

Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership



Safeguarding in Education Team

General Terminology and Common Acronyms – Safeguarding

A	
ADD/ ADHD	Attention Deficit (Hyperactivity) Disorder
ARE	Age Related Expectations
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
ATS	Advisory Teaching Service
AUP	Acceptable User Policy
B	
BESD	Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties
C	
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
CCE	Child Criminal Exploitation
CDOP	Child Death Overview Panel
ciC	Children in Care. See notes under LAC.
CIN	Child in Need
CP & CPR	Child Protection / Child Protection Register
CPD	Continuing Professional Development (CPD): staff development & training, this should be linked to the School Development Plan priorities through the performance management process.
CRB	Criminal Records Bureau. This no longer exists having been replaced by the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) in 2012.
CSE	Child Sexual Exploitation
D	
DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service.
DPA	Data Protection Act. May also see GDPR – General Data Protection Act
DSL	Designated Safeguarding Lead (and Deputy DSL = DDSL). This role replaces the previous role of Designated Child Protection Officer (DCPO).
E	
EHC needs assessment	An assessment of the education, health care and social care needs of a child or young person conducted by a local authority under the Children and Families Act 2014.
EHCP	An education, health and care plan as defined in section 37 (2) of the Children and Families Act 2014.
ELSA	Emotional Literacy Support Assistants
EP	Educational Psychologist.
EYFS	The Early Years Foundation Stage. A statutory framework which covers children both in pre-school settings and in reception classes up to their fifth birthday.
Exclusion	Permanent Exclusion from School. Fixed Term Exclusions have been termed 'suspensions' since September 2021
F	
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
FOI	Freedom of Information

G	
GHLL	Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning Team (ghll.org)
GSCP	Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership
GSEP	Gloucestershire Safeguarding in Education Partnership
H	
HI	Hearing Impairment
HLTA	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
HMI	Her Majesties Inspector/Inspectorate
HT	Head teacher
I	
ICPC	Initial Child Protection Conference
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IS	Independent Scrutineer
J	
K	
KCSiE	Keeping Children Safe in Education
KS1	Key Stage 1
L	
LAC	Looked After Children. In Gloucestershire these children are referred to as Children In Care. LAC remains the legal term.
LADO	Local Authority Designated Officer. The LADO will investigate any allegations management issues in schools.
LCSPR	Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review (previously called the Serious Case Review)
LSA	Learning Support Assistant, also sometimes called Teaching Assistant ("TA")
M	
MDSA	Midday Supervisor
MLD	Moderate learning difficulties – not a legal term but often used in relation to the description of a school, i.e. an MLD school.
N	
O	
Ofsted	Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills. This is the body which inspects and regulates services which care for children and young people and those providing education and skills for learners of all ages.
OT	Occupational Therapy, sometimes used to refer to the occupational therapist
P	
PSP	Pastoral Support Plan
Q	
R	
RR	Rapid Review
S	

S157/175 Audit	A self audit completed by all settings annually to reflect how they are carrying out their statutory duties under S157/175 of the Education Act 2002
SCR	Single Central Record
SBM	School Business Manager
SEAL	Social and Emotional Aspect of Learning
SEN	Special educational needs
SENDCO	Special Educational Needs & Disability Co-ordinator – the teacher with responsibility for co-ordinating special help for children with SEN at their school
SENSS	SEN Specialist Services. Specialist support provided by the LA.
SEP	Special educational provision
SIN	Serious Incident Notification
SLD	Severe learning difficulties – not a legal term but often used in relation to the description of a school, i.e. an SLD school
SLT	Senior Leadership Team
SLT / SALT	Speech and Language Therapy, sometimes used to refer to the Speech and Language Therapist
SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulty
SRE	Safer Recruitment in Education OR Sex and Relationship Education
Suspension	What used to be a fixed term exclusion.
T	
TA	Teaching Assistant also sometimes called Learning Support Assistant (“LSA”)
U	
V	
VI	Visual impairment
W	
WTSC	Working Together to Safeguard Children
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