



Safeguarding Briefing - 29th April 2024

Dear Colleague,

Guidance Regarding Outdoor Education Visit Contracts - OEAP

Outdoor educational visits are a cherished memory among thousands of school leavers every year. For many metropolitan pupils it's a chance to see a world they may not have experienced, for more rural pupils they're a chance to better get to know the world they inhabit. In any case these visits are often packed with activities and wonderment which are conducive to the development, of well rounded characters as they march into adulthood. However, aside from the logistical undertaking that such trips provide - an issue that is no doubt significant, there are also other considerations. Chiefly the business of dealing with contracts governing the execution of outdoor educational visits. These documents can be tricky to navigate, but fortunately the Outdoor Education Advisers Panel (OEAP) has drafted guidance aimed to ease this very issue. Please follow the link below to find out more:

<https://oeapng.info/15686-guidance-regarding-outdoor-education-visit-contracts/>

Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding - Department for Education

The Department for Education is currently seeking views of professionals in the educational sphere, on proposed changes to safeguarding requirements in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). These changes will affect the statutory framework within EYFS. The idea is to make safeguarding requirements in this arena more comprehensive for early years providers, to bolster pupil's safety in that crucial period. Views on

this area can be submitted by childminders, childminder agencies, early education and childcare providers, nurseries, preschools and schools and any other party to early years education. To find out how to contribute to this consultation, please follow the link below:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/early-years-safeguarding-health-and-wellbeing/early-years-safeguarding-consultation/>

Staff Question of the Week

Teenage boys in particular are at risk of sextortion, but what is the process the criminals might go through?

- 1) Connect with a teenager using one of the social media apps or games
- 2) Encourage them to move onto a platform with video, possibly encrypted
- 3) Start a conversation which quickly turns sexual
- 4) Encourage them to put on their video camera
- 5) The criminal usually posing as a teenage girl either makes excuses why their camera isn't working or possibly even uses a pre-recorded video
- 6) The teenager is encouraged to remove their clothing or to perform intimate activity
- 7) The criminal makes a recording made of the activity
- 8) Blackmail statement made

To find out more about this new phenomena please follow the link below:

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/sextortion/>

Did Someone Forward this Safeguarding Briefing to You?

If you would like to receive your own copy of the Safeguarding Briefing, simply go to: www.safeguardingbriefing.co.uk

Rethinking Domestic Abuse and Child Protection - Research in Practice

On the 25th of June 2024, between the hours of 13:00 and 16:00 the Research in Practice organisation will be hosting a teams event, on the

topic of rethinking domestic abuse and child protection. The talk will be the culmination of a research project funded by the Nuffield Foundation and undertaken by researchers from the University of Sheffield, Huddersfield and Kingston. This study sought to enhance the national response to domestic abuse and child protection. The session is aimed at practitioners, policy makers, social workers and commissioners. To request a place please follow the link below:

<https://www.researchinpractice.org.uk/children/events-learning/2024/june/rethinking-domestic-abuse-and-child-protection-rdac-messages-for-research>

Book a consultancy Call with Andrew Hall

Sometimes issues arise in safeguarding leadership where a full day's consultancy, with the costs, time and travel involved is excessive, and a shorter conversation would be really helpful. (As you'll understand, I'm afraid it won't be possible to offer advice about individual cases.)

You can choose to book a 45-minute Zoom call or phone call here: bookaconsultancycall.co.uk

Kidsafe UK - Taster Sessions

Kidsafe UK is currently offering free one hour taster sessions of its safeguarding programme aimed at the primary education sector. The organisation is currently a leading provider of children's mental health and safeguarding training for schools. Their aim is to deliver age-appropriate but engaging safeguarding programmes to pupils. They specialise in the education of primary school pupils on the areas of mental health and emotional well-being. If you're interested in seeing what they have to offer, then please click on the link below:

<https://www.kidsafeuk.co.uk/free-one-hour-find-out-more-taster-sessions/>

Not in School: Mental Health Barriers to Attendance Report - CYPMHC

The Children and Young People's Mental Health Coalition and Centre for Mental Health (CYPMHC), has recently published a report on the issue of school attendance. The report focused on investigating the mental health causes of absenteeism and produced recommendations across four key

areas. The authoring organisation is a collaborative network of over 300 organisations, including mental health organisations, youth support services and educational institutions. To find out more about the report, and to read its contents please click on the link below:

<https://cypmhc.org.uk/publications/not-in-school/>

Forthcoming Courses

Advanced Safeguarding for DSLs

This is a four-session course for DSLs over a full-day. The course is offered live and as a recorded replay. When the course is live, there are plenty of opportunities to contribute with observations, questions or answers. As a recording, the interactions from other people are included and feedback notes that this makes it feel like you are not on your own.

"I just wanted to say that I thought today's training was absolutely fantastic. By a mile it was the most engaging training I have done."

Next live online courses

Wednesday 17th April 2024 [Book here](#)

Tuesday 14th May 2024 [Book here](#)

The on-demand course is always available and is updated after each live session [Book Online](#)

Live and in-person

Monday 10th June 2024 LONDON [Book here](#)

At your school or venue

Remember that you can book Andrew to share his Advanced Safeguarding for DSLs' Course at your own school or organisation. The group size can be up to 25, and to spread the cost, the group can be made up of people from more than one school, so why not invite your neighbours! Email office@safeguardingschools.co.uk to enquire.

Conference Speaking

My conference keynote is centered around safeguarding, and also includes examples from my learning as a teacher, headteacher and consultant in a wide variety of schools and organisations. I aim to be inspiring, motivating and inspirational and feedback has been positive.

Just email office@safeguardingschools.co.uk with your ideas about how I can support your event.

Other available online courses include:

Whole School Safeguarding Course

Safeguarding Refresher

An Introduction to Cybersecurity

For further details, go to:

www.safeguardingschools.co.uk/availablecourses

Until next time, keep safe,

Andrew Hall

Specialist Safeguarding Consultant,

Director, Success In Schools Ltd.

Are you a busy DSL with no time?

Need a place to ask questions. find support and download resources

Click here and join Safeguarding.Pro today!