1 minute guide: Level 3 Safeguarding

requirement for Early Years Providers.

In the Statutory Guidance for **Childminders** EYFS Section 3 - Safeguarding and welfare requirements 3.5 it states:

*Childminders working alone or with assistants must take lead responsibility for safeguarding children in their setting. Childminders must know how to contact the local statutory children’s services and the LSPs (local safeguarding partners). All practitioners must be alert to any issues of concern in the child’s life at home or elsewhere.*

In the Statutory Guidance for **Group and school-based providers** EYFS Section 3 - Safeguarding and welfare requirements 3.4 it states:

*In every setting, a practitioner must be designated to take lead responsibility for safeguarding children. The lead practitioner is responsible for liaison with local statutory children's services agencies, and with the LSP (Local Safeguarding Partners). All practitioners must be alert to any issues of concern in the child’s life at home or elsewhere.*

In Doncaster, in order to be a designated safeguarding lead, practitioners are required to complete Doncaster Safeguarding Children’s Partnerships Level 3 mandatory training.

The Level 3 training for Early Years Providers is made up of the following courses:

* Basic/Refresher safeguarding children and Child Protection (5 hours delivered over 2 sessions. Session 1 is delivered via e-learning and session 2 is face-to-face training by EY Safeguarding and Welfare Officers) This includes an Introduction to Early Help and Thresholds.
* WRAP (Workshop for Raising Awareness of Prevent (training developed by Home Office, delivered by EY SG & W Officers)
* Signs of Safety – this is an information session which introduces the principles of the Signs of Safety approach and gives advice for practitioners who are writing referrals and multi-agency reports.

Course can be booked through Buy Doncaster - <http://buy.doncaster.gov.uk>

Once all parts of the training have been completed, the delegate will need to email DSCPtraining@doncaster.gov.uk and attach a copy of the certificates of the courses attended to receive a Level 3 certificate from Doncaster Safeguarding Children’s Partnership.

Practitioners across the Early Years sector would still be able to access other safeguarding courses through Buy Doncaster as part of their continuous professional development.

All practitioners are also advised to complete 3 courses offered through the Home Office, these are Prevent, FGM and ACEs.

We would still expect practitioners undertaking Early Help assessments to have completed the Lead Practitioner training and have access to the Mosaic system, however this is in addition to the level 3 requirement.

Refresher training should be updated every 2 years, this training is counted towards your Level 3 certificate.

All components of the Level 3 training must be renewed within 3 years from the date of your previous certificate. For example, if your previous level 3 certificate was issued 2/1/20- all elements of level 3 MUST be renewed by 1/1/23.