



GST Newsletter Issue 1 June 2023

Welcome to the new Cumberland Council and the first Cumberland Governor Support Team Newsletter! The **Cumberland Council** website has been launched and offers all the usual links along with details of the **Management Team Structure**.

Governor Support Team

The GST would like to remind schools to continue updating the GST with changes to chairs and clerks (governance professionals). Having up-to-date information will assist greatly in ensuring boards receive information and communications from the GST.

NGA Learning Link

As shared in issue 12 newsletter, the GST are delighted to be able to offer all governors and trustees a further 12 months subscription to the National Governance Association Learning Link (NGA LL). Governors already registered will not need to re-register for Learning Link and they can continue to log in using their existing email addresses and passwords.

This term the GST are recommending the following NGA modules:

- How to: run an effective complaints review panel
- Headteacher Appraisal and Capability
- Safeguarding: How to fulfil the governance role

Training

In addition, the GST are pleased to offer the following course during the summer term:

Governance – Roles and Responsibilities

Governing boards are central to the effectiveness and accountability of schools. This short course, together with the NGA Learning Link suite of core modules covering key governance areas, will enable members of the board to become more familiar with their roles and responsibilities. The session has been arranged for;

Wednesday 21st June 2023 - **[Book here](#)**

Due to demand, this course is a repeat of the sessions held earlier in the academic year.

The session will take place from 6.00pm to 7.00pm and will be held on Microsoft Teams.

News/updates

The Department for Education (DfE) regularly share **School Governance updates** which provide important news and communications relating to governance in maintained schools and academy trusts in England.

Statutory guidance on school suspensions and permanent exclusions

Updated **statutory guidance** on suspensions and permanent exclusions will apply from **1 September 2023**.

The changes include new guidance about a headteacher's ability to cancel an exclusion before the governing board has met to consider whether the pupil should be reinstated, with further information on actions that should take place following a cancelled exclusion.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe in education (KCSIE) Webinar Series from the DfE

The DfE ran a series of 4 free webinars to support the statutory safeguarding guidance KCSIE. The webinars focused on four topics: low level concerns, single central record, safeguarding partners and lastly sexting/online harms. The recordings of the webinars are currently available to view: **[Home | KCSIE Webinar Series \(orcula.co.uk\)](#)**.

REMINDER: Changed safeguarding arrangements post 1 April 2023

What do I do if I have concerns about a child?

On 1 April the current Cumbria-wide Safeguarding Hub was replaced by Cumberland Safeguarding Hub and Westmorland and Furness Safeguarding Hub.

If you are concerned about a child in Allerdale, Carlisle or Copeland you should contact the Cumberland Safeguarding Hub.

If you are concerned about a child in Barrow, Eden or South Lakeland you should contact the Westmorland and Furness Safeguarding Hub.

Information on how to make a referral:

Each new hub has its own single contact form, phone number and email address:

Cumberland Safeguarding Hub

- Telephone Number - **0333 240 1727**
- Email Address - **safeguarding.hub@cumberland.gov.uk**

Westmorland and Furness Safeguarding Hub

- Telephone Number - **0300 373 2724**
- Email Address - **safeguarding.hub@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk**

Local Authority Designated Officer - LADO

Cumbria LADO service continues to cover both local authority footprints - Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness.

If you have concerns regarding someone who works with a child including foster carers and volunteers these should be reported to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO).

This applies to all paid, unpaid, volunteers, casual, agency employees or anyone working in a self-employed capacity.

Information on LADO including how to contact and the referral form will still be accessed via the CSCP website: <https://www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/lado.asp>

Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership

Cumbria is maintaining a single safeguarding children partnership which will cover both new local authorities. Professionals will still continue to access learning and development, partnership resources and multi-agency policies and procedures from Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership (CSCP).

The CSCP website address will not change: <https://www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/>

The CSCP contact email will continue as **CSCP@cumbria.gov.uk** in the interim.

CSCP new look Learning Zone

The training page of the CSCP website has a new look and name. Welcome to our new **Learning Zone**. Simple and easy to navigate, you can find information on the following subjects:

Training

- elearning
- Training
- Conferences

Learning from Reviews

- Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews
- National Learning
- Serious Case Review Archive

Resources

- Quick Guides and Learning Briefings
- Newsletter and 5-Minute Briefings
- Good Practice Catalogue

All organisations working with children and families are responsible for ensuring that staff receive appropriate safeguarding training relevant to their role and responsibilities.

To assist organisations in fulfilling this responsibility, CSCP has produced a guide **'Which Training is Right for Me'** to support agencies with this.

GST Contact Details

The GST continues to offer advice, support, and guidance, specific to your boards needs and can be contacted as follows:

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