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Early Years - Safeguarding Self-Assessment 2024

For Private, Voluntary and Independent Childcare Providers on Suffolk's List of Providers (LoP). It is a requirement of the LoP that a Safeguarding Self-Assessment (SSA) is returned each year.

PLEASE NOTE: The term 'setting' refers to both childminders and group settings. The terms 'practitioner' and 'staff' are used to refer to those employed in group settings, childminders and childminder assistants.

Please complete this short form to share the key safeguarding challenges you have faced as an education setting in meeting your safeguarding duties as set out in the government's statutory guidance.

'Working Together to Safeguard Children'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>

and 'Prevent duty guidance for England and Wales

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

You may find it useful to refer to the schools guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

This year, we are not asking you to return the detailed safeguarding self-assessment which can be found at the link below. You may still find it useful as a tool to help you think about assessing and monitoring your safeguarding practice.

<https://www.suffolksp.org.uk/education-and-homelearning#early-years>

Your final deadline to complete this survey is Friday 28 June 2024.

Section 1 Suitable Persons and Governance

1. Describe the steps you would take when notifying Ofsted of any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of the early years provider or any person who cares for, or is in regular contact with, children on the premises to look after children?
2. If you are a group setting, are you confident Ofsted have been notified correctly of those responsible for the governance of your setting and have DBS checks been requested via the Ofsted portal?
3. If you are a childminding setting, are you confident Ofsted have been notified correctly about the adults who live in your house (via an EY2) and have DBS checks been requested via the Ofsted portal?
4. What systems do you have in place to ensure that practitioners, and any other person who may have regular contact with children (including those living or working on the premises), are suitable?

The long version of the Safeguarding Self-assessment provides more detail see sections 2/3/4. <https://www.suffolksp.org.uk/education-and-homelearning#early-years>

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Section 2 Online safety

5. How does your setting teach online safety and what steps do you take to keep children safe online?
6. What are children advised to do if they find inappropriate or harmful content on a computer or device at your setting?
7. How does your setting ensure technology such as social media, camera technology and wearable technology is managed safely and monitored effectively?

Section 3 Recognising signs of abuse and neglect

8. How do you ensure that you and your staff (where relevant) are able to recognise the signs of abuse, including neglect?
9. How often do you and your staff (where relevant) at your setting receive safeguarding training?

Section 4 Safer recruitment practices for those who employ staff or assistants.

10. Does your setting have a clear policy and procedures for the recruitment of new staff?
11. How do managers/committee members and childminders employing staff follow safer recruitment processes?

Section 5 Leadership

12. Has your setting identified a practitioner designated to take lead responsibility for safeguarding children who has undertaken Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) roles and responsibilities training in the last 3 years? Childminders must take the lead responsibility themselves.
13. Do you have contingencies in place if your DSL is not available?
14. Give the full name/s of the DSL.
15. How does the DSL keep up to date with the latest child protection news and developments and how is this cascaded to staff?

Section 6 Setting details

16. What is the name of your childcare setting? - Childminders use your own full name here please
17. What is your Ofsted Unique Reference Number (URN)? - If you are an agency childminder, please use your, agency reference number.
18. Who has completed this survey for your setting - Please give your full name?
19. What is your contact email address for work?
20. What is your setting telephone number?