

Education: Early Help and Safeguarding Newsletter

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Welcome to the Education Early Help and Safeguarding Team newsletter. This is a fortnightly publication designed to keep schools up to date with safeguarding information but also to draw attention to new content on the Schools Safeguarding website.

Meet the Education Safeguarding Team



Julia Davey
Interim Head of Service

Julia joined the Education Safeguarding Team in December 2016 as Team Manager and is currently acting up into the Head of Service role. Julia has a strong background in Safeguarding and SEND and has led on national projects on behalf of the Local Authority. As a manager within Children's Social Care, Julia particularly enjoyed developing national training for family support workers and delivering systemic supervision. Within Education, Julia worked in SEND support as a School Advisor for Autism and also acted as a National Educational Lead for Tourette's Syndrome. In 2018 Julia worked with the Assistant Director for SEND on the construction of the SEND Written Statement of Action and returned to the team in April 2019 as strategic lead for Education Safeguarding.



Emma-Louise Hodgson
Team manager

Emma-Louise was a primary school teacher for eighteen years, Deputy Headteacher, SENCo and DSL for seven. Following secondment to a developmental role in CASS/MASH in 2016, she has been managing the CASS/MASH Education Officers who are part of the Education: Early Help and Safeguarding Team. She has established a good working knowledge of Birmingham's RHRT threshold document, and has particular interests in Domestic Abuse, Contextual Safeguarding and Early Help.





Jane Daniel
Education Safeguarding
Officer

Jane joined the Education Safeguarding Team in March 2018 with a background in Education Welfare; specialising for 13 years in School Admissions, Fair Access, Attendance and Children Missing Education. With her detailed knowledge of statutory requirements and legislation, Jane has been instrumental in the development of our safeguarding audits and website.



Samantha Hayes
Education Safeguarding
Officer

Sam joined the Education Safeguarding Team in November 2018. Sam's background is in Early Years, spending over 14 years working in various early education and childcare settings. She then went on to join a Family Support and Safeguarding Team in the role of a Family Support Worker - working with children, young people and families to engage with early help interventions and multi-agency support. Sam has recently been supporting Early Help in schools and guiding settings through the PBR process.



Jason Halstead
CASS/ MASH DSL

Jason brings over twenty years' experience of working in inner city secondary school to the Education Safeguarding Team. He is an Assistant Head Teacher with 6 years' experience as lead DSL. Jason specialises in school attendance, behaviour and exclusions.





Elizabeth Clabon
CASS/MASH DSL

After starting her career in mainstream primary, Liz has worked in Special Schools, primary, secondary and post 16, for the past 15 years. She has been a Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, and most recently Deputy Head at a secondary specialist Autistic Spectrum Condition School. She has vast experience in Special Educational Needs, Social, Emotional & Mental Health and Autistic Spectrum Condition and has been a Designated Safeguarding Lead for 6 years.

Moira Gilligan

Conspicuous by her absence this year is Moira. Moira left us at the end of the year to take up a manager post within School and Governor Support. Huge thanks to Moira for all her work with the team. We look forward to the developments for the Safeguarding Governor role that Moira will bring.

2020 GOALS: Digital solutions

As a team we have big goals for 2020. As you will be aware your subscriptions support the Education Safeguarding duty line, conferences, workshops and safeguarding audits. This year we are committed to developing digital solutions to improve our service to support our subscribing schools with industry standard tools.

February updates and workshops

Following feedback from the October sessions we will be continuing with the half hour update section and one-and-a-half-hour workshop format.

This term the focus for the workshop will be Early Help interventions. This workshop has been designed to support school staff directly supporting children who have experienced traumatic events, including peer on peer and domestic abuse. ***Please book through BESS***

Podcasts: mental health in schools

We have been delighted to commission a series of 10 podcasts from James Reeley. Many of you may have heard James talk about the teenage brain, his accessible and inspirational delivery makes James an ideal podcast communicator. James is keen



to interact with as many of you as possible and shape the series together. Our first episode will be out after half term.

Digital DSL Toolbox

A huge thank you to all of you that are piloting the new Safeguarding Audit. We are really pleased with the content but very aware that a huge excel spreadsheet is not user friendly. We are therefore working with PHEW, the company that has developed the new S175, to create a digital DSL tool box. The tool box will contain all the information in the audit tool and the Education Safeguarding webpages. We will keep you posted with progress.

Filming of half day DSL conferences

Torrential rain aside! Conferences can be hard to access. Also, it is often more helpful to access information when we need it rather than when it has been scheduled. We have therefore arranged to have our half day strategic conferences recorded so that you can access at any time.

Podcast recommendations

- 'The DSL Podcast' hosted by Services for Education includes what to do before and during the 2 day DSL course, what to do after the 2 day DSL course, how to prepare for a strategy discussion and what happens during a strategy discussion <https://www.servicesforeducation.co.uk/safeguarding/>
- DSL wellbeing: <https://drchatterjee.com/is-there-anything-better-than-movement-for-transforming-the-way-that-you-feel-best-of-2019/>

Training recommendations

Malachi Free Staff Training: Bereavement Awareness

Friday 14th February & Monday 24th February 2020

1pm – 4pm at Billesley Ark, 725 Yardley Wood Road, B13 0PT

Limited spaces: to book please email enquiry@malachi.org.uk or call 0121 441 4556

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