



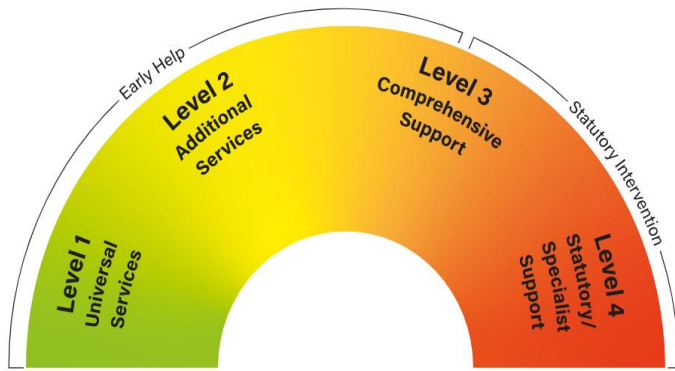
Safeguarding

Autumn Term 2025



Updates

- Safeguarding reforms September 2025
- Keeping Children Safe In Education September 2025
- Buckinghamshire Council Safeguarding & Child Protection Guidance September 2025
- Safeguarding training-Safeguarding for All and Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Sector Updates and Question of the Week



The Continuum of Need

- The Safeguarding Partnership have recently reviewed and updated the Continuum of Need. The updated version has now been published on the BSCP website.
- Please share this with your colleagues
- <https://www.buckssafeguarding.org.uk/childrenpartnership/professionals/continuum-of-need/>



Concerned about a child?

If there is immediate risk of harm to a child, **call the Police on 999**

For any concerns about a child – including foster placements, notification of offenders in area, etc. please contact;

First Response team within Children's Social Care

01296 383962

Out-of-hours: **0800 999 7677**

or e-mail

securecypfirstresponse@buckinghamshire.gov.uk



Current Trends

- Not following safer recruitment practices;
No evidence of qualifications provided
Insufficient references
References are not followed up
Assuming family members are exempt from checks
- Children leaving the setting unattended/being left alone in the building/in the outdoor space

MASH referrals 2024

Total of 322 MASH referrals came through Early Years in 2024
of these

68 were related to Domestic Abuse

44 were related to Domestic Violence



Reminders from LADO

- Make Ofsted aware if an allegation referral is made
- Keep parents and staff aware – after speaking with the LADO
- Don't investigate until you have spoken to the LADO
- The LADO doesn't investigate



Safeguarding Children

We're in it together

The **Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)** has oversight of investigations into allegations against adults who volunteer and/or work with children.

You **must** inform the LADO when an employee or volunteer has:

- harmed a child or is suspected of harming a child
- been involved in a criminal offence against or related to a child
- behaved in a way that may pose a risk to children
- behaved in a way that indicates they may not be suitable to work with children



Anyone can report a concern, whether you are a professional or volunteer working with children or are a member of the public.

If you think a case is urgent or complex, you can contact the LADO Duty Desk:

- Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm
- Fridays 9am to 4:30pm

✉ secure-lado@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
The LADO will respond within 1 working day.

☎ 01296 382 070

Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership provide a free training programme which includes allegation management if you would like more information around the allegation process.

New and updated LADO poster for you to download & display, can be found on the LADO page of the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership website