

Safeguarding Children

We all have a responsibility for safeguarding children - the objective is keeping children safe.

Working Together 2018 and the Children and Social Work Act 2017 provides statutory guidance, definitions and specifies inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- protecting children from maltreatment.
- preventing impairment of children's health or development.
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

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I am a Director of the YBL and within my portfolio is safeguarding.

Within the Region I am the single point of contact for safeguarding for children and adults, sometimes referred to as a DO (Designated Officer).

I am a member of Basketball England's Safeguarding Case Management Group.

My background is from policing, having over 32 years' experience within public protection for both children and adults. I offer advice and support to clubs, players, parents, and leagues.

I collate information for safeguarding complaints.

I am available to work with clubs and leagues within the area to assess and review current safeguarding policies and procedures.

Within basketball I am a coach, a table official and referee. I played in local league for West Midlands Police, and I am part of the Police GB Women's Basketball Team.

Useful Information and how to report

Below you will find information for local authorities within the Region should a safeguarding concern be raised, and further advice is needed, or you need to make a referral. These could be concerns raised by the child, by what you have seen or observed.

Please ring **999** if the incident is an emergency or a child is in immediate danger or immediate risk of harm.

Referrals to the Local Authority Designated Office (LADO) should be made where there are concerns that someone who works with children may have:

- a. Behaved in a way that has harmed, or may have harmed, a child
- b. Possibly committed a criminal offence against, or related to, a child; or
- c. Behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates that they may pose a risk of harm to children.

I am happy to make any LADO referrals if the threshold for referral is met.



	Birmingham 0121 303 1888	Children's Advice & Support Service 0121 675 4806 (out of office hours)
	Coventry (24hrs) 024 7678 8555	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
	Derby 01332 210 008	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
	Dudley 0300 555 0050	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) 0300 555 8574 (out of office hours)
	Gloucestershire (24hrs) 01452 426565 (option 3)	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
	Herefordshire (24hrs) 01432 260800	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
	Leicestershire (24hrs) 0116 305 0005	First Response Children's Duty Team
	Northamptonshire (24hrs) 0300 126 7000 (option 1)	Early Help Support. MASH & Child Protection Team
	Oxfordshire (24hrs) 0345 050 7666	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
	Sandwell (24hrs) 0121 569 3100	Sandwell Safeguarding Team
	Shropshire (24hrs) 0345 678 9021	
	Solihull 0121 788 4300	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) 0121 605 6060 (out of office hours)
	Staffordshire 0800 1313126	First Response Service 0345 604 2886 (out of office hours)
	Walsall 0300 555 2866	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) 0300 555 2922 (out of office hours)
	Warwickshire 01926 414144	Front Door (Warwickshire Children & Families Front Door) 01926 886922 (out of office hours)
	Wolverhampton 01902 551199	Wolverhampton Safeguarding Team 01902 552999 (out of office hours)
	Worcestershire 01905 822 666	Family Front Door

