Safeguarding Audit

Head Teachers' Termly 15th June 2023



175/157 School Safeguarding Audit

Purpose - to enable LBH to assure themselves that all education providers are meeting their statutory responsibilities relating to the safeguarding of children.



The audit also contained questions related to good practice and priorities of the Hillingdon Safeguarding Children's Partnership (HSCP)



Model – self-audit tool, 5 sections, rag-rating and space to provide evidence and actions



Findings



- Response 73 out of 106 schools completed the audit. (31 out of 40 maintained schools).
- Based on self-audit ratings it appears that statutory safeguarding requirements are being met by the majority of education settings
- However, the lack of evidence provided in over 50% of the audits makes it difficult to be assured of this practice across all settings
- The audit appeared useful in allowing schools to identify some immediate actions required to ensure statutory requirements were met. In most cases these actions appear relatively minor and quick to implement.
- A small number of settings identified more significant gaps, and these settings will be supported to address these in collaboration with school improvement partners.



Key Themes

Child on Child abuse – gaps in training, poor data and analysis

Management of safeguarding – DSL support, Oversight from governors.

All school staff – ongoing training, induction process

Policies and procedures – online safety, role of DSL, code of conduct, low level concerns, Mental health support.



Recommendations



