



# Safeguarding Newsletter

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### **Keeping Children Safe in Education July 2015 (Part 1 and full document)**

You will know that this is the key statutory guidance for all schools with a requirement that all staff are familiar with Part 1. We advised you on updates to these in March 2015 in the last Newsletter. Both documents have now been further updated to reflect the new Prevent duty, to emphasise responsibilities concerning Children Missing from Education, and to provide more content on Female Genital Mutilation. Please ensure your Policies reflect this latest version.

### **Female Genital Mutilation**

FGM comprises all procedures involving partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or other injury to the female genital organs. It is often carried out on girls aged between 5-8 years. FGM is illegal in the UK and a form of child abuse with long-lasting harmful consequences.

Professionals in all agencies, and individuals and groups in relevant communities, need to be alert to the possibility of a girl being at risk of FGM, or already having suffered FGM.

Where a teacher discovers that an act of FGM appears to have been carried out on a girl who is aged under 18, there will be a statutory duty upon that individual to report it to the police.

## **What does this mean for you?**

If you suspect FGM has been carried out you have a duty to report it to the police. This will become a mandatory duty on 15 October 2015 so to not report would be an offence. Referrals can be made using the usual inter-agency referral form via the Central Referral Unit.

## **What are the indicators?**

There are a range of indicators and risk factors, full details can be found via the links below. In general there are risk factors related to culture, country of origin, previous practice in the family (mother, sisters etc). There are then risk factors it may be about to happen for example a request for extended school holidays to stay or visit relatives in a high risk area (eg east Africa, Somalia, Eritrea, Sudan but also Egypt and parts of West Africa and the Middle East.)

Girls as young as 5 years old from families originating in risk areas may talk about a special ceremony or party involving girls of a similar age. Refusal to allow the child to attend PSHE/SEX education lessons might also be relevant.

Indicators that FGM has recently taken place can be physical discomfort, urinary problems etc. Indicators that this has happened in the past include recurrent infection or psychological issues. Older girls may not realise that the problems relate to the FGM that they experienced when they were young.

Further information is available via the NSPCC helpline on 0800 0283550

The full national guidance is available at this link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/female-genital-mutilation-guidelines>

A resource pack is available

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/female-genital-mutilation-resource-pack/female-genital-mutilation-resource-pack>

Online training is available from the Home Office. You will need to register. It takes about an hour to complete.

<https://www.fgmelearning.co.uk/>

## **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)**

CSE involves exploitative situations, contexts and relationships where young people receive something (for example food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, gifts, money or in some cases simply affection) as a result of engaging in sexual activities. What marks out exploitation is an imbalance of power in the relationship.

CSE involves varying degrees of coercion, intimidation or enticement, including unwanted pressure from peers to have sex, sexual bullying including cyberbullying and grooming.

Advice regarding CSE can be accessed via the link below. We recommend schools should access the CSE toolkit which helps identify levels of risk if there are concerns around CSE.

<http://www.kscb.org.uk/guidance/sexual-abuse-and-exploitation>

Free online training about many safeguarding issues including CSE and FGM are available from the Kent Safeguarding Children Board. All you need to do is register at the link below

<http://www.kscb.org.uk/e-learning/e-learning-courses>

There are also live courses in both CSE and FGM available from KSCB. The CSE course is half day. The FGM is an hour and a half “what you need to know” session.

## Serious Crime Act 2015

The Serious Crime Act 2015 received Royal Assent on 3 March 2015. It builds on current criminal and civil law to ensure that the National Crime Agency, the police and other law enforcement agencies can continue effectively and relentlessly to pursue, disrupt and bring to justice serious and organised criminals.

Part 5 of this new act protects children from serious crimes and organised criminals. Some are new provisions and some are revisions of existing provisions. It makes a number of distinct changes to the criminal law to enhance the protection of children from cruelty, protecting girls from female genital mutilation and strengthening the protection afforded to victims of domestic abuse. In summary these new powers are:

- Updating and clarifying the offence of child cruelty to make it explicit that it covers psychological suffering or injury as well as physical harm. (Section 66)
- A new criminal offence of sexual communication with a child. (Section 67)
- Amends existing sexual offences legislation so as to recognise children as victims rather than consenting participants (Section 68)
- A new offence making it illegal to possess material that contains advice or guidance about abusing children sexually. (Section 69)
- Extends the extra-territorial reach of female genital mutilation offences and providing anonymity to victims. (Sections 70 and 71)
- A new offence of failing to protect a girl under 16 from the risk of female genital mutilation. (Section 72)
- Provision for female genital mutilation protection orders to protect victims and likely victims. (Section 73)
- A new duty on professionals to notify the police of acts of female genital mutilation. (Section 74)
- A new offence criminalising repeated or continuous coercive or controlling behaviour perpetrated against an intimate partner or family member which has a serious effect on the victim. (Sections 76 and 77)

Further detail is available in a briefing note via the link

## Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015

From 1 July 2015 all schools and registered early years and childcare providers are subject to a duty under Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, to have “*due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism*”. This is known as the “Prevent Duty”. In order for schools and childcare providers to fulfil the Prevent Duty, it is essential that staff are able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and know what to do when they are identified. Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation should be seen as part of schools’ and childcare providers’ wider safeguarding duties and is similar in nature to protecting children from other harms (e.g. drugs, gangs, neglect and sexual exploitation), whether these come from within their family or are the product of outside influences.

All schools and early years and childcare providers in Kent have been advised to complete a self-assessment toolkit developed by the South East Counter Terrorism Unit (SECTU) to consider whether they have processes in place to fulfil the Prevent Duty. This includes the need to be mindful of the purpose of external organisations or individuals using the school/setting site.

All staff, volunteers, governors and committee members are also strongly advised to complete an online general awareness training package developed by The National Counter Terrorism Policing Headquarters (NCTPHQ), in conjunction with the College of Policing. The package includes information on how Channel (the multi-agency approach to protect people from being drawn into terrorist related activity) links to the Government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy. It covers the Prevent guidance on how to identify people who may be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism and how to refer them into the Channel process.

If staff or volunteers have a concern about potential radicalisation, the school or setting's normal safeguarding procedures, including discussing with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), should be followed. If deemed necessary, the DSL can discuss further with the Education Safeguarding Team. Staff can also contact Kent police on 101 to seek advice or e-mail the Kent Channel coordinator directly at [channel@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:channel@kent.pnn.police.uk)

Finally, the Department for Education has dedicated a telephone helpline (020 7340 7264) to raise concerns relating to extremism. Concerns can also be raised by email to [counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk). Please note that the helpline is not intended for use in emergency situations, such as a child being at immediate risk of harm or a security incident, in which case the normal emergency procedures should be followed.

#### **Link to training**

[http://course.ncalt.com/Channel\\_General\\_Awareness/01/index.html](http://course.ncalt.com/Channel_General_Awareness/01/index.html)

#### **Link to DfE Prevent Duty guidance**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/439598/prevent-duty-departmental-advice-v6.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/439598/prevent-duty-departmental-advice-v6.pdf)

#### **Link to Self-Assessment Form**

[http://www.kelsi.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/31744/Education-Prevent-Assessment-SETU-Tool.pdf](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/31744/Education-Prevent-Assessment-SETU-Tool.pdf)

### **Ofsted Common Inspection Framework**

New guidance was published in June 2015 "Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills settings" (June 2015).

Safeguarding will be judged under leadership and management and the new category of personal development, welfare and behaviour.

As you are already aware, the emphasis on safeguarding is about creating a safe environment where children are safe and feel safe and adults understand their safeguarding responsibilities. KCSIE 2015 covers schools' responsibilities for safeguarding and all staff are required to have accessed and read Part 1. Some schools are evidencing this by adding the details to their Single Central Record.

There is an emphasis on ensuring that staff are aware of current issues in safeguarding such as CSE, CME, FGM and Prevent. There is also an expectation that schools are aware of local issues such as gangs or drug misuse and are taking steps to protect pupils from these concerns.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-safeguarding-in-early-years-education-and-skills-from-september-2015>

School Inspection Handbook (for Section 5 inspections) (June 2015)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspection-handbook-from-september-2015>

## **NSPCC Net Aware Campaign – Request for help from Secondary Schools**

For those of you who are not aware, earlier this year the NSPCC launched the Net Aware website, a parent's guide to social networking. It provides parents with a guide to the social media apps and sites including sign-up age, reporting and blocking features and how to change privacy settings. <http://www.net-aware.org.uk/> Information about how the Net Aware resources can be used by schools can be found here: <https://kentesafety.wordpress.com/2015/05/27/nspcc-net-aware-resource-ideas-for-use/>

The NSPCC are planning to undertake a full review of the Net Aware guide to ensure that they have the most up to date information for parents and they would like to invite Kent secondary schools to help! The NSPCC would like to invite secondary schools to ask their students to fill in a short survey which asks young people to tell them what are the new sites and apps they've been using recently: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ShareAware2>. The deadline for responding to this survey is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

The second part of the process will take place in October 2015, when the NSPCC would like children in secondary schools to feed into a more detailed survey reviewing the apps used by children and young people during an hour session. The NSPCC are also available to come into the school to run these sessions. More information is available here: <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/methodology/>

If secondary schools are interested in participating then please contact [participationunit@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:participationunit@nspcc.org.uk) by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Parent Zone – Digital Schools Membership**

The parent Zone have updated their Digital Parenting resources and are now offering schools the opportunity to become part of their Digital School programme. Digital School membership includes:

- Access to a host of online resources designed to use with parents, pupils, staff and governors.
- Lesson plans and guidance for teaching e-Safety in the curriculum.
- Monthly briefings written on latest trends in e-Safety.
- A dedicated help service for parents, staff & governors.
- Entry to the Digital School Awards, awarded to the school that can demonstrate innovation in e-Safety practices and presented at our annual Digital Families conference.
- A Digital School badge to display on your website and certificate to display at school.

To find out more about becoming a Digital School, please visit [http://www.theparentzone.co.uk/digital\\_school\\_membership/5535](http://www.theparentzone.co.uk/digital_school_membership/5535) or contact [yasmin@theparentzone.co.uk](mailto:yasmin@theparentzone.co.uk).

## **Parent Info – Free Resource for School Websites for Parents and Carers**

[CEOP](#) and [the Parent Zone](#) have launched [ParentInfo](#), a resource aimed at bringing together expert, up-to-date content for parents and carers which schools can host on their own websites. Schools can sign up for the service at [ParentInfo.org](http://ParentInfo.org) and start hosting information for parents and carers on their website today. ParentInfo is quick and simple to set up. For more information and technical support contact: [support@theparentzone.co.uk](mailto:support@theparentzone.co.uk)

## Online Safety Briefings – Free Workshop

The UK Safer Internet Centre are working with Kent County Council and Kent Police to offer professionals the chance to access a two hour online safety briefing on the 19th November, 09:30-11:30 at Kent Police Training College.

These sessions are designed for any professional working with children and young people, and certainly not just designated ICT leads in schools. There will be lots in the session for those in Senior Management, those who are accountable for governance, need to steer holistic approaches and formulate strategy as well as practitioners who are keen to extend knowledge and increase effectiveness. There will be content about current technology, latest trends and issues that are emerging, a focus on some of the key research that is being carried out and the important findings from it. There is also signposting to useful sources of support and every delegate who attends will have access to a resource base through a password issued to them.

To book please visit:

[events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ebgn6hs39deaa1fe&oseq=&c=&ch](https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ebgn6hs39deaa1fe&oseq=&c=&ch)

## Safer Internet Day 2015

The UK Safer Internet Centre are pleased to announce that the theme for [Safer Internet Day 2016](#) will be 'Play your part for a better internet'. Safer Internet Day will take place on the 9th February 2016 and is coordinated in the UK by the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) (made up of [Childnet](#), [SWGfL](#) and [IWF](#)) and the event sees [hundreds of organisations](#) get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Make sure you book the 9th February 2016 into your diaries and calendars and start planning your events and celebrations soon! More information including links to Safer Internet Day events and resources will be published on the blog when available.

## Kent Safeguarding Children Board networking workshops

Dates for further KSCB networking workshops have now been announced. These sessions have been running throughout the county to enable frontline staff to explore key safeguarding issues and to understand the Safeguarding Board's priorities for 2014/2015. The events provide an opportunity for practitioners to share concerns and views which can be used to influence strategic planning and policy development.

We encourage you, where possible to book onto a "**Safeguarding Partnership Networking Event (KSCB)**" within the district that you work so that you are able to make the most of the networking opportunity. Details and places can be obtained via [Multi Agency Training on CPD online](#) search using keyword 'networking'.

## Kent Safeguarding Children Board Annual Conference

The Kent Safeguarding Children Board Annual Conference 2015 is taking place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at the Ashford International Hotel, Ashford, Kent.

To register your interest please visit [Multi Agency Training on CPD online](#) and click on Event Calendar/12<sup>th</sup> November.

## Training

Courses for Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) over the coming Academic year can be accessed as usual via cpdonline. Information and training about CSE, FGM and Prevent will be incorporated into the Refresher training for Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Following the publication of supplementary guidance for schools on these issues that are all high on the political agenda we are also convening a conference for Designated staff on **20<sup>th</sup> October 2015 'Safeguarding - the Wider Agenda: an event for Designated Safeguarding Leads in Schools'** to which specialist guest speakers have been invited. Places can be accessed via "Schools Training Courses" on [CPD online](#)

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Urgent child protection issue outside of office hours,  
Call the **Central Duty** Out of Hours Number: **03000 41 91 91**

**Early Help & Preventative Services:**  
[earlyhelp@kent.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@kent.gov.uk) or ring 03000 419222