

# Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Training

- All new DSL's, and their deputies, must complete the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Training which the Isle of Wight Council offer as a one day course that is run regularly throughout the year.

Please note that due to recent updates to safeguarding, this training is aimed at education settings and Managing Safeguarding Responsibilities is aimed at non-education setting staff – it is similar training, just split by work place to suit you better.

- Each year DSL's must keep their skills updated. Whilst DSL's remain in their current role, it is recommended to attend the annual DSL Conference as continuous professional development, attendance at the DSL conference does not negate the need to complete the Safeguarding training. The conference will include the latest updates relevant to DSL's, however, this is not mandatory and DSL's may choose to attend locality DSL meetings to share ideas and concerns.
- Re-attendance on the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Education Settings) course is required every two years.

# Whole School Safeguarding

- All school staff **must** do a basic Safeguarding Foundation course every three years. Best practice would be they do this as they join the school and then fit into your school cycle of doing this training.
- Learning and Development run whole school Safeguarding Foundation sessions. These can be delivered at your school the training over one development day or two twilights.

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- Schools that refresh this learning more regularly tend to be more effective (personal viewpoint), and this would be evidence of creating a safeguarding culture for Ofsted.

- Relying solely on eLearning does not meet the LSCP standards for staff that have regular face-to-face contact with children.
- Other trainers may exist in the market that you can also use.
- As a DSL you should deliver safeguarding updates to your school or setting.
- It is essential to keep a record for Ofsted.

## **Learning Resource Centre**

- For those schools not subscribed the library at Thompson House is a valuable resource and has material on safeguarding as well as other educational materials for professionals working with children and families.