

Designated Safeguarding Person – role and responsibilities

Every service within the Council is required to nominate a Designated Safeguarding Person to support the workforce with their safeguarding roles and responsibilities. These DSPs may be in addition to the role of the Strategic Safeguarding Leads within each Directorate.

DSP Responsibilities:

- Be familiar with the Corporate Safeguarding Policy and safeguarding process and procedure.
- Ensure all practitioners (staff and volunteers) are aware of the Corporate Safeguarding Policy and know how to access a copy of it.
- Ensure all practitioners within their service area know who the DSP is and how to contact them.
- Attend relevant training
- Ensure staff within their service area attend training at levels appropriate to their roles and functions and maintain management information in relation to attendance on training.
- Ensure safeguarding responsibilities are highlighted through staff induction processes, team meetings, supervision sessions and staff briefings.

advice and support for practitioners within their service area on safeguarding matters.

- Support practitioners to, or take the lead on reporting safeguarding concerns to Social Services as appropriate.