



Role of the Safeguarding Lead governor

The Safeguarding Governor plays an important role in ensuring oversight and scrutiny of the safeguarding policy, procedures and practice on behalf of the Corporation.

The role as Nominated Governor for Safeguarding is to:

1. Act as 'critical friend' to the College, in order to ensure that the appropriate systems and procedures are in place to cover all aspects of the safeguarding agenda (including the Prevent agenda) and all statutory governing body responsibilities are met.
2. Monitor appropriate policies, including the safeguarding and whistle blowing policies.
3. Ensure there is a suitably qualified, trained and supported Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who has responsibility for responding to and overseeing safeguarding issues, along with their team.
4. Ensure there is a robust system for recording, storing and reviewing student welfare concerns.
5. Liaise with the CEO/ Deputy Executive Principal/Teaching, Learning & Improvement /DSL about general child protection and broader safeguarding issues within the college and as such be able to ensure reports are received by the Corporation in respect of themes and issues within the college/locality to enable adequate oversight, understanding and development of solutions.

Such reports should contain information on:

- How safe students feel in college
- How the voice of students is truly heard and appropriately acknowledged
- How the college constantly reviews and considers their curriculum in order that key safeguarding messages and lessons run throughout the college
- How the college works with other agencies available to support students and families
- How the safeguarding agenda is embedded in the ethos of the college
- How progress is monitored against any internal or external reviews of safeguarding
- How and when staff are trained
- How sub-contractors are monitored to ensure they have safeguarding procedures in place and are aware of their Prevent duty

- How British values of ‘democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs’ are met.
6. Attend safeguarding training every 3 years and other training as appropriate to the role and relevant to issues within the college/locality
 7. Ensure other governors attend appropriate safeguarding training
 8. Ensure at least one governor on the recruitment and selection panel for senior staff has successfully completed accredited Safer Recruitment training
 9. Have oversight for the single central record and ensure it is up to date and maintained in line with guidance
 10. Ensure an annual report to the Corporation is submitted.
 11. Ensure that safeguarding is monitored under the Risk Register

It should be noted that this is a suggested outline of duties and is not an exhaustive list of duties.

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