

Early Years Safeguarding Support Offer 2026-27

Early Years Providers

The Early Years Team, in partnership with the Oldham Safeguarding Children Partnership (OSCP) is committed to supporting providers to maintain effective safeguarding arrangements and continuously develop safeguarding practice across the sector.

The safeguarding offer for 2026-27 has been shaped by:

- OSCP strategic priorities
- Emerging safeguarding themes locally, regionally and nationally.
- Recent safeguarding incidents and concerns across the sector.
- Updates to *Working Together to Safeguard Children*.
- Learning from Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews.
- Feedback from Early Years providers through the OSCP survey and from safeguarding professionals.

Our aim is to ensure that all settings have access to high-quality safeguarding training, professional networks, resources and updates that support leaders and practitioners to keep children safe.

Face to face training offer

Course	Course summary	Audience
Safer Recruitment	This course will enable participants to confidently apply safer recruitment practices to help safeguard children and recruit suitable staff. The course will support participants to: • Understand the principles of safer recruitment and their safeguarding responsibilities. • Recognise potential concerns during recruitment and selection processes. • Apply safer recruitment practices when recruiting staff and volunteers. • Understand the required pre-employment checks and recruitment documentation. • Make informed decisions that help keep children safe and meet statutory requirements.	Leaders and those involved in the recruitment process in their provision
Designated Safeguarding Lead	This course will enable participants to become familiar with the role and responsibilities of the designated lead for safeguarding children and young people and develop competence and confidence in carrying out this role. The training will support the DSL to:	Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) x2 free places per setting available. <i>NB Additional places can be paid for</i> Renew every 2 years.

	• ensure they meet the statutory requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 and Working Together to Safeguard Children • fully understand the role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead and to gain knowledge on how to fulfil this role effectively in an Early Years Foundation Stage Setting • identify key aspects of good practice within their settings using research and lessons learnt from serious case reviews	
Creating a Positive Safeguarding Culture – new	Strengthening safeguarding leadership and safer organisational cultures. This training will support leaders to: • Develop and embed a strong safeguarding culture • Understand leadership responsibilities for safeguarding • Strengthen quality assurance and governance arrangements • Promote professional challenge and accountability • Reflect on lessons learned from safeguarding reviews and incidents.	Managers, Leaders, Owners, Committees and DSLs
Raising Allegations, Escalation and Professional Curiosity - new	Strengthening practitioner confidence and responsibility. This training focuses on: • Professional curiosity and challenge • Escalation procedures and reporting pathways • Creating safe and supportive team cultures • Contributing to an open safeguarding culture.	Room leaders, EY practitioners

Webinar/ online training

Additional Safeguarding webinar CPD Offer delivered by One Education

A range of safeguarding CPD webinar sessions will continue to be available throughout the year that support ongoing professional development and reflect current safeguarding priorities and emerging risks. **Recorded safeguarding webinars** can be accessed via the early years team; early.years@oldham.gov.uk and include:

- Harmful Sexualised Behaviours
- Effective Record Keeping
- Understanding the Child Protection Process
- SEND and Safeguarding
- Prevent Awareness
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Responding to Concerns of Physical Chastisement
- Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)
- **New** Vulnerable Babies: Capturing the voice of the Baby and Child (the webinar will be delivered live focusing on the unique vulnerabilities of babies and very young children.
- **New** Raising Allegations, Escalation and Professional Curiosity (the webinar will be delivered live focusing on individual safeguarding responsibilities for the early years workforce)
- **New** Early Help – Neglect

The webinar recordings will form part of a growing bank of safeguarding resources settings can access and use as whole-team training.

OSCP Safeguarding webinars - [Training | Oldham Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)

- [Level 1 Safeguarding Course](#) – **mandatory** for all practitioner
- [Identifying and responding to intra-familial child sexual abuse](#) - eLearning course from Centre of Expertise
- [Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\) and Early Trauma](#) - eLearning from Home Office
- [Introduction to Prevent](#) - eLearning package from HM Government
- [Prevent Referrals](#) - course from the Home Office
- [Prevent responsibilities in further education and training](#) - course from the Education and Training Foundation
- [Radicalisation/Channel General Awareness](#) - online course from the Open University
- [Understanding Animal Welfare in Violent Homes](#) - online course from the Virtual College
- [Domestic Homicide Review training for front line practitioners](#) - online course from the Home Office
- [FGM Training](#) from the Home Office
- [FGM Resource Pack](#) from the Home Office
- [Learn to Save a Life](#) - Shining a Light on Suicide
- [30-minute suicide awareness training](#) - Zero Suicide Alliance
- [Autism and suicide awareness training](#) - Zero Suicide Alliance

The Lullaby Trust provide SIDS and Safer Sleep training for early years professionals at a cost of £30 via the link

[SIDS and safer sleep training for early years professionals | The Lullaby Trust](#)

Early Years Safeguarding Network

The Early Years Safeguarding Network takes place twice yearly in the Autumn and Spring Terms. The networks support providers to meet the Statutory requirements set out in the EYFS to *'keep up to date with any changes to safeguarding procedures...'* and to be in position to *'provide support, advice and guidance to all practitioners on an ongoing basis, and on any specific safeguarding issue as required.'* 3.3 EYFS

The network provides opportunities for DSLs and leaders to:

- Receive safeguarding updates from local partners.
- Share good practice and sector challenges.
- Explore emerging safeguarding themes.
- Review learning from Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews.
- Discuss local safeguarding priorities and developments.
- Influence future safeguarding training and support.

OSCP Safeguarding Briefings

Regular safeguarding briefings are provided to help partners remain informed and compliant.

Updates will include:

- Legislative and statutory guidance updates/changes.
- National safeguarding developments.
- Regional and local safeguarding updates.
- Emerging safeguarding themes and risks.
- Learning from safeguarding reviews.
- OSCP priorities, campaigns and key messages such as Neglect; Families First partnership and more

Accessing Training, Support and Resources

Early Years Training Calendar and Briefing Webpage

Early Years training and safeguarding network events can be booked via the Early Years Eventbrite page;

[Oldham Early Years and Primary School Services](#)

Links to online training and webinars can be accessed via;

[Oldham Early years training calendar and briefing](#)

Oldham Safeguarding Children Partnership (OSCP)

Webinars, training, resources, guidance and helpful contact details can be found on;

[Training | Oldham Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)

Stay Connected

Providers are encouraged to sign up to receive the OSCP Safeguarding Newsletter,

To subscribe and access safeguarding information visit <https://www.olscb.org/>

Resources and guidance

- Oldham's Early Years Self Reflection tool
- Materials available from Lullabye Trust; [Home | The Lullaby Trust](#)
- Screen use advice; [Help for early years providers : Screen use](#)
- DfE portal [Help for early years providers : Health and wellbeing](#): This official government portal offers free module learning and practical steps directly aligned with EYFS statutory frameworks. It features individual sections on:
 - **Safer Sleep**: Setting up safe environments and reducing risks.

- **Nutrition & Food Safety:** Building safe eating habits and understanding food safety.
- **Oral Health & Supervised Toothbrushing:** Implementing the EYFS oral hygiene requirements.
- The DfE offers further safeguarding help for EY Providers via; [Help for early years providers : Safeguarding](#)
- The Information Sharing Duty; September 2026 [DfE stat guidance template](#)

Working Together to Keep Children Safe

Through training, networks, briefings and partnership working, the Early Years safeguarding offer aims to ensure that all providers are supported to create safe environments, develop confident practitioners and leaders, and keep the needs, voices and experiences of babies and children at the centre of safeguarding practice.

EYFS safeguarding update reminder;

Changes from 1 September 2026

Strengthened welfare and safeguarding requirements

EYFS frameworks include updates which:

- bring explicit wording on the safer sleep requirements into the main body of the EYFS, so that providers do not need to refer out to separate guidance
- prohibit the provision of registered childcare from any premises where a [banned dog breed](#) is kept or is present
- require providers to inform Ofsted or their childminder agency (CMA) of allegations of 'harm' (instead of 'serious harm') by anyone living, working, or looking after children at the premises
- require enhanced criminal records checks for volunteers (including those who are supervised) and prevent new employees from commencing employment before receiving their check
- amend the requirements for what providers must tell staff they have to disclose, as part of information that may affect their suitability to work with children

The group and school-based version also requires providers of childcare on domestic premises to notify Ofsted or their CMA of changes to persons aged 16 or over living or working at the premises. This aligns with existing requirements for childminders.