of abuse or neglect, due to the actions (or lack of action) of another person. In these cases, it is critical that we work together to identify people at risk and put in place interventions to help prevent abuse or neglect, and to protect people.

6. Adults at Risk/ Areas for Concern

6.1. An adult at risk is defined as a person aged 18 years or over:

“who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness; and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against... harm or exploitation” (Department of Health and Social Care, 2015, No Secrets)

6.2. An adult at risk may therefore be a person who, for example:

- is an older person who is frail due to ill health, physical disability or cognitive impairment.
- has a learning disability.
- has a physical disability and/or a sensory impairment.
- has mental health needs including dementia or a personality disorder.
- has a long-term illness/condition.
- misuses substances or alcohol.
- is a carer such as a family member/friend who provides personal assistance and care to adults and is subject to abuse.
- lacks the mental capacity to make decisions and is in need of care and support.

This list is not exhaustive.

6.3. Mental Health

All staff should also be aware that mental health problems can, in some cases, be an indicator that an adult/ child has suffered or is at risk of suffering abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Only appropriately trained professionals should attempt to make a diagnosis of a mental health problem. Staff, however, are well placed to observe learners regularly and identify those whose behaviour suggests that they may be experiencing a mental health problem or be at risk of developing one.

If our staff have a mental health concern about a learner that is also a safeguarding concern, immediate action should be taken, following this policy, and speaking to the designated safeguarding leads or the deputy.

6.4 Online Safety

The use of technology has become a significant component of many safeguarding issues. Child sexual exploitation; radicalisation; sexual predation: technology often provides the platform that facilitates harm. An effective approach to online safety empowers a school or college to protect and educate the whole school or college community in their use of technology and establishes mechanisms to identify, intervene in, and escalate any incident where appropriate.

The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable, but can be categorised into three areas of risk:

- **content:** being exposed to illegal, inappropriate, or harmful content, for example: pornography, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, antisemitism, radicalisation, extremism, misinformation, disinformation (including fake news) and conspiracy theories.
- **contact:** being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; for example: peer to peer pressure, commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes.

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- **conduct:** online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm; for example, making, sending and receiving explicit images (e.g. consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nudes and/or pornography, sharing other explicit images and online bullying, and
- **commerce:** risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and or financial scams. If you feel your pupils, students or staff are at risk, please report it to the Anti-Phishing Working Group (<https://apwg.org/>).

6.5 Filtering and Monitoring

To safeguard and promote the welfare of children and provide them with a safe environment in which to learn, the company will do all that they reasonably can to limit children's exposure to the above risks from the school's or college's IT system.

Appropriate filtering and monitoring systems are in place and regularly reviewed.

Ensure that the leadership team and relevant staff have an awareness and understanding of the provisions in place and manage them effectively and know how to escalate concerns when identified.

The Department for Education has published filtering and monitoring standards which the company follow:

- identify and assign roles and responsibilities to manage filtering and monitoring systems.
- review filtering and monitoring provision at least annually.
- block harmful and inappropriate content without unreasonably impacting teaching and learning.
- have effective monitoring strategies in place that meet their safeguarding needs.

7. Children

7.1. A child is defined as anyone who has not yet reached their 18th birthday. 'Children' therefore means 'children and young people' throughout. For individuals with learning disabilities we also include those who are 18 years old.

7.2. This Policy has been developed in keeping with the new statutory guidance for working with children and families in England – 'Keeping Children Safe in Education, (DfE, 2025).'

7.3. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined for the purposes of this guidance as:

- Providing help and support to meet the needs of children as soon as problems emerge
- Protecting children from maltreatment, whether that is within or outside the home, including online
- Preventing the impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcome

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7.4. This Policy aims to help employees understand what they need to do, and what they can expect of one another, to safeguard children. It focuses on core legal requirements and it makes clear what the Company and its employees should do to keep children safe. In doing so, it seeks to emphasise that effective safeguarding systems are those where:

- the child's needs are paramount, and the needs and wishes of each child should be put first, so that every child receives the support they need before a problem escalates.
- all employees who come into contact with children and families are alert to their needs and any risks of harm that individual abusers, or potential abusers, may pose to children.
- the Company, where necessary, shares appropriate information with external agencies in a timely way and can discuss any concerns about an individual child.
- all employees contribute to whatever actions are needed to safeguard and promote a child's welfare.

8. What is abuse

8.1. All staff should be aware of the indicators of abuse, neglect and exploitation and

- understanding that children can be at risk of harm inside and outside of the school/college, inside and outside of home, and online and
- they are rarely standalone events, covered by one definition or label and in most cases, issues will overlap
- Abuse and neglect are forms of maltreatment; it can be due to an individual inflicting harm or failing to prevent harm.

8.2. An individual may be abused in a family or in an institutional or community setting, by those known to them or, more rarely, by a stranger. They may be abused by an adult or adults or another child or children.

8.3. Harm is the term used to justify intervention within the safeguarding adult's procedures.

9. Types of Abuse

9.1. It is generally accepted that there are six main forms of abuse as defined by the Department of Health and as set out below, it is often the case that multiple issues will overlap:

- **Physical abuse** – may involve hitting, slapping, pushing, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or scalding, drowning, suffocating, misuse of medication, restraint, or inappropriate sanctions or otherwise causing physical harm to an individual.
- **Sexual abuse** – involves forcing or enticing a child, young person or adult to take part in sexual activities, whether or not they are aware of what is happening. This may include 'sexual assault or sexual acts to which the individual has not consented or could not consent or was pressured into consenting'. Sexual abuse also includes forcing a person to look at pornographic materials.
- **Emotional abuse** – the persistent emotional ill treatment of an individual such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on the individual's emotional development and well-being. This may include emotional abuse, threats of harm or abandonment, deprivation of contact, humiliation, blaming, controlling, intimidation, coercion, harassment, verbal abuse, isolation or withdrawal from services or support networks.

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- **Neglect and acts of omission** – the persistent failure to meet an individual's basic physical and or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the individual's health or development. This may include ignoring medical or physical care needs, failure to provide access to appropriate health, social care or educational services, the withholding of the necessities of life, such as medication, adequate heating and nutrition.
- **Financial or material abuse** – may include theft, fraud, exploitation, pressure in connection with wills, property or inheritance or financial transactions, or the misuse or misappropriation of property, possessions or benefits.
- **Discriminatory abuse** – may include abuse, bullying or harassment based for example on an individual's age, sex, disability, religion, race or ethnicity or sexual orientation. The Company will endeavour to identify and deter any form of discriminatory behaviour. Bullying and harassment can escalate rapidly and can damage individuals significantly.

9.2. Other forms of abuse include:

- **Breast Ironing** - refers to the practice of massaging or pounding young girls' breasts with heated objects to suppress or reverse the growth of breasts. Breast ironing is often performed by mothers or female relatives of victims misguidedly wishing to protect their young relatives from sexual assault, unwanted sexual advances, early sex, and pregnancies, all of which they fear would result from the appearance that a girl has reached the age of puberty.
- **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)** – exploitative situations, contexts and relationships where young people receive something as a result of engaging in sexual activities. Sexual exploitation can take many forms, ranging from the seemingly "consensual" relationship where sex is exchanged for affection or gifts to serious crime by gangs and groups.
- **Cross border crime** – A growing instance of human trafficking and crimes are emerging where individuals or groups cross borders within England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales to commit crimes or reduce detection. The UK border is one of our primary defences against a range of threats, but it also has a number of vulnerabilities that are known to and targeted by those who seek to undermine our controls, either for criminal gain, illegal migration or terrorist activity.
- **Cyberbullying** – this can be done via text messages or the internet (social media sites) and is usually prejudged against particular groups. It can result in the intimidation of a person through the threat of violence or by isolating them either physically or on- line. Online and Offline abuse and bullying is defined as someone who is being subjected to abuse or bullying online and offline. This can involve a severity of medias.
- **Domestic Violence** – any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviours, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality. Witnessing domestic abuse is child abuse, and teenagers can suffer abuse in their relationships. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 introduces the first ever statutory definition of domestic abuse and recognises the impact of domestic abuse on children, types of abuse include intimate partner violence, abuse by family members, teenage relationship abuse and child to parent abuse. Anyone can be a victim of abuse.

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- **Drugs** – this could relate to alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, medicines, new psychoactive substances (legal highs) and volatile substances.
- **Fabricated or induced illness** – there are three ways in which the carer of a child or vulnerable person will fabricate or induce an illness:
 - Fabrication of signs and symptoms.
 - Fabricating a past medical history.
 - Fabrication of signs and symptoms and falsifying hospital charts and records, including letters and documents.
- **Faith Abuse** – this includes belief in concepts such as witchcraft and spirit possession, demons or the devil, acting through children or leading them astray (traditionally seen in some Christian beliefs), the evil eyes or djinns (traditionally known in some Islamic faith contexts) and dakini (in the Hindu context); ritual or multi murders where the killing of children is believed to bring supernatural benefits or the use of their body parts is believed to produce potent magical remedies; and use of belief in magic or witchcraft to create fear in children making them more compliant when they are being trafficked for domestic slavery or sexual exploitation.
- **Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)** – FGM comprises all procedures involving the partial or total removal of the female external genitals or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons. This can range from a symbolic prick to the vagina to a fairly extensive removal and narrowing of the vagina opening and in the UK all forms are prevalent. It can be known as “female genital cutting” or “female circumcision” and some communities tend to use local names for referring to this practice including “sunna”.
- **Forced Marriage** – a forced marriage is a marriage in which one or both spouses do not (or, in the case of some adults with learning or physical disabilities cannot) consent to the marriage and duress is involved.
- **Gangs and Youth Violence** – “Street gangs” for whom crime and violence are a core part of their identity, although “delinquent peer groups” can also lead to increased antisocial behaviour and youth offending. Although some group gatherings can lead to increased antisocial behaviour, it should not be confused with the serious violence of a gang culture/activity.
- **Gender based violence/violence against women and girls (VAWG)** – refers to violence, physical, sexual, or otherwise, stalking and harassment and female genital mutilation.
- **Honour Based Violence** - Honour based violence is a violent crime or incident which may have been committed to protect or defend the honour of the family or community. It is often linked to family members or acquaintances who mistakenly believe someone has brought shame to their family or community by doing something that is not in keeping with the traditional beliefs of their culture.
- **Mental Health** – good or positive mental health is more than the absence or management of mental health problems; it is the foundation for wellbeing and effective functioning for wellbeing and effective functioning both for individuals and for their communities.

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- **Private Fostering** – a private fostering arrangement is essentially one that is made privately (that is to say without the involvement of a local authority) for the care of a child under the age of 16 by someone other than a parent or close relative with the intention that it should last for 28 days or more.
- **Peer on Peer abuse** – This may include but not limited to: Bullying, Abuse in intimate personal relationships, physical abuse, sexual violence, sexual harassment, forced sexual activity, consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude and semi nude photographs, initiation, hazing type violence and rituals which could include harassment, abuse or humiliation used as a way of initiating someone into a group
- **Radicalisation** - Radicalisation is defined by the UK Government within this context as “the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups.”
- **Revenge Porn** – Revenge porn is the distribution of materials deemed unsuitable due to an aggrieved party or previous partner instigating circulation of materials to then subject the other party or parties to humiliation and/or abuse.
- **Serious Violence** - in addition to bullying and victimisation/harassment serious violence can take the forms of different methods to empower or hurt individuals or groups. Preventing such violence is paramount to the success of the policy.
- **Sharing of images** – UKCIS Guidance explains the types of incidents that can be classified under the heading “Sharing of images”. A person under the age of 18 creates and shares nudes and semi nudes of themselves with a peer under the age of 18. A person under the age of 18 shares nudes and semi nudes created by another person. A person under the age of 18 is in possession of nudes and semi nudes created by another person under the age of 18.
- **Teenage Relationship Abuse** – can be emotional, physical, sexual or financial abuse, where teenagers are isolated from their friends, being controlled with what they wear, checking up on them all the time, being forced to have sex, being forced to watch pornography against their will, forcing others to buy them things.
- **Trafficking** – “Trafficking of persons” shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. This could be the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery, or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.
- **Up Skirting** - Up skirting is a highly intrusive practice, which typically involves someone taking a picture under another person's clothing without their knowledge, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks (with or without underwear). It is now a criminal offence and may constitute sexual abuse.
- **Child Criminal Exploitation** – County lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised crime networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas within the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of “deal line”. They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store drugs and money and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexting violence) and weapons. “Child criminal exploitation is common in county

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lines and occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, control, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18. The victim may have been criminally exploited even if the activity appears consensual. Child criminal exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.”

- **Child-on-Child Abuse** - Inappropriate behaviours between children that are abusive in nature including physical, sexual, or emotional abuse, exploitation, sexual harassment, all forms of bullying, coercive control, hazing/initiation rituals between children and young people, both on and offline (including that which is within intimate personal relationships).

10. Signs and Patterns of Abuse

10.1. The most likely ways that a suspicion or concern will be raised is by:

- An individual “disclosing” abuse.
- Bruising or evidence of physical hurt, which may or may not be accompanied by a change in behaviour.
- The conduct of a member of staff or another individual.

10.2. Incidents of abuse may be multiple, either to one person in a continuing relationship or service context – or to more than one person at a time.

10.3. Patterns of abuse and abusing vary and reflect very different dynamics. These include:

- Serial abusing in which the perpetrator seeks out and ‘grooms’ vulnerable individuals. Sexual abuse usually falls into this pattern as do forms of financial abuse and radicalisation.
- Long-term abuse in the context of an on-going family relationship such as domestic violence.
- Opportunistic abuse such as theft.
- Situational abuse which arises because pressures have built up and/or because of difficult or challenging behaviour.
- Neglect of a person’s needs because those around him or her are not able to be responsible for their care, for example, if the carer has difficulties attributable to such issues as debt, alcohol or mental health problems.
- Institutional abuse which features poor care standards, lack of positive responses to complex needs, rigid routines, inadequate staffing, and insufficient knowledge base within the provider or service.
- Unacceptable ‘treatments’ or programmes with sanctions or punishments such as withholding food and drink, seclusion, unnecessary and unauthorised use of control and restraint, or over-medication.
- Failure to ensure staff receive appropriate guidance on anti-racist and anti-discriminatory practice.
- Failure to access key services such as health care and dentistry.
- Misappropriation of benefits and/or use of the person’s money by other members of the household.
- Fraud or intimidation in connection with wills property or other assets.

10.4. Rules of customer learner protection:

- **Recognise** – be familiar with signs and indicators, have a listening culture, be vigilant.
- **Respond** – be sensitive and empathetic, ask direct questions, do not promise to keep anything to yourself.
- **Record** – know the Company's recording process, know what to record and where, know where to send information and how.
- **Report** – know who to report to internally, know how to get hold of them
- **Refer** – this is the role of the DSO; others should only contact authorities if there is an emergency or immediate danger.

11. The Prevent Duty

- 11.1. Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 ('CTSA Act') places a duty on the Company, in the exercise of its functions, to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". This is known as the Prevent Duty.
- 11.2. The term "due regard" as used in the CTSA Act means that the Company should place an appropriate amount of weight on the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism when it considers all the other factors relevant to how it carries out its usual functions and activities.
- 11.3. Terrorist groups often draw on extremist ideology, developed by extremist organisations. Some people who join terrorist groups have previously been members of extremist organisations and have been radicalised by them.
- 11.4. The Government has defined extremism as "vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition of extremism, calls for the death of members of our armed forces."
- 11.5. The most significant and publicised threat is currently Islamic State and associated groups. However, there are wider groups outside of this such as those associated with the Far Right. The Prevent Strategy is concerned non-violent extremist groups as these can create an atmosphere in which terrorist ideology can grow.
- 11.6. There is no single way of identifying who is likely to be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. Factors that may have a bearing on someone becoming vulnerable may include: peer pressure, influence from other people or via the internet, bullying, crime against them or their involvement in crime, anti-social behaviour, family tensions, race/hate crime, lack of self-esteem or identity and personal or political grievances.
- 11.7. The Prevent strategy deals with all forms of terrorism and with non-violent extremism, which can create an atmosphere conducive to terrorism and can popularise views which terrorists then exploit. It also made clear that preventing people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism requires challenge to extremist ideas where they are used to legitimise terrorism and are shared by terrorist groups. The strategy also means intervening to stop people moving from extremist (albeit legal) groups into terrorist-related activity.
- 11.8. The Company has implemented its Prevent-related responsibilities in a proportionate and risk-based way. All employees should demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the risk of radicalisation. The risk

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will vary greatly and can change rapidly; but no area, institution or body is risk free. The Prevent Duty is not about preventing individuals from having political and religious views and concerns, but about supporting our customers and learners to use those concerns or act on them in a non-extremist way.

11.9. Prevent is an important element within our safeguarding policy and processes. Prevent is focused on safeguarding customers and learners and encourages a learning environment where issues can be raised and discussed safely.

11.10. The Company's Senior Management Team drive our Prevent strategy by:

- Ensuring all staff, including Directors and Senior Managers receive awareness training on Prevent.
 - Online courses on Prevent awareness include:
- [Prevent awareness elearning](#) - an introduction to the Prevent duty (Home Office)
- [Prevent referrals elearning](#) - make a referral that is robust, informed and with good intention (Home Office)
- [Channel awareness elearning](#) - understand the objectives of the Channel programme, the working process, roles and responsibilities (Home Office)
- Prevent for Further Education and Training - [Prevent for the Further Education and Skills Sector 2025/26 | Learning | The Education and Training Foundation](#) - aimed at different audiences including staff, governors and board members (The Education and Training Foundation)
- Providing training to ensure staff understand their safeguarding responsibilities and processes and policy to outline how to make a referral to the Channel team.
- Providing staff training and guidance on how to recognise potential signs that a customer/learner may be becoming involved with extremist organisations.
- Creating a single point of contact for Prevent and Safeguarding related issues.
- Maintaining links with the local Prevent Coordinators.
- Ensuring British Values are promoted and are embedded within employability and skills programmes.
- Maintaining IT policies that are robust and can deal effectively with potential online risks from extremist organisations, through appropriate use of firewalls, filtering and monitoring usage.
- Ensuring our rigorous risk assessment process is in place and utilised which ensures Prevent is fully considered, including visitors and external speakers.
- Ensuring our subcontract providers have appropriate policies in place to meet their duties under Prevent.

11.11. Employees have a responsibility to understand what radicalisation means and why people may be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism because of it. All employees should be aware of the following terms and the relationship between extremism and terrorism:

- **'Having due regard'** – means that we should place an appropriate amount of weight on the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism when we consider all the other factors relevant to how we carry out our functions.
- **'Extremism'** – defined in the Prevent strategy as vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition of extremism, calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.

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- **‘Interventions’** – are projects intended to divert people who are drawn into terrorist activity. Interventions can include mentoring, counselling, theological support, encouraging civic engagement, developing support networks (family and peer structures) or providing mainstream services (education, employment, health, finance, or housing).
- **‘Non-violent extremism’** – is extremism, as defined above, which is not accompanied by violence.
- **‘Prevention’** – means reducing or eliminating the risk of individuals becoming involved in terrorism. Prevent includes but is not confined to the identification and referral of those at risk of being drawn into terrorism into appropriate interventions. These interventions aim to divert vulnerable people from radicalisation.
- **‘Radicalisation’** – refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups.
- **‘Safeguarding’** – is the process of protecting vulnerable people, whether from crime, other forms of abuse or (in this context) from being drawn into terrorist-related activity.
- **‘Terrorism’** – as defined by the Terrorism Act 2000, an action that endangers or causes serious violence to a person/people; causes serious damage to property; or seriously interferes or disrupts an electronic system. The use or threat must be designed to influence the government or to intimidate the public and is made for the purpose of advancing a political, religious, or ideological cause.
- **‘Terrorist -related offences’** – are those (such as murder) which are not offences in terrorist legislation, but which are judged to be committed in relation to terrorism.
- **‘Vulnerability’** – describes the condition of being capable of being injured; difficult to defend; open to moral or ideological attack. Within Prevent the word describes factors and characteristics associated with being susceptible to radicalisation.

11.13. The Prevent duty does not and must not involve any covert activity against people or communities. The Company may however need to share personal information to ensure, for example, that a person at risk of radicalisation is given the appropriate support. Information sharing is assessed on a case-by-case basis and is governed by legislation and the following principles:

- **Necessity and Proportionality** – personal information should only be shared where it is strictly necessary to the intended outcome and proportionate to it. Key to determining the necessity and proportionality of sharing information will be the professional judgment of the risks to an individual or the public.
- **Consent** – wherever possible the consent of the person concerned should be obtained before sharing any information about them.
- **Power to share** – the sharing of data by the Company requires the existence of a power to do so, in addition to satisfying the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998 and Human Rights Act 1998.
- **Confidentiality** – the Company should be aware of any confidentiality obligations that exist.

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11.14. Referrals

Potential risk of an employee, learner or stakeholder becoming involved in a terrorist act, supporting or following extremism, or attempting radicalise others will be notified immediately to the Safeguarding team. However, where immediate danger to life is clear and present, or where weapons or other harmful materials are evident an immediate 999 call must be made. Information must then be passed directly to the Managing Director and DSL.

Staff identifying a, non-immediate threat to life, Prevent concern will inform their linked safeguarding officer. The safeguarding officer will carry out the; Notice - Check - Share process. This process involved the DSL, leaders and managers and they will review the concerns and all evidence, prior to referring to Channel.

The referral process should be kept simple and easy to follow. Prevent concerns could be left to escalate if the process for referral is in any way complicated. There is a flow chart attached, to support the referral process within this policy.

12. British Values

12.1. The Company actively promotes the fundamental British values of:

- **Democracy** – an understanding of how citizens can influence making through the democratic process.
- **The rule of law** – an appreciation that living under the rule of law protects individual citizens and is essential for wellbeing and safety.
- **Individual liberty** – an understanding that the freedom to choose and hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law.
- **Mutual respect** – an acceptance that other people having different faiths or beliefs (or having none) should be accepted and tolerated and should not be the cause of prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour.
- **Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs** – an understanding of the importance of identifying and combatting discrimination.

12.2. Actively promoting these values means challenging opinions or behaviours that are contrary to fundamental British values. Employees should not promote, or tolerate to be promoted, views or theories as fact which are contrary to established scientific or historical evidence and explanation. The aim is to improve safeguarding and standards of spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development, and to strengthen barriers to extremism.

12.3. The British Values and Prevent duty to relate to the Equality Act 2010 as we seek to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment or victimisation.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic, and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic, and those who do not.
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13. Reporting Procedure for Safeguarding and Prevent

- 13.1. Safeguarding is the term that describes the function of protecting adults and children from abuse, neglect, and radicalisation. All suspicions or allegations will be taken seriously. Employees should be aware that the needs of the adult or child at risk are paramount and must always act in the best interests of the adult or child at risk. If in doubt a referral to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) must be made.
- 13.2. If a customer, learner, or employee makes a safeguarding disclosure about an employee/ associate/ contracted staff member of the Company, this must be referred immediately to a Safeguarding Designated Lead without delay. Any instances involving staff will be dealt with through the relevant Company policies and procedures.
- 13.3. If any customer, learner or employee makes a disclosure to any member of staff highlighting a safeguarding issue – i.e. a suspicion of abuse or neglect – or there is a reasonable belief of a safeguarding issue, it should be reported immediately, in the first instance, to the line manager. It is imperative that under no circumstances should any staff member agree to keep a disclosure confidential.
- 13.4. The line manager will assess the situation and, if the line manager considers that there has been or is reasonably likely to be an incident of abuse or neglect, will report the matter to the Designated Safeguarding Lead using the Safeguarding Concern Form.
- 13.5. When assessing any (potential) safeguarding issue, the criteria to be used are as follows:
- what the actual risks are – the likelihood and seriousness of an incident occurring (or reoccurring).
 - the views of the adult or child at risk in relation to the risk of harm.
 - the person's ability to protect themselves
 - the factors that increase or reduce the risk of harm.
 - above all to ensure that the person reporting the concern feels that they are taken seriously and are given all the support required.
- 13.6. When referring a safeguarding matter to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, the line manager must, in the first instance, email the Safeguarding Concern Form immediately to the Safeguarding Designated Lead, followed by a telephone call to confirm receipt and discuss the matter.
- 13.7. The Designated Safeguarding Lead will review the Safeguarding Concern Form and assess (see 13.5) whether the matter needs to be referred on to an appropriate agency or authority or if support is required where it is not deemed to be a safeguarding concern.
- 13.8. If an incident of abuse is a criminal offence then the matter will be referred to the Police immediately. Examples of when action may be considered a criminal offence include assault, whether physical or psychological, sexual assault or abuse, theft, fraud or other forms of financial exploitation, and certain forms of discrimination, whether on racial or gender grounds.
- 13.9. Other incidents of abuse will be reported by the Designated Safeguarding Lead to Adult Social Services, the Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) and/or Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) as appropriate. The Designated Person will complete the Safeguarding Risk Assessment Form and file

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securely. The DSL will work with Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs (MASH), the Police, Samaritans, and Channel as appropriate.

Prevent Communication Process

- If you are worried about anyone who is at risk of being radicalised by people who are involved in, or support, terrorism please contact:
 - in an emergency, dial 999
 - Anti-Terror Hotline 0800 789 321
- If you consider anything to be suspicious or connected with terrorism, contact Police on the non-emergency number 101.
- If you suspect it, report it.
- Concern raised about staff member, learner, or customer welfare in terms of potential risk of radicalisation.
- Immediately discuss concerns with line manager or one of designated members of staff.
- Make a written record using the Safeguarding Concern form, as soon as practicable after concerns are raised and hand to line manager or one of designated members of staff.
- Once reviewed the designated person may feel that no further safeguarding/prevent action should be taken, however it may be appropriate to offer the learner or customer some ongoing support.
- If concerns continue then the designated member of staff will contact the relevant local authority and follow the referral process.
- The local authority/police acknowledges receipt of referral and decides on next course of action. Note: The Company may be asked to participate with a multi-agency approach under Channel but will be guided by Prevent team.

14. Designated Persons

- 14.1. The Company has designated persons who are ultimately responsible for all safeguarding issues within the Company:

Designated Safeguarding Lead – see Annex A for role requirements

Helen Wilman-Scales – helen.wilman-scales@dovenest.co.uk 07483 083152

Designated Safeguarding Officer

Graham Murphy – graham.murphy@dovenest.co.uk 07814771261

Deputy Safeguarding Coordinators:

Jenny Jones – jenny.jones@dovenest.co.uk

Lucy Hall – lucy.hall@dovenest.co.uk

The Chairperson also acts as a Designated Person; however, all safeguarding matters are dealt with foremost by the Lead Designated Person.

Out of Hours:

The Company does not operate outside of 8.30am – 5pm Monday to Friday, however, should there be any cause for concern outside of office hours, please contact Helen Wilman-Scales - 07725764516.

In the event of any emergency please call emergency services on 999.

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- 14.2. The role of the Designated Person is to take lead responsibility for managing safeguarding and prevent issues. This involves providing advice and support to other staff, making referrals to, and liaising with, the local authority and working with other agencies. The Designated Person is a member of the Senior Management Team and takes responsibility for the Company's safeguarding practice, policy, procedures, and professional development.
- 14.3. The Designated Safeguarding Person receives all referrals and reports. The Designated Person is ultimately responsible for deciding action to be taken and retains all documentary safeguarding reports.

15. Safeguarding Information and Data

- 15.1. The Company will manage its employees', customers', and learners' information in line with statutory and contractual requirements and in accordance with the organisation's own values of being straightforward, accessible, and professional. As the Company handles sensitive personal information about people, it must ensure that there is no unauthorised access, loss, misuse, modification, or disclosure of this information, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation policy.
- 15.2. The General Data Protection Regulation does not prevent an employer from carrying out effective vetting controls but balances the employer's needs and the applicant's right to respect for his or her private life. The important considerations are (i) that checks are carried out uniformly on a non-discriminatory basis and (ii) that the data subject's rights regarding their data, where relevant, are respected.
- 15.3. All relevant documentation will be kept securely locked and a clear desk Policy must always be in place by those involved in handling personal information. Any documents that contain personal data and require disposal should be securely shredded, and any related documents that need to be emailed must be encrypted following the proper encryption process.
- 15.4. When safeguarding children or adults at risk, there may be a need to disclose personal or sensitive information to someone from another organisation. The Company will only do this where the law permits, and where disclosure is in the best interests (safeguarding) of the person, including the prevention of a crime and on a need to know basis.
- 15.5. Wherever abuse is alleged or suspected, the Company will seek to share information between relevant professionals in exploring how to protect the individual concerned or others. People who are subject to abuse or allegations of abuse and their families have a right to expect that confidences will be respected, and their privacy protected. But where their "vital interests" (that is questions of life or death), "best interests", or the public interest are involved, establishing the facts through information sharing takes precedence.
- 15.6. Information can be shared in certain circumstances with other people or agencies in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation, 2018. Data can be shared with third parties "in the vital interest of the data subject" or "in the public interest" (e.g. in the interest of the client or others in the same setting). Examples of when this may be appropriate will be if there is a need to seek information from another agency, or there is a potential risk to others from the alleged abuser. Any information relating to the accusation/suspicion of abuse should and can be shared with the Social Services department or Police investigating the case.

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- 15.7. If personal or sensitive information is to be shared, this will be done (where possible) with the person's agreement. In the absence of such, assessment of their best interests may still justify further enquiries, while questions involving the public interest may justify overriding their views. Where adults lack capacity to safeguard themselves, others will need to make decisions for them in accordance with the Code of Practice and in the person's best interests. The rights of "whistle-blowers" and of alleged perpetrators of abuse will also be respected.
- 15.8. Information shared will always be on a "need to know" basis, i.e. such which is necessary to achieve the objective of safeguarding adults and children at risk. Care will be taken to ensure the quality of the information shared, e.g. names, addresses and dates of birth are accurately recorded.

16. Duty to refer Information

- 16.1. The Safeguarding schemes and this Policy impose a duty on the Company to refer relevant information about individuals where this may affect their suitability to perform a regulated activity.
- 16.2. The Company is required to make a referral to the DBS where an employee has been cautioned or convicted of a 'relevant offence' (for example, a sexual or violent offence). The Company is also required to make a referral where employees are dismissed or removed from a regulated activity because they have engaged in 'relevant conduct' (for example, endangering someone or engaging in violent or inappropriate sexual conduct) in relation to children and/or adults at risk. A referral must also be made where the individual has satisfied the 'harm test' (for example, where there has been no relevant conduct, but a risk of harm exists). The duty to refer information on an individual remains where he or she would have, or may have, been dismissed, or removed from such work, had he or she not resigned.
- 16.3. If the Company suspects that a crime has been committed, it will also notify the police.
- 16.4. Referrals should be made as soon as the conduct, or allegation, becomes known. The Company will investigate the matter as soon as possible to establish the facts and to gather evidence. As the DBS itself has no investigatory powers, it is important that the Company gathers as much relevant evidence as possible to help determine if the allegations are substantiated, even if the individual has left employment. This will assist the DBS in reaching any subsequent barring decision.
- 16.5. The DBS will consider the facts of each case, including any evidence that has been provided, and reach a decision on whether or not it is appropriate to bar that individual from working in a regulated activity with children and/or vulnerable adults. The individual may have an opportunity to make representations before a barring decision is made but in serious cases the DBS may automatically decide to bar the individual. This may, for example happen where the individual has committed sexual or violent offences against children or adults.

Annex A

Role of the DSL

Governing bodies, proprietors and management committees should ensure an appropriate senior member of staff, from the school or college leadership team, is appointed to the role of designated safeguarding lead.

The designated safeguarding lead should take lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection (including online safety and understanding the filtering and monitoring systems and processes in place). This should be explicit in the role holder's job description. This person should have the appropriate status and authority within the school to carry out the duties of the post. They should be given the time, funding, training, resources and support to provide advice and support to other staff on child welfare and child protection matters, to take part in strategy discussions and inter-agency meetings, and/or to support other staff to do so, and to contribute to the assessment of children.

Deputy designated safeguarding leads

It is a matter for individual schools and colleges as to whether they choose to have one or more deputy designated safeguarding leads. Any deputies should be trained to the same standard as the designated safeguarding lead and the role should be explicit in their job description. Whilst the activities of the designated safeguarding lead can be delegated to appropriately trained deputies, the ultimate lead responsibility for child protection, as set out above, remains with the designated safeguarding lead, this lead responsibility should not be delegated.

Manage referrals

The designated safeguarding lead is expected to:

- refer cases of suspected abuse to the local authority children's social care as required.
- support staff who make referrals to local authority children's social care.
- refer cases to the Channel programme where there is a radicalisation concern as required.
- support staff who make referrals to the Channel programme.
- refer cases where a person is dismissed or left due to risk/harm to a child to the Disclosure and Barring Service as required; and
- refer cases where a crime may have been committed to the Police as required.
- act as a point of contact with the three safeguarding partners.
- liaise with staff (especially pastoral support staff, school nurses, IT Technicians, and SENCOs, or the named person with oversight for SEN in a college and Senior Mental Health Leads) on matters of safety and safeguarding (including online and digital safety) and when deciding whether to make a referral by liaising with relevant agencies; and
- act as a source of support, advice, and expertise for all staff.

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Training

The designated safeguarding lead (and any deputies) should undergo training to provide them with the knowledge and skills required to carry out the role. This training should be updated at least every two years. The designated safeguarding lead should undertake Prevent awareness training. Training should provide designated safeguarding leads with a good understanding of their own role, and the processes, procedures, and responsibilities of other agencies, particularly children's social care, so they:

- ensure each member of staff has access to, and understands, the safeguarding policy and procedures
- understand relevant data protection legislation and regulations, especially the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation.
- understand the importance of information sharing and with safeguarding partners, other agencies, organisations and practitioners.
- can keep detailed, accurate, secure written records of concerns and referrals.
- understand and support the provider with regards to the requirements of the Prevent duty and are able to provide advice and support to staff on protecting learners from the risk of radicalisation.
- can understand the unique risks associated with online safety and be confident that they have the relevant knowledge and up to date capability required to keep learners safe
- can recognise the additional risks that learners with SEN and disabilities (SEND) face online, for example, from online bullying, grooming and radicalisation and are confident they have the capability to support
- obtain access to resources and attend any relevant or refresher training courses; and
- encourage a culture of listening to learners and taking account of their wishes and feelings, among all staff, in any measures the provider may put in place to protect them.

In addition to the formal training set out above, their knowledge and skills should be refreshed (this might be via e-bulletins, meeting other designated safeguarding leads, or simply taking time to read and digest safeguarding developments) at regular intervals, as required, and at least annually, to allow them to understand and keep up with any developments relevant to their role.

Raise Awareness

The designated safeguarding lead should:

- ensure the safeguarding policies are known, understood, and used appropriately.
- ensure the safeguarding policy is reviewed annually (as a minimum) and the procedures and implementation are updated and reviewed regularly, and work with governing bodies or proprietors regarding this.
- ensure the safeguarding policy is available publicly and learners/ employers know referrals about suspected abuse or neglect may be made
- link with the safeguarding partner arrangements to make sure staff are aware of any training opportunities and the latest local policies on local safeguarding arrangements.
- help promote educational outcomes by sharing the information about the welfare, safeguarding and child protection issues that learners are experiencing, or have experienced. Their role could include ensuring that the school or college, and their staff, know who these learners are, understand their academic progress and attainment and maintain a culture of high aspirations for this cohort; supporting teaching staff to identify the challenges that learners in this group might face and the additional academic support and adjustments that they could make to best support these learners.

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Staff training

- All staff undergo safeguarding and child protection training (including online safety which, amongst other things, includes an understanding of the expectations, applicable roles and responsibilities in relation to filtering and monitoring) at induction.
- All staff receive regular safeguarding and child protection updates, including online safety (for example, via email, e-bulletins, staff meetings) as required, and at least annually, to continue to provide them with relevant skills and knowledge to safeguard children effectively.
- As part of the requirement for staff to undergo regular updated safeguarding training, including in relation to online safety and for children to be taught about safeguarding, including in relation to online safety, that safeguarding training for staff, including online safety training, is integrated, aligned and considered as part of the whole school or college safeguarding approach and wider staff training and curriculum planning.

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Appendix 1: Safeguarding/Wellbeing Concern Reporting Form

This form is to be used to record basic information in the light of an allegation, suspicion, or disclosure of a potential safeguarding/Wellbeing concern. The form can also be used for support/guidance/signposting given to an Apprentice/ Learner.			
Once completed please return to the Designated Safeguarding Leads: Helen Wilman-Scales helen.wilman-scales@dovenest.co.uk			
Name of person completing the form			
Date form completed			
Name of learner			
Brief Description of the safeguarding/wellbeing concern (use additional pages if required) <i>Remember to only record factual information. Do not add your own opinion.</i>			
(Designated Safeguarding Lead use only)			
Date form received			
Name of DSL Completing form			
Outcome/discussions			
Date case closed		Date form communicated back to LDS	
Safeguarding/Wellbeing Case number			

Be mindful of the need to be confidential at all times.

Consider password protecting this document before sharing, please share password with DSL separately.

This information must only be shared with your Designated Safeguarding Lead and others that have a need to know –e.g. to keep the person safe whilst waiting for action to be taken.

Appendix 2 – Supplementary guidance on safeguarding and prevent issues

Department for Education guidance

Safeguarding children who may have been trafficked

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-who-may-have-been-trafficked-practice-guidance>

Safeguarding children and young people affected by gang activity

[Criminal exploitation and gangs | NSPCC](#)

Multi-agency statutory guidance on female genital mutilation

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-statutory-guidance-on-female-genital-mutilation>

Forced marriage

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forced-marriage>

Child abuse linked to faith or belief: national action plan

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-action-plan-to-tackle-child-abuse-linked-to-faith-or-belief>

Use of reasonable force in schools

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/use-of-reasonable-force-in-schools>

Safeguarding children and young people from sexual exploitation

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-and-young-people-from-sexual-exploitation-supplementary-guidance>

Safeguarding children in whom illness is fabricated or induced

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-in-whom-illness-is-fabricated-or-induced>

Preventing and tackling bullying

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-and-tackling-bullying>

Keeping children safe in education

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-practitioners-information-sharing-advice>

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Safeguarding disabled children

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-disabled-children-practice-guidance>

National service framework: children, young people, and maternity services

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-service-framework-children-young-people-and-maternity-services>

Child abuse concerns: guide for practitioners

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-to-do-if-youre-worried-a-child-is-being-abused--2>

Guidance issued by other government departments and agencies

Forced marriage

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forced-marriage>

Stop forced marriage

<https://www.gov.uk/stop-forced-marriage>

Violence against women and girls

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/violence-against-women-and-girls>

Working together to safeguard children

[Working together to safeguard children - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/working-together-to-safeguard-children)

Guidance for health professionals on domestic violence

NHS National Treatment Agency: Guidance on development of Local Protocols between drug and Alcohol Treatment Services and Local Safeguarding and Family Services

[Developing local substance misuse safeguarding protocols - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/developing-local-substance-misuse-safeguarding-protocols)

Disclosure & Barring Service

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service>

Child protection and the dental team

[Child Protection - COPDEND](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-protection-and-the-dental-team)

Ministry of Justice: Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements guidance

Prison, probation, and rehabilitation: Public Protection Manual

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