

# Multi-Academy Trust DSLs CPD programme: Achieving excellence in MAT safeguarding

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Safeguarding in MATs brings additional areas of focus: governance structures, consistency of approach, information sharing and strong communication all help achieve safeguarding excellence in MATs.

This course, devised and led by safeguarding expert Dai Durbridge, is designed for Lead DSLs in MATs. As well as covering key safeguarding issues that apply across education, this course focuses on how to excel as a MAT Safeguarding Lead.

With **21 hours** of contact time over five months, this bite-sized approach to learning provides:

- **eight** two-hour sessions of interactive training; and
- **five** one-hour sessions placed throughout the course

to help embed learning, create space for discussion with other MAT Lead DSLs, and ensure all of your questions are answered.

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### October 2022 - February 2023: Course Agenda

#### 1. Sound Safeguarding foundations (2 hours)

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16 March 2023, 10.00am - 12.00pm

- Policy, dissemination and single source of truth
- Staff training and updating
- Designing your knowledge transfer calendar

#### 2. Session 1 reflection and free-form Q&A (1 hour)

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23 March 2023, 10.00am - 11.00am

- Embedding Session 1
- Your safeguarding questions answered
- Group discussion on any issue

#### 3. Excellence in MAT safeguarding governance (2 hours)

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30 March 2023, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Part One:

- The 3Cs of MAT safeguarding governance - Communication, Consistency and Continuous development
- Developing your safeguarding structure

#### 4. Excellence in MAT safeguarding governance (2 hours)

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20 April 2023, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Part Two:

- The role of the safeguarding Trustee/governor
- Upskilling your safeguarding Trustee/governor

#### 5. Sessions 3 and 4 reflection and free-form Q&A (1 hour)

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27 April 2023, 10.00am - 11.00am

- Embedding Sessions 3 and 4
- Your safeguarding questions answered
- Group discussion on any issue

#### 6. Safeguarding quality assurance across your Trust (2 hours)

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11 May 2023, 10.00am - 12.00pm

- Ensuring a consistent Trust-wide approach
- Best practice Q&A
- Evidencing culture
- Frequency, reactivity and necessary focus
- Reporting through the Trust

#### 7. Session 6 reflection and free-form Q&A (1 hour)

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18 May 2023, 10.00am - 11.00am

- Embedding Session 6
- Your safeguarding questions answered
- Group discussion on any issue

#### 8. Subject matter deep-dive (2 hours)

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25 May 2023, 10.00am - 12.00pm

- Effectively managing allegations against staff
- Embedding your Low-Level Concerns culture

## 9. Subject matter deep-dive (2 hours)

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8 June 2023, 10.00am - 12.00pm

- Harmful sexual behaviour (HSB)
- *\*\*\*Delegate choice\*\*\**

## 10. Sessions 8 and 9 reflection and free-form Q&A (1 hour)

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15 June 2023, 10.00am - 11.00am

- Embedding Sessions 8 and 9
- Your safeguarding questions answered
- Group discussion on any issue

## 11. The importance of safeguarding intelligence (2 hours)

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22 June 2023, 10.00am - 12.00pm

- Harvesting, analysing and using safeguarding data
- Engaging with other agencies
- Working with other schools and Trusts
- Engaging with your communities

## 12. Developing your safeguarding strategy (2 hours)

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6 July 2023, 10.00am - 12.00pm

- Your five-point plan/strategy
- Horizon scanning
- Future proofing your safeguarding team
- DSL support and development

## 13. Sessions 11 and 12 reflection and next steps (1 hour)

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13 July 2023, 10.00am - 11.00am

- Embedding Sessions 11 and 12
- Your safeguarding questions answered
- Group discussion on any issue
- Next steps and continued learning