



Education Welfare Service: provision of safeguarding supervision for designated safeguarding leads

The document, [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#), HM Government, 2015, states; organisations should provide “*appropriate supervision and support for staff, including undertaking safeguarding training*” and “*professionals should be given sufficient time, funding, supervision and support to fulfil their child welfare and safeguarding responsibilities effectively*” (Chapter 2, Section 4).

Safeguarding supervision is the provision of professional support and learning which enables practitioners (in this case the DSL) to develop knowledge and competence. It facilitates the practitioner to be able to take responsibility for their own practice and respond to the needs and risks presented by children and young people. Safeguarding supervision is separate from line management supervision.

The purpose of Safeguarding Supervision for DSLs is to:

- review workloads, if relevant
- discuss and seek guidance on specific cases;
- provide an opportunity where a member of staff can be challenged supportively and constructively, within mutually agreed and accepted boundaries, by a professional experienced in safeguarding children;
- allow for issues relating to the work place and to working practices to be identified and discussed;
- identification of achievements; and
- provide support with emotional well-being and resilience.

Accreditation/training

Kate Raley, who will facilitate the sessions, has worked for London Borough of Redbridge for over 13 years and has extensive knowledge of safeguarding and children’s services in the local authority and the national context. She has the following accreditation and experience:

- *NSPCC accredited safeguarding trainer; she is responsible for providing safeguarding training in a number of local authority schools and other partner agencies;*
- *NOCN accreditation in Counselling Skills.*

Costings: safeguarding supervision for designated safeguarding leads

Individual Case Supervision

£70 per case /session
(One case per session only)

At the end of these sessions an action plan will be provided, should the supervisee require full notes these can be provided at an additional charge of £20 per case.

Venue to be provided by the supervisee

DSL Supervision Package for Academic Year 2017/18

6 x Half termly supervision (2 hour session) = £300 per year
(equivalent to £50 per session)

At the end of each session a brief record of the discussion and next steps will be left with the supervisee.

Venue to be provided by the supervisee

Redbridge Education Welfare Service will be a provider of this service to LB Redbridge designated safeguarding leads from September 2017.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss a bespoke arrangement regarding packages and costs please contact:

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