

Relevant Agencies

The three safeguarding partners should agree on ways to co-ordinate their safeguarding services; act as a strategic leadership group in supporting and engaging others; and implement local and national learning including from serious child safeguarding incidents. To fulfil this role, the three safeguarding partners must set out how they will work together and with any Relevant Agencies.

Relevant agencies are those organisations and agencies whose involvement the safeguarding partners consider may be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children with regard to local need.

The list of relevant agencies is set out in the [Child Safeguarding Practice Review and Relevant Agency \(England\) Regulations 2018](#). (see below Appendix A) Many agencies and organisations play a crucial role in safeguarding children. Safeguarding partners may include any local or national organisation or agency in their arrangements, regardless of whether they are named in relevant agency regulations.

Organisations and agencies who are not named in the relevant agency regulations, whilst not under a statutory duty, should nevertheless cooperate and collaborate with the safeguarding partners particularly as they may have duties under section 10 and/or section 11 of the Children Act 2004.

The safeguarding partners should be clear how they will assure themselves that relevant agencies have appropriate, robust safeguarding policies and procedures in place and how information will be shared amongst all relevant agencies and the safeguarding partners.

There is a section on Schools, Colleges and Other Educational providers. It is expected that local safeguarding partners will name schools, colleges and other educational providers as relevant agencies. Once designated as a relevant agency, schools and colleges, and other educational providers, in the same way as other relevant agencies, are under a statutory duty to co-operate with the published arrangements.

Appendix – List of Relevant Agencies

Education and childcare

1. The proprietor of an Academy school
2. The proprietor of a 16-19 Academy
3. The proprietor of an alternative provision Academy
4. The governing body of a maintained school
5. The governing body of a maintained nursery school
6. The governing body of a pupil referral unit
7. The proprietor of an independent educational institution
8. The proprietor of a school approved under [section 342 of the Education Act 1996](#)(5).
9. The proprietor of a Special post-16 institution
10. The governing body of an institution within the further education sector
11. The governing body of an English higher education provider
12. Any provider of education or training —
 - (a) to which [Chapter 3 of Part 8 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006](#), and
 - (b) in respect of which funding is provided by, or under arrangements made by, the Secretary of State.
13. A person registered under [Chapter 2, 2A, 3 or 3A of Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006](#).
14. The provider of a children’s centre

Health and Social Care

15. The National Health Service Commissioning Board (known as NHS England)
16. An NHS trust
17. An NHS foundation trust
18. The registered provider of an adoption support agency
19. The registered provider of a registered adoption society
20. A registered provider of a fostering agency
21. A registered provider of a children’s homes

22. A registered provider of residential family centre
23. The registered provider of a residential holiday schemes for disabled children

Local Government

24. District Councils

Criminal Justice

25. The Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass)
26. A governor of a prison in England (or, in the case of a contracted out prison, its director)
27. Providers of probation services
28. The principal of a secure college.
29. The governor of a secure training centre (or, in the case of a contracted out secure training centre, its director).
30. The governor of a young offender institution (or, in the case of a contracted out young offender institution its director).
31. Youth offending teams

Police and Immigration

32. The British Transport Police
33. The Common Council of the City of London in its capacity as a police authority.
34. Port Police Forces
35. Any person or body for whom the Secretary of State must make arrangements for ensuring the discharge of functions under [section 55 of the Borders Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009](#).

Miscellaneous

36. Charities
37. Religious Organisations
38. Any person or body involved in the provision, supervision or oversight of sport or leisure.

Source:- [Child Safeguarding Practice Review and Relevant Agency \(England\) Regulations 2018](#).