Safeguarding Children in Education Settings Team (SCiES)

What is the SCiES team?
The Safeguarding Children in Education Settings (SCiES) team is part of Cheshire East’s Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Unit. It supports schools, colleges and Early Years settings (including Academies and Independent schools) to fulfil their statutory and non-statutory safeguarding obligations. Their primary aim is to empower individuals who work in these settings to safeguard children and young people.

What do they do?
The team write and deliver an accredited training and development programme for all those who come into contact with children and families in their everyday work in schools and settings. The team also provide safeguarding support and guidance; plus dissemination of local and national information and data to increase knowledge and inform action.

Activities include the following:
- Safeguarding audits/reviews informing policy and practice
- Termly Designated Lead meetings to update Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) with the latest guidance and legislation and share practical ideas and suggestions to support them in their complex role
- Bespoke training around the Voice of the Child, record keeping, bullying, domestic abuse, radicalisation and CSE
- Evidence based Bullying prevention and intervention guidance; including cyber-bullying
- Responding to notifications of safeguarding concerns raised by Ofsted/parents/others.
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- Co-ordination of education information for Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) which take place around families where there is domestic abuse
- Co-ordination of education information for Channel Panels: those at risk from radicalisation
- Co-ordination of education information for the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) operational group.
- Support with Risk Management and Support plans around sexualised behaviours
- Supervision for Designated Safeguarding Leads in schools
- Support for schools to set up children’s safeguarding groups and ongoing support for existing groups, including creating safeguarding newsletters for the groups
- Writing model safeguarding policies for schools and settings to adapt and adopt

How do the SCiES team become involved?
There are various ways in which the SCiES team may become involved; wherever possible the team link into the existing multi-agency response so that actions are appropriate and co-ordinated.

Designated Safeguarding Leads and other agencies are able to contact the SCiES team directly:

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Where whole school training is required this needs to be through completion of the SCiES training request form, available on the SCiES website

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