

Quiz about the role of the designated safeguarding lead (DSL)



1. What is the role of the designated safeguarding lead (DSL) in a school or organisation?
 - a) To take lead responsibility for the safety and welfare of children and young people
 - b) To manage the school's finances and budget
 - c) To coordinate extracurricular activities and events

2. Who should be appointed as the DSL?
 - a) A senior member of staff who has undergone specific training for the role
 - b) Any member of staff who has some experience with safeguarding issues
 - c) An external consultant who specialises in safeguarding

3. What are some of the key responsibilities of the DSL?
 - a) Ensuring that staff are trained in safeguarding procedures and policies
 - b) Ensuring that appropriate action is taken if a safeguarding concern is raised
 - c) Both a and b

4. What is the process for responding to a safeguarding concern?
 - a) The DSL should gather information and assess the risk to the child, then take appropriate action
 - b) The DSL should ignore the concern unless it is serious or urgent
 - c) The DSL should ask the parent or guardian to deal with the concern

5. How should the DSL communicate with parents and guardians about safeguarding concerns?
 - a) The DSL should be honest and transparent, and keep the parent or guardian informed throughout the process
 - b) The DSL should keep the concern confidential and not involve the parent or guardian
 - c) The DSL should pass the concern to another member of staff to deal with

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6. Can the Lead DSL delegate activities to other members of staff?
 - a) Yes, but only to other senior members of staff who have undergone specific safeguarding training. For example, the deputy DSL.
 - b) No, the DSL must perform all activities for all safeguarding matters
 - c) Yes, but only to members of staff who have some experience with safeguarding issues

7. What are the consequences of failing to appoint a DSL or neglecting their responsibilities?
 - a) The school or organisation may be subject to legal action or financial penalties
 - b) The safety and welfare of children and young people may be compromised
 - c) Both a and b

8. What is the DSL's role in ensuring that staff are aware of safeguarding policies and procedures?
 - a) To provide training to all staff members at the beginning of each academic year
 - b) To provide regular updates and reminders to staff about safeguarding policies and procedures
 - c) Both a and b

9. What is the DSL's role in ensuring that children and young people are aware of safeguarding policies and procedures?
 - a) To provide regular training and information sessions to all students
 - b) To ensure that safeguarding policies and procedures are included in the school's curriculum
 - c) Both a and b

10. What is the role of the DSL in ensuring that safeguarding concerns are recorded and stored appropriately?
 - a) To ensure that all concerns are recorded accurately and stored securely
 - b) To delegate responsibility for record-keeping to other members of staff
 - c) To discard any concerns that are deemed to be low-risk or insignificant

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Answers:

1. a) To take lead responsibility for the safety and welfare of children and young people
2. a) A senior member of staff who has undergone specific training for the role
3. c) Both a and b
4. a) The DSL should gather information and assess the risk to the child, then take appropriate action
5. a) The DSL should be honest and transparent, and keep the parent or guardian informed throughout the process
6. a) Yes, but only to other senior members of staff who have undergone specific safeguarding training. For example, the deputy DSL.
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