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Safeguarding Proforma

Further Education and Work Based Learning

2023-2024

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# Guidance and supplementary information for the review and evaluation of the requirements for Safeguarding and Child Protection

***There are different versions of the proforma for different education and training sectors. Please ensure that you are using the current and correct version for your type of organisation or centre.***

Over the past year, this safeguarding proforma and how it is used by organisations has been subject to a comprehensive review. As a result of the review, the completion of the safeguarding proforma will **not** be a requirement during any inspection activity undertaken this year. Organisations, however, may choose to continue to use the proforma for self-evaluation purposes, and/or during inspections or other ETI visits.

In all inspection activity the ETI will seek to evaluate the effectiveness and impact of your child protection and adult safeguarding arrangements.

**This proforma is reviewed and updated annually to take account of policy changes and circulars.** The proforma contains statements about current requirements in respect of child protection/safeguarding arrangements as set out in various Department of Education **(**DE) circulars, or statements of best practice. As an aide memoire, Appendices 2 and 3 contain a list of relevant DE Circulars and legislative requirements.

This self-evaluation proforma is designed to help you to review and quality assure the extent to which your organisation complies with the requirements for the protection and safeguarding[[1]](#footnote-1) of young people and adults.

While DE Circulars are issued mainly for schools **NOTE THAT** they contain **guidance** which is regarded **as good practice** for other organisations and supplement the guidance issued on safe recruitment practices issued by the Department for the Economy (see below). **If used, please refer to these and apply only as appropriate to the context of your FE college or WBL organisation.**

Within child protection legislation, a child refers to any young person up to the age of 18 years – in this document referred to as young people.

Adults (over the age 18+) who may be at risk of harm and/or in need of protection, are in this, document referred to as adults.

**FE & WBL: evidence of the impact and monitoring of the disclosure and barring arrangements for an FE college is referred to in Circular FE 11/13 and is also referred to in the Apprenticeship, Training for Success (TfS) and Skills for Life and Work (SFLW) operational requirements and guidelines.**

**FE circular:** [**Disclosure and Barring Arrangements: Vetting Requirements for (i) the recruitment of staff to Further Education colleges (ii) existing staff and (iii) students**](https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/del/FE11-13%20Disclosure%20and%20Barring%20Arrangements-Vetting%20requirements%20for%20the%20recruitment%20of%20staff%20to%20FE%20Colleges.pdf)

**AppsNI:** [**Apprenticeship guidelines and operational requirements**](https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/publications/apprenticeship-guidelines-and-operational-requirements)

**The TfS and SFLW operational requirements and guidelines are updated**

**regularly and issued directly to WBL providers by DfE.**

WBL providers delivering the TfS and SFLWprogrammesmust make sure they are

fully compliant with the terms of current legislation relating to the safeguarding of

children and/or adults who may be at risk, including Operation Encompass.

**It is recommended that in the best practice, both the designated person (DP) and designated governor / member of the management committee (DG/DM) are involved in carrying out the self-evaluation as part of a safeguarding team which should include the safeguarding champion, director / manager and chair of governors/management committee.**

**Note: Statements regarding safeguarding policies or practices may be subject to further checks through auditing processes.**

# Safeguarding Proforma 2023-24

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**Designated Posts and Duties**

**Current Requirement**

**1. There is a safeguarding champion (SC), a designated person (DP) and deputy designated person(s) (DDP/s) for the protection and safeguarding of young people and adults who form part of a designated safeguarding team. The SC/ DP should also lead the review of safeguarding/child protection policies and report annually to the governing body/management committee.**

Yes  No

**Any proposed action/s**

**What is the nature of the evidence and where is it located?**

*A safeguarding champion is a mandatory requirement for any organisation who use Access NI for vetting staff and who work with adults. Is there a safeguarding team? If so, is there at least one member of the Safeguarding Team on the management team? Who is it?*

*Who are the members of the team and what is their relevant experience?*

*Are other members of staff and management (including senior managers) involved in the arrangements for safeguarding?*

*What arrangements are in place where multiple sites exist?*

*Are reporting arrangements clear across the organisation?*

**2. The names of the DP and DDP members of staff are known to all staff, learners, and where appropriate, parents/carers.**

Yes  No

**Any proposed action/s**

**What is the nature of the evidence and where is it located?**

*How is this information communicated?*

*Are the relevant details evident and displayed on notice boards across all sites of the organisation?*

*Are designated staff available to be contacted via phone or on-line video if the organisation is closed, and is contact information easily accessible?*

**3. There is a designated governor or member of the management committee who has responsibility for safeguarding/child protection.**

Yes  No

**Any proposed action/s**

**What is the nature of the evidence and where is it located?**

*Who is the designated governor/member of management committee?*

*Is this person best placed to carry out the role?*

**4. All members of the governing body/management committee have access to:**

1. **adult safeguarding/child protection policy and procedures;**
2. **relevant DE/DfE Circulars; and**
3. **relevant DHSSPS/AccessNI guidance.**

Yes  No

**Any proposed action/s**

**What is the nature of the evidence and where is it located?**

*How does the organisation take account of letters of advice and updated information from appropriate bodies?*

*Note: Where new circulars or guidance documents are brought to the attention of management, the action should be minuted as a record.*

**5. A report on all child protection/adult safeguarding activity is presented, at least annually, as an agenda item to the governing body/ management committee.**

Yes  No

**Any proposed action/s**

**Date last presented:**

*When was it presented last? Is it recorded in the minutes? Note: best practice recommends that CP/SG is a standing agenda item in senior management/governing body/management committee meetings.*

**Training**

**In 2023-24 training can be provided through a blend of online training, which is either live or pre-recorded, and face-to-face.**

**Key Adult Training for Operation Encompass now forms part of the core training provided by the Child Protection Support Service. This training underpins the important role that staff in organisations, including FE colleges and Work-Based Learning providers, play in supporting young people and families where domestic abuse has taken place.**

**6. Training requirements**

**Safeguarding update training for all organisation staff.**

**Training renewal**

*Cascaded by the DP and DDP to the whole organisation/staff - a minimum of every two years (best practice is annually).*

**Most recent date completed and any proposed actions.**

Whole Staff:

Last trained:

Valid until:

*All new staff to receive training as part of their induction programme.*

**Most recent date completed and any proposed actions.**

New Staff:

Last trained:

Valid until:

*Are all staff, paid and unpaid, aware of and follow the agreed child protection/adult safeguarding policies and procedures?*

**Most recent date completed and any proposed actions.**

Others:

Last trained:

Valid until:

*How is this monitored? (E.g. are records kept and a register maintained?)*

*Are staff at all levels in your organisation informed about their statutory responsibility to share information relevant to safeguarding children, young people and adults?*

*Are staff at all levels in your organisation informed about their statutory responsibility to report inappropriate behaviours by colleagues?*

*Are learners in your organisation informed about the need, and their responsibility, to report inappropriate behaviours by peers?*

**Training for Designated Person and Deputy Designated Person.**

**Training renewal**

*All new DP and DDP(s) should attend appropriate training (in person or online) in young person and adult safeguarding with a recognised training body, at the earliest opportunity in the term in which they are appointed to the post, or, if appointed in the third term, at the beginning of the next academic year, and refresher training within three years of their initial training date, and thereafter.*

**Most recent date completed and any proposed actions.**

Name of DP:

Last trained:

Valid until:

Name of DDP:

Last trained:

Valid until:

**Training for the Adult Safeguarding Champion.**

**Training renewal**

*Appropriate training for the Adult Safeguarding Champion (in person or online) on initial appointment to the role and update training within three years and thereafter.*

**Most recent date completed and any proposed actions.**

Name of SG Champion:

Last trained:

Valid until:

**The Director/Manager and all senior members of staff (including the senior manager with responsibility for safeguarding) have participated in appropriate, recognised and up-to-date child protection/safeguarding training.**

**Training renewal**

*Have completed appropriate training (in person or online) in, young person and adult safeguarding with a recognised training body, on appointment and renewed within three years of the initial training date and thereafter.*

**Most recent date completed and any proposed actions.**

Last trained:

Valid until:

**All governors/members of the management committee have received child and adult at risk protection awareness training as part of their induction programme.**

**Training renewal**

*Have completed appropriate training (in person or online) in young person and adult safeguarding with a recognised training body, on appointment and during each term of office (usually four years).*

*A useful resource:* [*EATV Governor Training Videos*](https://www.eani.org.uk/services/eatv/governor-videos/governors-support)

**Most recent date completed and any proposed actions**

Name of designated governor/management committee member:

Last trained:

Valid until:

All governors/members of the management committee

Last trained:

Valid until:

**Appropriate Safeguarding training for the designated governor or member of the managing committee.**

**Training renewal**

*Training for all new designated managing authority/committee members (in person or online) on initial appointment.*

*Update training required within three years of initial training and thereafter.*

**Most recent date completed and any proposed actions.**

Name of designated governor / management committee member:

Last trained:

Valid until:

**Operation Encompass Training.**

**DT/DDTs and managers must:**

* **Watch the online information session**
* **Complete the online Operation Encompass Training**
* **Advise parents/carers, staff and BoG / Management Committee members of Operation Compass.**
* **Update the Child Protection Policy**

**Both links available here:**

**www.eani.org.uk/school-management/ safeguarding-and-child protection/resources/ operation-encompass**

**The review of key policy documents**

**7.** The Department of Education (DE) recommends that certain policies should be reviewed regularly and advises that **best practice is the policies should be reviewed at least every three years, with regular risk assessment carried out where required** and with all policies made available as appropriate to key stakeholders.

*Have the adult safeguarding/child protection policies been reviewed and revised to include the current challenges of supporting the physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing of learners and staff?*

*Have the policies been updated to include Menstrual Wellbeing and Period Dignity?*

*Do your policies address in age-appropriate ways, healthy and respectful relationships, including the use of respectful language, behaviours and consent?*

*Have child protection/safeguarding policies/procedures been updated, as appropriate, to reflect involvement in Operation Encompass?*

**Policy**

**Adult safeguarding/child protection policies and procedures are in place, ratified by the governing body/management committee, which cover the needs of learners when in the organisation and when placed with employers, subcontractors or based at other external sites. The governing body/management committee must also ensure that the child protection/ adult safeguarding policy is reviewed annually.**

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*Are all of the organisation’s policies and procedures current and fit for purpose?*

*For information on best practice refer as a check list to Appendix 2 - Legislation and Guidance including DE Circulars and Letters of Information.*

*Does the policy reflect the needs of all of the learners in the organisation?*

*Does the organisation share its policy on the protection of young people and adults with employers and/or subcontractors and ensure that it extends to all external sites?*

*Does the organisation’s child protection/adult safeguarding policies and procedures reference the recognition and management of harmful or offensive sexualised behaviours?*

**Last reviewed/ratified and any proposed actions** *(for example: How are staff and managers, governors, parents/carers and learners involved in the review process?)*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**Staff Code of Conduct**

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*Who monitors the implementation and how?*

*Does this include the appropriate use of social media by staff (both inside and outside of the organisation)?*

*Does it include reference to appropriate behaviours, values and the organisation’s ethos?*

*Does it set out the statutory duty of staff to record and report child protection/ adult safeguarding matters/issues?*

*In best practice there is a policy for all staff and learners in the acceptable use of ICT systems in the organisation. The policy should be signed by all staff members.*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**There is a confidential system for recording information about:**

* **suspicions of abuse of a young person or adult at risk;**
* **disclosure of abuse; and**
* **complaints of abuse by members of staff.**

*Circular 2016/20: Child Protection: Record Keeping in Schools*

*Circular 2019/08: Child Protection: Record Keeping in Schools update*

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*Are all records in relation to child protection and adult safeguarding issues retained in accordance with the arrangements outlined in this circular?*

***\*NOTE:*** *The only hard-backed book maintained by an organisation is in connection with complaints against members of staff. The record is considered annually as an agenda item by the board of governors; this should be signed and dated by the principal and chairperson even if there are no complaints. ETI have a right to see the book, and that it has been signed and dated, but not the content of the book.*

*NB Guidance in the circular also applies where organisations are using either electronic, or online/cloud-based child protection record systems. Organisations must assure themselves that any system they are using is robust, secure and that access is restricted to relevant staff only, for example, designated staff.*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**Attendance**

[Miss School = Miss Out, Improving Pupil Attendance Strategy](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/A%20Strategy%20for%20Improving%20Pupil%20Attendance.pdf)

[Attendance in Schools: an ETI Good Practice Report and Case Studies](https://www.etini.gov.uk/news/attendance-schools-eti-good-practice-report-and-case-studies)

*Circular 2020/08 Amended Draft Attendance Guidance and Absence Recording by Schools.*

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*When was a report on attendance policy and data last presented and recorded in the minutes (it is due at least annually) as an agenda item to the governing body/management committee?*

*Where appropriate, has the organisation considered how it will capture attendance data if working remotely?*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**(Positive) Behaviour Management**

*See section on Addressing Bullying.*

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*How have staff, parents, learners and governors/management committee members been consulted?*

*NOTE: The ETI may ask about an example of an incident relating to bullying behaviours and how the organisation dealt with it.*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**Access NI**

**All learners undertaking work-experience placements, involving contact with children or adults at risk, have been subject to an appropriate AccessNI check prior to the start of the placement.**

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*Is this process monitored and appropriate records kept?*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**Addressing Bullying**

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*Has the anti-bullying policy been updated using the NI Anti-Bullying Guidance materials?*

*How are incidents of bullying behaviours recorded and followed up and, where appropriate, has a chronological record been established to note the associated actions taken by the organisation?*

*When and how are parents/carers/learners consulted?*

*Were any changes made in light of the consultation?*

*Do all staff consistently record and monitor pastoral issues?*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**Appropriate risk assessment procedures are in place**

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*There is an effective procedure in place for assessing and managing risks to learners and staff.*

*Any identified risks are managed by putting in place risk-reducing measures which are recorded and reviewed.*

*Have all appropriate risk assessments been carried out?*

*How does the organisation plan for, record and conduct risk assessments?*

*Examples: trips and outings; visitors to the organisation; challenging behaviours; practical sessions.*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**Drugs Policy**

Circular 2015/23 [**Drugs guidance**](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/drugs-guidance)

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*Circular 2015/23 advises schools of the drugs guidance produced by CCEA in 2015 to assist them in complying with the statutory requirement to have a drugs policy and to publish details in relation to the policy in their prospectuses.*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**First-aid and administration of medicines** [**Supporting Pupils with Medication Needs**](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/supporting-pupils-with-medical-needs.pdf)

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*Relevant staff are aware of the guidance provided and it is reflected in the organisation’s practice.*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**Health and Safety** [**Education**](https://www.hseni.gov.uk/articles/education)

**The organisation ensures the safety of all, through the security of the site and buildings.**

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*What are the organisation’s procedures to ensure the security of the site and buildings in the best interest of the learners?*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**Managing Critical Incidents Guidance**

[A Guide to Managing Critical Incidents in Schools](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/guide-managing-critical-incidents-schools)

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*Relevant staff are aware of the guidance provided and it is reflected in organisation practice.*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**Safeguarding or ‘keeping safe’ messages are actively promoted with learners within the curriculum and through other activities (e.g. Internet, social networking, and online safety).**

**Online Safety**

Circular 2016/27

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*Does this include a review of the taught pastoral/preventative education curriculum and the promotion of “keeping safe” messages?*

*Has the organisation reviewed and revised its e-safety policy as necessary to include guidance for remote/distance learning, electronic communications with learners, parents/carers.*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**Relationships and Sexuality Education**

*Circular 2013/16*

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*As required by Circular 2013/16, does the policy include consultation with parents and endorsement by the management committee/ governing body?*

*Does your preventative curriculum address in age-appropriate ways, healthy and respectful relationships, including use of respectful language, behaviours and consent?*

*Does this include the review, monitoring, oversight and evaluation of the effectiveness of the content and delivery of the preventative curriculum to empower learners to make informed choices and keep themselves safe?*

*Does evaluation include consultation with learners and outline how their views will be listened to, respected and acted upon, where appropriate?*

*Do you provide staff with professional learning opportunities to be confident in handling sensitive and challenging issues?*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**Staff recruitment**

**All staff on the payroll and unsupervised volunteers (if applicable) are appropriately vetted in compliance with relevant DfE circulars in accordance with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (NI) Order (2007).**

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*The organisation consistently applies a thorough and clearly defined method of recruiting staff and volunteers, in line with legislation and best practice.*

*Staff recruitment information may sit within the overarching child protection/adult safeguarding policy.*

*All staff on the payroll of the organisation and unsupervised volunteers are appropriately and suitably vetted in compliance with relevant DE circulars.*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**Supervision of Volunteers and Visitors**

*Appropriate procedures are in place to manage the recruitment and supervision of all volunteers\*.*

Circular 2012/19 Changes to pre-employment vetting checks for volunteers working in schools

Section 4.5 of the Safeguarding and Child Protection in Schools guide

In place:  Yes  No

**Policy Review**

*Is there a policy about the supervision of volunteers or visitors (if appropriate)?*

*How does the organisation carry out risk assessments to determine if volunteers or other individuals not on its payroll should or should not be vetted?*

*Supervision information of volunteers and visitors may sit within the overarching child protection/safeguarding policy.*

*Note: \* If volunteers are not vetted, appropriate arrangements for ‘supervision’ must be in place. “Supervision” is defined as “regular, day to day, reasonable in all circumstances to protect children and young people, and carried out by an individual who is engaged in regulated activity relating to children and young people and has therefore been vetted”. How does the organisation carry out risk assessments to determine if volunteers or other individuals not on its payroll should or should not be vetted?*

**Last reviewed:**

**Next review:**

**Learners, Parents/Carers and Staff**

**Current Requirement**

**8. All learners have been informed and understand the arrangements for the protection and safeguarding of young people and adults.**

Yes  No

**Any proposed action/s**

**What is the nature of the evidence and where is it located?**

*How are learners informed of the relevant member/s of staff to whom they should voice their concerns? For example, displays on notice boards.*

*Are there appropriate visual cues to highlight key staff members for learners with learning disabilities and additional educational needs?*

*Are there any other ways provided by the organisation so that a learner can express any concerns or issues they may have?*

*Are the needs of newcomer young people and their parents/carers met?*

*How do you ensure that learners are supported and listened to when raising any child protection/adult safeguarding concerns or complaints?*

**9. Parents/carers (where appropriate), and learners are provided with a copy of the child protection/ adult safeguarding policies and complaints procedure when the learner is enrolled and a summary every two years thereafter.**

Yes  No

**Any proposed action/s**

**What is the nature of the evidence and where is it located?**

*When, and how was child protection/adult safeguarding information last communicated to learners, parents/carers?*

*Is there a summary document which indicates clearly that the full policy/policies and procedures can be requested from the organisation or found on the website?*

*How are new parents/carers informed about the procedures for the protection of young people and adults at risk/safeguarding?*

**10. The organisation’s complaints procedure for issues not relating to child protection/ adult safeguarding is readily available to learners, parents and carers.**

Yes  No

**Any proposed action/s**

**What is the nature of the evidence and where is it located?**

*Has the procedure for complaints* ***not relating*** *to child protection/safeguarding issues been updated since 1st April 2017 to include the role of the Office of the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman?*

**Declaration -** the statements contained in this document are correct and are based on accessible evidence.

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Director/senior manager**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Chairperson of board of governing**

**body/management committee**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

# Appendix 1

## Department of Education Circulars

[1. Circular 2007/01 Acceptable Use of the Internet and Digital Technologies in Schools](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/2007.01%20-%20Amended%282%29.pdf)

2. [Circular 2006/09 Child Protection: Criminal Background Checking of Staff in Schools – Programme to Extend Coverage](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/Criminal-background-checking-of-staff-in-schools-programme-to-extend-coverage.pdf)

3. [Circular 2006/09 Child Protection: Criminal Background Checking of Staff in Schools – Appendix A](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/circular-2006-09-appendix-a.pdf)

4. [Circular 2006/07 Child Protection: Employment of Substitute Teachers](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/circular-2006-07.pdf)

5. [Circular 2008/03 Child Protection: Pre-employment Checking of Persons To Work in Schools – New Arrangements](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/Circular-2008-03-pre-employment-checks-new-arrangements.pdf)

6. [Circular 2020/07 - Child Protection: Record Keeping in Schools](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/circular-202007-child-protection-record-keeping-schools)

7. [Circular 2006/06 Child Protection: Recruitment of People to Work With Children and Young People in Educational Settings](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/Circular-2006-06.pdf)

8. [Circular 2006/06 Child Protection: Recruitment of People to Work With Children and Young People in Educational Settings – Appendix A](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/circular-2006-06-appendix-a-checks-on-applicants-from-abroad.pdf)

9. [Circular 2006/06 Child Protection: Recruitment of People to Work With Children and Young People in Educational Settings – Form DOR O2](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/circular-2006-06-form-dor-02.pdf)

10. [Circular 2006/08 Child Protection: Training Requirement for School Governors on Staff Recruitment and Selection Panels](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/circular-2006-08-child-protection-staff-recruitment.pdf)

11. [Circular 2006/25 Child Protection: Vetting of School Governors](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/vetting-of-school-governors.pdf)

12. [Circular 2022/02 - Children Who Display Harmful Sexual Behaviour](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/circular-202202-children-who-display-harmful-sexual-behaviour)

13. [Circular 2016/11 Class Sizes In Post-Primary Schools – Practical Subjects (as well as other subjects that include a practical activity)](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/Class%20Sizes%20in%20Post-Primary%20Schools%20-%20Practical%20Subjects%20-%20Circular%202016....pdf)

14. [Circular 2015/13 Dealing With Allegations of Abuse Against A Member of Staff](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/2015-13-dealing-with-allegations-of-abuse-against-a-member-of-staff.pdf)

15. [Circular 2012/19 Disclosure and Barring Arrangements: Changes To Pre-employment Vetting Checks For Volunteers Working In Schools From 10/09/12 – Guidance For Schools and Employing Authorities On Changes To Pre-employment Checking and Safer Recruitment Practices](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/Disclosure-and-barring-arrangements-guidance-for-schools-and-employing-authorities-volunteers.pdf)

16. [Circular 2013/01 Disclosure and Barring Arrangements: Vetting Requirements for Paid Staff Working In Or Providing A Service For Schools – Guidance For Schools and Employing Authorities On Pre-employment Vetting Checking and Safer Recruitment Practices](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/circular-2013-01-updated-september-2015.pdf)

17. [Circular 2015/23 Drugs Guidance](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/circular-2015-23.pdf)

18. [Circular 2014/24 Education Otherwise Than At School (EOTAS) Guidance](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/2014-24-eotas-guidance.pdf)

19. [Circular 2016/26 Effective Educational Uses of Mobile Digital Devices](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/DE%20circular%202016.26%20Effective%20Educational%20Uses%20of%20Mobile%20Digital%20Devices.pdf)

20. [Circular 2008/10 Employment of Substitute Teachers – NI Substitute Teachers Register (NISTR)](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/circular-number-2008-10-employment-of-substitute-teachers.pdf)

21. [Circular 2010/18 Every School A Good School – The Governors’ role](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/circular-2010-18-governors-guide.pdf)

22. [Circular 2013/25 e-Safety Guidance](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/2013%2025%20-%20Amended.pdf)

23. [Circular 2010/01 Guidance on Relationships and Sexuality Education](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/2010%2001%20-%20Amended.pdf)

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# Appendix 2

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* Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 section 33
* Criminal Law Act (NI) 1967
* Education (NI) Order 1998
* Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003
* Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007
* Health & Personal Social Services (NI) Order
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* Health & Social Care (Reform) Act (NI) 2009
* Human Rights Act 1998
* Prohibition from Teaching and Working with Children Regulations (NI) 2006
* Protection of Children (NI) Order 1978
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* Safeguarding Board Act (NI) 2011
* Sexual Offences Act 2003
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* The Criminal Evidence (NI) Order 1999
* The Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Reviews of Sentencing) Order (NI) 2019
* The Data Protection Act (1998)
* The Disability Discrimination Act 1995
* The Education and Libraries (NI) Order 2003; Articles 17 and 18
* The Family Homes & Domestic Violence (NI) Order 1998
* Mental Capacity Act (Northern Ireland) 2016
* The Mental Health (NI) Order 1986
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* The Public Interest Disclosure (NI) Order 1998
* The Race Relations (NI) Order 1997
* The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (NI) Order 2007 (amended 2012)
* The Sexual offences (NI) Order 2008
* The Special Educational Needs and Disability Order (NI) 2005 (SENDO)

# Appendix 3

## References and resources

The Department of Education’s [Publications and guidance on child protection issues for schools](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/publications-and-guidance-child-protection-issues-schools)

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