

# Solihull EY Team DSL Brief – Spring 2024

## Welcome

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This DSL brief will be available as a recording and PDF slides on

<https://www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc/training/safeguarding-training/designated-safeguarding-lead-dsl-briefs/>

The screenshot shows the Solgrid website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links: Home, Training, Solihull support, SEND, Resources, and EEF. A link to join the Solihull Early Years Text Service is also visible. The breadcrumb trail reads: Solgrid for Solihull schools > Early Years and Childcare > Training > Safeguarding Training > Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Briefs. The main content area is highlighted in yellow and contains a table with three rows: Training, Safeguarding Training, and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Briefs. The 'Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Briefs' row is selected. To the right of this row, there is a section for 'Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Briefs' with a 'Training Dates' link. Further right, there is a section for 'Previous Recorded presentations' with a link for 'Autumn 2023: click here: EYC DSL Brief Autumn 2023 PVI Supporting documents:'.



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<https://www.safeguardingsolihull.org.uk/lscp/newsletter-signup-form/>

**This DSL brief does not replace your Solihull Safeguarding Childrens Partnership (SSCP) training requirement.**

The requirement for DSL training is: Attend 1 (SSCP) module every year, choose a focus linked to your setting e.g. Neglect...

<https://training.solihullscp.co.uk/Course/CoursesDetailListing.aspx>

# Spring DSL Brief Agenda

## ❖ National and Local Safeguarding Updates

- Updates - *Marion Dempsey*
- Emergency Planning - *Lisa Morris*

## ❖ Guest Speakers:

### ▪ **Solihull Childrens Services**

- Tony McGregor - *Head of Service*
- Esther Blake - *Local Children's Safeguarding Board Manager*
- Kate Davies - *Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)*

### ▪ **Solihull and Birmingham Women's Aid**

- Domestic Abuse

## ❖ Dates for your diary & evaluation

# Updates

## Trauma Informed Training

West Midlands Police:

<https://westmidlands-vrp.org/about/trauma-informed/free-online-webinars/>

Anna Freud:

[Supporting children in early years settings who may have experienced trauma or abuse](#)

### Early Years and Childcare

Home Training Solihull support SEND Resources EEF

Solgrid for Solihull schools > Early Years and Childcare > Resources > Safeguarding and welfare

Resources

Safeguarding and welfare

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### Updated SG & Welfare page

- Sg Poster and EH flow chart
- New pages
- Top tips for a SG culture poster
- Early Years and Education Safeguarding Subgroup form

## Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023

[December 2023] <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>

SSCP Slides can be found on this link:

<https://www.safeguardingsolihull.org.uk/lscp/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/01/Key-provisions-introduced-in-WT23-v3.pdf>



HM Government

### Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023

A guide to multi-agency working to help, protect and promote the welfare of children

December 2023

### Key provisions introduced in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023

This briefing highlights the key updates introduced in [Working together to safeguard children 2023: a guide to multi-agency working to help, protect and promote the welfare of children](#)



# Guest Speakers

## Solihull Childrens Services



**Working  
for Children  
and Families**  
in Solihull

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# Emergency Planning and Risk Assessment

➤ All education, childcare, and children's social care settings should have [emergency plans](#) in place.

➤ Your plan should explain how you would respond if you needed to take any temporary actions in the event of an emergency including significant public health incidents and severe weather and consideration of [Martyn's Law](#).

➤ The aim of an emergency plan is to help you and your staff plan for and respond effectively to an emergency. The emergency could happen at the setting or on an educational visit or outing.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/emergency-planning-and-response-for-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings>

Guidance

## Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children's social care settings

How educational and childcare settings should plan for and deal with emergencies, including significant public health incidents and severe weather.

<https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/responding-emergencies>

[Martyn's Law Factsheet - Home Office in the media \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

ProtectUK | Home <https://www.protectuk.police.uk/>

# Guest Speakers

## Domestic Abuse

Solihull and Birmingham Women's Aid



# Domestic Abuse Awareness



# Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid



For over forty years BSWA has provided front line domestic violence and abuse, support services to women and children.

We are a women's organisation. Run by women, for the benefit of women. Drawing on our years of experience:

- We Support women and children affected by domestic violence an abuse
- We educate, we train, we inspire action
- We advocate and campaign for the right of all women





# Home Office Definition of Domestic Abuse and Abuse (DVA)

Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behavior, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.

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Controlling behaviour is a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour.

Coercive behaviour is: an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim

# Understanding DVA The facts

Domestic violence  
and abuse does  
not discriminate

DVA is a gendered  
crime

Children are  
victims



Domestic violence  
effects 1 in 4  
women

2 women a week  
are murdered by  
abusive/partner/ex-  
partner



1.6 million women  
in England and  
Wales experienced  
DVA in the year  
ending March  
2023



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- A. 250,000
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How much more likely are women who experience DVA to die of any cause?

- A. more than 10%
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How many incidents of domestic violence result in physical or mental health consequences?

- A. 75%
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## Who is affected by DVA?

83%

of high frequency victims (more than 10 crimes) are women. (Walby & Towers, 2018)

38%

of women homicide victims were killed by a partner or ex-partner, versus 4% of male homicide victims (ONS year ending March 2019)

20% (1 in 5 children) of children in the UK have lived with an adult perpetrating DVA.

Police in England & Wales made 245,000 child protection referrals for DVA to Children Services last year (Office of National statistics 2023)

# Why doesn't she leave?





## Importance of asking the question

Asking has a huge impact – even if the answer is NO.

Disclosure is often a process – keep asking.

The woman feels listened to and is more likely to tell someone in future.

The woman knows where to go for help in the future.



# How to ask safely



Are they alone? Do they have children or family with them?



Do you need an interpreter?



Have you recorded your concerns and actions?



Are you in a private room?

**The best outcomes for children are achieved when both mother and children are understood to be victims of abuse and supported accordingly.**

# Questions to ask

Is everything ok  
at home?

Do you ever feel  
afraid?

Does anyone try to  
stop you doing things  
you like to do?

Does a partner, ex-partner,  
or anyone at home put you  
down, humiliate you or try  
to control what you do?

Have you ever been  
hurt or threatened by a  
partner or anyone at  
home?



**BSWA**

Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid

# Unhelpful Responses

You're not thinking about your children

Why didn't you leave sooner?

Everyone feels stressed at the moment.

If you don't want to tell the police, I'm not sure there's anything else I can do to help

I'm worried about you, and I think you need to leave ASAP

# Helpful Responses

This is not your fault

Thank you for telling me

I believe you

Your safety, and that of your children, is a priority

Support is available for you

# Signposting to other services

Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid  
Helpline – 0808 800 0028 Live Chat – [www.bswaid.org](http://www.bswaid.org)  
National Domestic Violence Helpline  
0808 2000 247  
Birmingham LGBT Domestic Violence Service offer  
specialist support to all men living in Solihull  
experiencing DVA - 0121 643 0821 or email  
[idva@blgbt.org](mailto:idva@blgbt.org) -  
Childline 0800 1111  
Solihull Community Housing - 0121 717 1515

# BSWA Solihull Outreach Support

Solihull Community Outreach (BSWA)

Monday - Friday 10am-4pm

Contact number: 0121 722 2142

Email: [solihull.admin@bswaid.org](mailto:solihull.admin@bswaid.org)

Women living in Solihull can self refer into our service for advice and support.

The specialist IDVA can also offer advice and support to professionals.



# Thank you

Any questions?



## Before you go...

### Summer 2024 DSL Brief:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**PREVENT**

**Time:** 1:30pm – 3:00pm

**Where:** MS Teams

**Meeting ID:** 345 554 060 101

**Passcode:** SA5jcL



Training

Safeguarding Training

Designated Safeguarding  
Lead (DSL) Briefs

Safeguarding Training

**Solihull Early Years Training offer:**

- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Brief
- New to / Refresher for Designated Safeguarding Leads

**Safer recruitment** Tuesday 12th March 2024

**DSL refresher** Wednesday 24th April 2024

**SG Awareness** Wednesday 26th June 2024

## Evaluation

What would you like to hear more about in DSL briefings?

Please complete our evaluation form on the following link or scan the QR code with your phone camera below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/sMdVR8bAev>

DSL Brief Evaluation



Have you joined the EY Text Service? Sign up here:

<https://www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc/resources/early-years-solihull-text-service/>