



Here's your Quarterly Helping of our Apprenticeship Newsletter.

Safeguarding and Prevent Spotlight

Designated Safeguarding Leads:

If you have any worries or concerns (no matter how big or small), our Designated Safeguarding Team is here to listen and support you. The Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

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In case you missed it! - Prevent Duty Guidance Updated

Ongoing reminder: The new Prevent Duty Guidance (PDG) has been released. It came into force on 31st December 2023 and is a statutory requirement for all specified authorities and it applied to us as an organisation that delivers education services in the way of apprenticeships.

[Click Here for Updated Guidance](#)

Learning and Prevent

There is some learning on the prevent guidance from the Home office's **Independent Review of Prevent: One year on progress report**, the full accessible report with recommendation can be found at the following link.

[Click Here for Full Report](#)

How “Online Friends” Can Mask Safeguarding Concerns

A news blog by the NSPCC, explores how signs of grooming can be missed with use of the term “ Online friends. Whether offline, online or a mixture of the two, forming a ‘friendship’ with a child is a common grooming technique used by those seeking to abuse or exploit children. Groomers often aim to befriend and gain the trust of children by:

- Pretending to be someone they’re not, for example by saying they are the same age as the child online
 - Offering advice or understanding
 - Buying gifts, including virtual gifts which can be harder to spot
 - Giving the child attention.
- 3explored the differences between banter and bullying. It is a good reference to us to understand how to identify when banter might be crossing the line into bullying behaviour. Here are some considerations.

The full blog article that explores this in more detail is available below.

[Click Here to Read the Full Blog](#)

Youth Voice - Child Abuse

NSPCC Learning has published a report exploring what children know, think, and would do about child abuse as part of the Together for Childhood (TfC) place-based approach. The approach involves local communities and agencies collaborating to help prevent abuse and neglect. The research, carried out across all four TfC sites, used surveys and focus groups with young people in schools and youth groups.



Findings show that young and face challenges when seeking help about abuse and related topics. Recommendations call for support for parents and carers, family, and friends to be able to respond appropriately to concerns about abuse.

[Click Here for Full Report](#)

Apprenticeship Funding Update

As of the 1st April 2024 the Government are now fully funding apprenticeship in small businesses by paying 100% of the fee for any apprentice enrolled up to the age of 21.

In addition, the government also increased the amount of funding that employers who are paying the apprenticeship levy can pass onto other businesses. Apprenticeships can currently be funded by a levy paying employer transferring up to 25% of their unused levy to a different employer. Under the new measures, large employers who pay the apprenticeship levy will be able to transfer up to 50% of their funds to support other businesses, including smaller firms, to take on apprentices which is an increase from the previous 25% amount.

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This helps reduce costs of employing apprentices further and if you're interested in taking on apprentices get in touch to discuss it with us.

Education and CPD Offer

The Education team at Sport Structures run a range of courses, such as the [Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Multi-Skills Development in Sport](#), that are utilised by our partners to provide development opportunities for their staff and help support their work in local communities. Closed course options and discounts are available for groups of learners.

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Key Dates this Quarter

This section will show key dates to be aware of and some of these may be picked up by tutors in discussions with learners as part of the enrichment we include in our apprenticeship programmes.

April

- UK Coaching Week
29th - 5th May

May

- Mental Health
Awareness Month

June

- Pride Month

- Deaf Awareness Week - 6th - 12th May
- Cultural Diversity Day 21st May

- National Volunteers Week - 1st - 7th June
- Careers Week 10th - 16th June



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