



Focus on...

Local Themes - Contextual Safeguarding

Contextual Safeguarding is an approach to understanding and responding to young people's experiences of significant harm beyond their families. These threats might arise at a variety of places including community spaces and online. It is one of the key priorities for the Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership.

In Lancashire there is a commitment to reduce the exploitation of children and young people. All agencies need to work together in a coordinated and consistent way to support children and families building on their strengths and finding joint solutions to improve outcomes.

In Lancashire we are currently focusing on:

- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Child Criminal Exploitation
- Child Trafficking/Modern Slavery
- Missing from Home

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(safeguardingpartnership.org.uk)

There is a Contextual Safeguarding Strategy with the following priorities:

Priority 1: Increase our understanding and awareness of Contextual Safeguarding

Priority 2: Work to prevent exploitation; ensuring our interventions support and protect children and young people at risk of exploitation

Priority 3: Increase our success in respect of detection, disruption and prosecution while working to support those we know to be exploited

Priority 4: Work alongside and within our communities to tackle exploitation

Contextual Safeguarding Strategy:

<https://www.safeguardingpartnership.org.uk/contextual-safeguarding-strategy-2022-2024/>

Who can help?

If you are concerned for the welfare of a child or young person you can seek day to day advice from the Early Education Safeguarding Officer on: 07909 001 430

Anyone with concerns about child sexual/criminal exploitation can contact police on: 101 or 999 in an emergency

Lancashire's multi-agency Exploitation Teams can be contacted on:

North – Operation Awaken 01253 477261

East – Operation Engage 01254 353525

Central – Operation Deter 01772 209122

