



## SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

### Proposed CPD sessions

coming up....

- ◆ CSE Awareness
- ◆ Teenage Relationship Abuse
- ◆ FGM

Please email Kimberley Maynard if you would be interested in more comprehensive training in these subjects.

### NSPCC SOLUTION

#### FOCUSSED TOOLKIT.

The NSPCC have made available a solution focussed toolkit to provide inspiration for worksheets and activities to use, adapt and devise for the children and young people aged 5-19 that you may work with.

The practice treats the child or young person as the experts of their own lives and encourages them to make positive changes in their lives and move towards the future they want and deserve. If you would like to find out more about the practice please visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources). The full Kit is also available from this site.

## LEGAL CHANGES RELATED TO FGM

As of this month, mandatory reporting commences. This means that where a teacher discovers that an act of FGM appears to have been carried out on a girl who is under the age of 18, there will be a statutory duty upon that individual to report it to the police.

Section 5B of the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 (as inserted by section 74 of the Serious Crime Act 2015) will place a statutory duty upon **teachers along with social workers and healthcare professionals, to report to the police** where they discover (either through disclosure by the victim or visual evidence) that FGM appears to have been carried out on a girl under 18. Those failing to report such cases will face disciplinary sanctions. It will be rare for teachers to see

visual evidence, and they should not be examining pupils, but the same definition of what is meant by “to discover that an act of FGM appears to have been carried out” is used for all professionals to whom this mandatory reporting duty applies.

Now that the Mandatory reporting duty has been introduced, teachers must report to the police cases where they discover that an act of FGM appears to have been carried out. Unless the teacher has a good reason not to, they should still consider and discuss any such case with the school's designated safeguarding lead and involve children's social care as appropriate.



Ace Academy has been working alongside Sandwell Young Carers to improve the support provided to the Young Carers that we have in our school. The Operational Lead for Young Carers within our school is Miss Kimberley Maynard Safeguarding coordinator. Any questions regarding Young Carers or any concerns for a Young Carer within our school should be detailed in an email and sent to Kimberley Maynard.

## SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES WITHIN OUR SCHOOL

By now you should all have had basic safeguarding training and know the schools safeguarding procedures. However this is just another reminder. The Safeguarding and Child Protection Coordinator within school is Miss Kimberley Maynard, based within the Hub. The SLT management of Safeguarding is coordinated by Miss Kerry Kernan Deputy Head also based in the HUB. Any

Safeguarding Concerns however small should be sent in an email on a Record of concern form, which has been sent out to you all. This can be emailed to both [kerry.kernan@acesch.co.uk](mailto:kerry.kernan@acesch.co.uk) and [k.maynard@acesch.co.uk](mailto:k.maynard@acesch.co.uk) It is not always possible to give a comprehensive update of the concern you have logged due to confidentiality reasons however we will endeavor to at minimum return an

email to let you know your concern has been registered and is being dealt with.

**We thank you for your continuing support when it comes to keeping children safe in education. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and requires joined up working and maximum communication.**