

**Refresher Training for Designated Safeguarding Leads in
Northamptonshire Schools
Monday 16 March 2026 - 9.00am - 1.00pm**

This training is facilitated by Lesley Pollard

This course meets the statutory requirements of the two-year Refresher Training for Designated Safeguarding Leads in Northamptonshire schools.

As part of the Education Act 2002 and the latest Keeping Children Safe in Education, all schools must have a member of the leadership team as their Designated Safeguarding Lead. This person must take lead responsibility for dealing with child protection issues, referring concerns of significant harm, providing advice and guidance to support all staff to carry out their safeguarding duties, overseeing the school provision of early help and liaising with other agencies as required. This training must be updated every 2 years. This course is delivered by Lesley Pollard who is an experienced teacher, trainer and adviser. She currently works as an Independent Learning Adviser carrying out Safeguarding training and audits for a variety of providers as well as for individual schools.

Objectives:

- To consider the implication of national and local changes with regard to Safeguarding and Child Protection in Northamptonshire schools;
- To recap the role and responsibilities of the Designated Safeguarding Lead in school;
- To revisit the categories and possible indicators of the 4 categories of abuse, FGM, Forced Marriage, Grooming, CSE, So Called Honour-Based Violence, Radicalisation and Extremism, Gang Culture, County Lines, Child Criminal Exploitation;
- To understand the impact of issues such as Child-On-Child Abuse, Domestic Abuse, Parental Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Homelessness, Appearing in Court and Mental Health problems on children/young people;
- To consider the role of the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and reiterate the importance of interagency working from early help to referral (including the Signs of Safety approach);
- To consider the learning for schools from local and national Serious Case Reviews;
- To understand the requirements relating to keeping, transferring and archiving Child Protection and Early Help records;
- To consider how best to communicate with children and parents/carers regarding Child Protection issues.

Cost: £125 for the first delegate, £100 for additional delegates.

SWAN Secondary SLA members pay the reduced rate of £60. Primary SLA members £90 per delegate.

Venue: On-line via Zoom

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