

Safeguarding Bulletin – 14 January 2026

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Safeguarding bulletin



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>> Places available on our DSL/DDSL training courses this term

There are few places available on the following DSL/DDSL training courses this term. All courses will take place at Southwark Council's Tooley Street office.

- **Two-day induction training: Thursday 5 & Friday 6 March 2026, 9.30am to 4.00pm:** for DSLs and DDSLs who are new to the role or for those who may have had this role in another LA but are new to Southwark.
- **Half-day update training: Tuesday 17 March 2026, 9.00am to 12.30pm.** for DSLs and DDSLs who attended the one-day refresher or the half-day update training two years ago. It will be an opportunity to update on national and local changes in safeguarding children legislation, policies and procedures.
- **One-day refresher training: Friday 20 March 2026, 9.30am to 4.00pm.** for DSLs and DDSLs who attended the two-day induction training two years ago. It is a reflective course and will be an opportunity to reflect on your practice since your induction training.

Please note that a nominal fee is now being applied to our safeguarding training courses to cover the costs of arranging training with our experienced trainers. The charges are:

- **Two-day induction course:** £100 for LA maintained schools; £150 for non-maintained schools
- **One-day refresher course:** £75 for LA maintained schools; £100 for non-maintained schools
- **Half-day update course:** £50 for LA maintained schools; £80 for non-maintained schools.

Please contact the Schools Safeguarding Coordinator Apo Çağırıcı (apo.cagirici@southwark.gov.uk, 020 7525 2715 / 07946 453527) if you or anyone in your school or setting would like to attend any of the above courses or to discuss any other training needs.

[Find out more about safeguarding training in Southwark](#)

Southwark training opportunities

>> **FREE Active Bystander training for staff in Southwark schools - flyer**

A FREE interactive course by identity-based violence prevention charity, Protection Approaches, in partnership with Britain's East and Southeast Asian Network. The expert-led sessions guide professionals through a series of discussions to explore how they can play a role in safely addressing identity-based harms in their community, school, or workplace.

SIGN UP TO ONE OF THE FREE TRAINING SESSIONS BELOW:

[THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2026 \(10.00am to 12.00pm\)](#)

[TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2026 \(10.00am to 12.00pm\)](#)

Joining instructions will be sent out 48 hours prior to the session.

>> **Southwark Virtual School Designated Teacher Training at Tooley Street on 28 January**

Southwark Virtual School invites all designated teachers for looked after children, DSLs and pastoral staff to the in-person training morning on 28 January 2026, 9.30am to 12.30pm at Tooley Street. Training will cover: The role of the Designated Teacher, Pupil Premium, Conducting PEP meetings and setting and monitoring targets, extended duties for PLAC and children in Kinship Care, Attachment Research Community (ARC) membership and achieving kite marks for trauma-informed practice.

Please confirm attendance by completing the form [Designated Teacher Training January Session 2025-26](#).

>> **FREE in-school anti-discrimination/anti-bullying workshops for Southwark secondary schools - flyer**

FREE in-school workshops are available for Southwark secondary schools (year 8 and above) for delivery until the end of March. The workshops available cover important topics like discrimination and racial-bullying, and include a specialist workshop focused on Islamophobia and anti-Semitism, delivered by trained educators from Muslim and Jewish backgrounds. Interested secondary schools/colleges are eligible for as whatever combination of workshops for different classes/year-groups would meet their needs. For more information or to express interest in booking these workshops, please send an email to info@standupeducation.org.

Southwark news

>> **Southwark Primary Behaviour Intervention Toolkit**

Southwark, together with the mental health charity Anna Freud, has produced and launched the evidence-based Primary Behaviour Intervention Toolkit, which aims to support teachers and school staff to better meet the needs of children with behaviours that challenge, and to implement behaviour management strategies, interventions, and techniques.

>> **Southwark Schools Police Officers List**

The Southwark Schools Police Officers List is shared for information. Please note that DWO-CYPs (Dedicated Ward Officer - Children and Young Person) in the list may not be available because they may be on leave or deployed elsewhere. For any police matter, send an email to your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) so that it can be picked up by other officers. For any urgent matter, Sergeant Maria Bruford (maria.bruford@met.police.uk, 07721 627675) can be contacted.

Other news

>> **Mayor of London's Youth Survey aimed at young people aged 11 to 16**

Mayor of London and the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) are asking for the headteachers and the teachers at schools to help with the new '**What do YOU Think?**' Youth Survey for London by enabling students to complete the survey online. The Mayor and MOPAC are committed to ensuring that the voices of

young people in London are heard and reflected in the work around policing and crime in the capital. The survey is aimed at young people aged 11 to 16, in school years 7 to 11. A [letter from the Mayor of London for headteachers](#) outlines the aims of the project and the ask they have of schools in supporting this survey.

>> Building better policies for girls' mental health

The Children's Society and The University of Manchester have published a briefing summarising discussions and findings from a workshop on building better policies for girls' mental health. The workshop included participants from across the civil service, academia, and the third sector. The discussion identified practices that should be sustained and strengthened including whole school approaches that prioritise listening to girls; co-production with young people; and the use of shared language around girls' mental health across sectors. The briefing highlights some of the complex challenges girls are facing such as pressures rooted in gender stereotypes, sexism and misogyny, and underscores the need for greater collaboration to address these. It also emphasises the value of bringing varied policy perspectives together around a shared commitment to building better policies for girls' mental health.

>> Consultation on Proposed Child Protection Authority (CPA)

The government is consulting on the Child Protection Authority (CPA), a national body to improve child protection. The CPA is envisaged as an expert, accurate and decisive body that makes the multi-agency child protection system clearer, more unified and ensure there is ongoing improvements through effective evidence-based support.

Also, Policy Lab, in collaboration with the Department for Education (DfE), is holding an [online debate on the future Child Protection Authority \(CPA\)](#) to help shape the development of the future Child Protection Authority. The debate will explore how a future CPA can support front-line practitioners in their role. The debate will run from Monday 19 to Friday 23 January 2026 and professionals across the child protection system are invited to take part. [Complete the short consent form to join the debate.](#)

>> Voice of the Child Toolkit

North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) has launched a new practical toolkit 'Voice of the Child', which is freely available via the NYSCP website. This useful toolkit for anyone seeking to strengthen authentic Voice of the Child practice is designed to support professionals to better hear, record and respond to children's lived experiences.

>> New official data on child sexual abuse in 2024/25

The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse ([CSA Centre](#)) has updated their Data Insights Hub with the data from local authorities and police forces in 2024/25, which helps to find, understand and use the very latest data to improve responses to child sexual abuse. The Data Insights Hub is an interactive dashboard designed

to enable professionals, commissioners and researchers to find, understand and use official data on child sexual abuse.

>> **Useful tips on smartphone security**

Tips on [iPhone parent control](#) and [Setting Up Parental Controls on Android](#) that you may find useful and want to share with your parents and carers.

Other training opportunities

>> **Webinar for schools on their disability duties**

The [Council for Disabled Children](#) has recently published a webinar for schools on their disability duties. This complements three sets of guidance on disability duties published in July. See [guides and training packages for schools on the disability duties in the Equality Act](#) for more information.

>> **Free Webinar: Youth Voice in sex and relationships education**

The NSPCC's Talk Relationships service is holding a free webinar on involving young people in the delivery of sex and relationships education. The webinar will cover the importance of youth voice as part of a whole-school approach and practical information on implementing youth voice in secondary education settings. The webinar will take place online on 12 February 2026 at 4.00pm.

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