

North East Raising Aspiration Partnership Safeguarding Statement

What is the North East Raising Aspiration Partnership?

The North East Raising Aspiration Partnership (NERAP) is a collaboration of the five universities in the region (Durham, Newcastle, Northumbria, Sunderland and Teesside) working together to widen participation to higher education in the region. The Partnership delivers a progressive programme of activities for Young Carers and Looked after Young People, and represents the five universities in both primary and secondary schools and at regional events through our joint representation visit programme.

Purpose of Document

The NERAP Partnership delivers a variety of events and activities to young people under the age of 18 in-school, at a university campus and at external locations. Staff involved in delivery are employed in a number of institutions across the Partnership. The Partnership may also employ student workers and, from time to time, may contract external organisations to deliver activities on its behalf during which they too will have contact with young people. This document therefore seeks to provide clarity for all involved on the appropriate procedures relating to child safeguarding, in particular where joint working occurs. For the purposes of this document the term 'staff' refers to employees of the NERAP Partnership, student workers and externally contracted organisations working on behalf of NERAP.

The information outlined within this statement is based on the Department for Education's statutory guidance, , [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) and [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#) Guidance provided by this statement is therefore within the requirements of HM OFSTED Inspection and ensures the Partnership is following processes appropriate for schools and multi-academy trusts we may work with.

Principles

The safety and welfare of young people is a primary concern of the NERAP Partnership. It is committed to ensuring that all students enjoy the best possible experience of NERAP activities in a safe and secure environment. The Partnership also wishes to provide reassurance for staff by ensuring that appropriate systems are in place to support them in working with young people.

Statement

The universities in the North East that form the NERAP Partnership each have their own institution policies and procedures in place relating to safeguarding as is their legal duty. This document is not intended to replace those policies. All staff are advised to familiarise themselves with, and to adhere to, their own institution's policy and procedures in all aspects of working with young people in the course of their NERAP role. They should identify the contact details for their designated point of contact should a disclosure or cause for concern arise.

Disclosure Barring Service (DBS)

All staff employed to work on behalf of the NERAP Partnership will be subject to DBS checks via their employing institution as part of their contract of employment and will be recruited following safer recruitment practices. Staff are also responsible for informing their employer if there is any change in their circumstances which may affect their clearance. Student staff who participate in delivery of the programme are required to adhere to the code of conduct set by their employing institution or for the event/activity on which they are working.

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Training

All staff employed to work on behalf of the NERAP Partnership will receive appropriate safeguarding awareness training as outlined in their employing institution's safeguarding policy.

Designated Safeguarding Officers (DSOs)

Key personnel in the NERAP Central Team are appointed DSOs to act as lead persons responsible for providing advice on safeguarding matters, and handling and processing any disclosure or cause for concern brought to the attention of the NERAP Central Team as a matter of urgency. DSOs will receive appropriate safeguarding training commensurate for the role. Availability of DSOs should be fully considered when planning events/activities.

Where to go for Advice Following a Safeguarding Incident

In the event of a safeguarding disclosure or cause for concern being raised, staff working on the NERAP programme should follow the process outlined in Appendix 1 which details who to contact for advice and support. Contact details for key personnel/agencies is included in Appendix 2. In the case of a concern being raised out of normal office hours, further contacts and sources of support are provided in Appendix 3. Please contact via email during Coronavirus Pandemic whilst personnel adhere to Government social distancing guidelines and remote working policies.

Safeguarding during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Safeguarding and the protection of young people remains a priority for NERAP. Alternative provision will be developed with consideration of the safety and welfare of all users, including ensuring accessibility and security measures for any online provision. In the event that a safeguarding disclosure or cause for concern being raised, the person(s) should contact the DSOs identified in Appendix 2

Allegations or Concerns of Inappropriate Behaviour Involving Staff or Student Workers

Allegations or concerns involving a member of staff or student worker and a person under 18 should be reported following the employing institution's human resource and safeguarding policies. The employing institution will determine how the matter should be dealt with and, where appropriate, inform the Head of Regional Partnerships (WP).

Control and Review

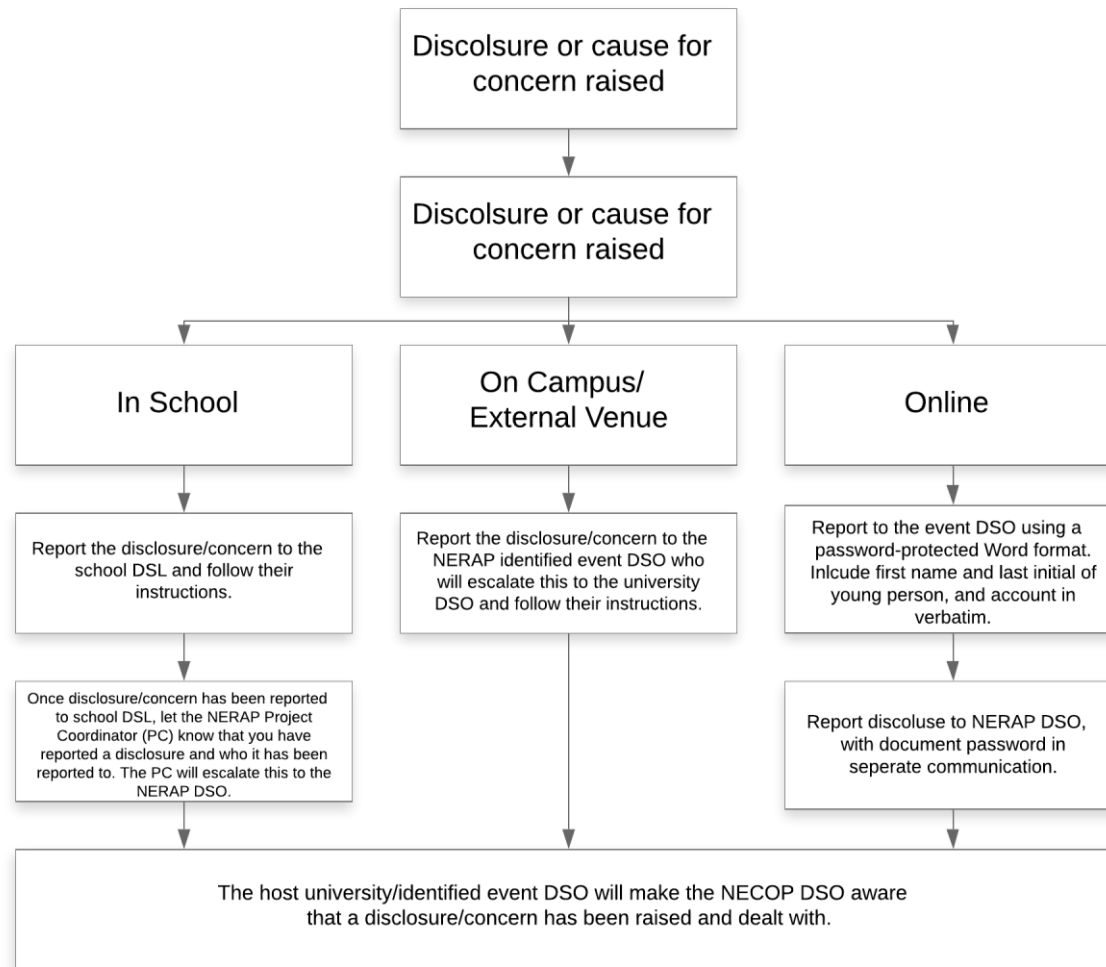
This statement has been agreed by the NERAP Management Group. The Group will be responsible for ensuring it is reviewed in response to any legal or other developments in this area and that staff are informed of any changes. It will also be reviewed annually to ensure that the policy still fits within the organisation of the Partnership.

Publication

A copy of this Safeguarding Statement will be made available on the NERAP website at www.nerap.ac.uk

NERAP Staff and Student Workers

For NERAP staff and student ambassadors working on any of the NERAP programmes, or visiting a school to deliver a workshop or presentation, the following flowchart provides further clarity on who to inform in the event of a disclosure or if a cause for concern is raised.



NERAP Designated Safeguarding Officer Contact Details

Name	Position	Tel No	Email Address
Louise Harrison	NERAP Project Manager	0191 208 3102	Louise.Harrison@ncl.ac.uk

Details of where to find further support

Name	Position	Tel No	Email Address
University Contacts			
Sam Dale	Durham University	0191 334 6120	director.wellbeing@durham.ac.uk
Barbara Herring	Newcastle University	0191 208 8015	jack.o'toole@newcastle.ac.uk
Ann Shuker	Northumbria University		ann.shuker@northumbria.ac.uk
Wendy Price	University of Sunderland	0191 515 3802	wendy.price@sunderland.ac.uk
Gary Crawley	Teesside University	01642 384 272	gary.crawley@tees.ac.uk
Other Contacts			
	NSPCC Helpline	0808 800 5000	

Local Authority Contacts including Out of Hours Support

Area	Team	Tel No
Durham	Initial Response Service (24 hours)	03000 267 979
	Local Authority Designated Officer	03000 268 835
Darlington	Children and Young People Duty Team	01325 406 252
	Emergency Duty Team	01642 524 552
	Local Authority Designated Officer	01325 406 451
Gateshead	Children's Services (8.30am – 5.00pm)	0191 433 2653
	Emergency Duty Team (Out of Hours)	0191 477 0844
Hartlepool	Duty Team	01429 284 284
	Emergency Duty Team	01642 524 552
	Designated Officer Local Authority	01429 401 844
Middlesbrough	Children, Families and Learning Customer Services	01642 726004
	Out of Hours Emergency Duty Team	01642 524 552
North Tyneside	First Call	03452 000 109
	Emergency Duty Team	0191 200 6800
Northumberland	Children's Social Care Monitoring and Review Team	01670 536 400
	Out of Hours	0345 600 5252
	Local Authority Designated Officer	01670 623 979
Redcar and Cleveland	The Access Team	01642 130 700
	Out of Hours Emergency Duty Team	01642 524 552
Stockton	First Contact Team (Children's Hub)	01642 130 080
	Emergency Social Work Services	01642 524 552
South Tyneside	Integrated Safeguarding Intervention Team	0191 424 5010
	Out of Hours Service	0191 456 2093
	LADO (Contact via Switchboard, asking for Children's Business Support)	0191 427 1717
	Direct Number for LADO	0191 4246302
Sunderland	Initial Response Team (8.30am – 5.00pm)	0191 520 5560
	Emergency Out of Hours Team	0191 520 5552
	Local Authority Designated Officer	0191 561 3901