



EMBARK SAFEGUARDING SOUND BITES

Autumn Term 2 2024

Welcome to the Autumn Term 2 2024 edition of Embark Safeguarding Soundbites, which includes an update on local and national safeguarding matters. If any members of the Embark safeguarding family of schools would like to contribute any news items or updates for the next edition, please send to the Embark Safeguarding Lead, Helen Jefferson. All contributions are welcome!

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Child Sexual Abuse

The Centre for expertise on Child Sexual Abuse is providing **FREE** one-hour Webinars on the following topics between October 2024 and March 2025 around the following topics:

- Spotting the signs and indicators of child sexual abuse
- Supporting parents / carers when their child may have been sexually abused
- Speaking to children about sexual abuse

<https://www.csacentre.org.uk/events/>

Prevent

Occasionally there are localised stories that appear in the media that might be helpful in your Prevent briefings & messaging to staff or students. Here is a relevant news article provided by the Derbyshire Live.

The five Derbyshire cases that show how terrorism is changing in the UK

The changing face of UK terrorism has been highlighted by officials through five Derbyshire cases, ranging from a 15-year-old boy to a 40-year-old man. A Derbyshire County Council meeting yesterday heard from counter-terrorism officials in the county's Prevent and Channel operations, where councillors were told that local terrorism cases were not necessarily increasing but changing. Alison Chandler, Prevent lead for the county council, a counterterrorism and anti-radicalisation initiative, used five recent cases involving Derbyshire residents to showcase the different forms of issues they were finding.

[The five Derbyshire cases that show how terrorism is changing in the UK - Derbyshire Live \(derbytelegraph.co.uk\)](https://derbytelegraph.co.uk)

Parents and Carers

Parent online safety presentation - a ready to use presentation for you to deliver to them. Find top tips, discussion starters and resources to help empower them to keep their children safe and start those key safeguarding conversations. PARENTSAFE - Keeping your children safe: online & beyond - information and resources for parents about online safety.

Presentation: <https://lgfl.net/safeguarding/parent-online-safety>

Parentsafe: <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/home>



Online Safety

The latest stories and updates from the three partners in the UKSIC: Childnet International, the IWF (Internet Watch Foundation), and SWGfL (South West Grid for Learning).

- [Safer Internet Day 2025 theme](#) – taking place on Tuesday 11th February 2025, and this year celebrations and learnings will be happening around the theme: Too good to be true? Keeping yourself and others safe from scams online.
- [‘Goodbye Meta AI’ hoax](#) - an Instagram story has been shared by people online showing a picture that encourages users to reshare it, claiming that Meta would no longer be able to use their information for the development of Meta AI if they do.
- Report reveals the current state of [online safety in schools](#) across England

Derbyshire County Council DSL Network Meetings

DSL Network have been established, formerly known as DSL forums. these will be chaired by Clive Worrall, Senior Adviser for School Improvement at Derbyshire County council. The first of which will be held from 09.30-12.30 on 11 December 2024 via Microsoft TEAMS.

Message from Clive: *The networks are for designated safeguarding leads to network and prevent isolation and keep up to date with safeguarding national and regional priorities. You will hear from professionals in partner safeguarding organisations, have discussion opportunities in small groups to share effective practice and find solutions to problems.*

The network is open to ALL Derbyshire schools, maintained and academies. Network meetings will be advertised on S4S, the link to the December date is here. [11 December DSL Network Meeting](#) Meetings will alternate between virtual (via Microsoft Teams) and in-person (at County Hall, Matlock). There will be no limit to the number of attendees possible for virtual networks. There will be a limit of 100 attendees for the in-person network meetings. As a result, the meetings will be held once in the morning, then again in the afternoon.

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
		Teams	In-person	Teams	In-person	Teams
Dates		11/12/2025	03/02/2025	18/03/2025	23/04/2025	03/06/2025
		09.30-12.30	09.30-12.30	09.30-12.30	09.30-12.30	09.30-12.30
			13.30-16.00		13.30-16.00	

All dates are on S4S and are live. Should you require assistance with your booking, please email eis@derbyshire.gov.uk

[3 February 2025 morning](#)

[3 February 2025 afternoon](#)

[18 March 2025](#)

[23 April 2025 morning](#)

[23 April 2025 afternoon](#)

[3 June 2025](#)