

Information on the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) for Slough

Managing Allegations against staff and volunteers who work with children



Introduction

My name is **Nicola Johnstone** and I am the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) for Slough. I work for Slough Children's Services Trust.



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When to Contact Me

A referral should always be made to the LADO if there is an allegation or concern that a person who works with children has:

- behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child;
- possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child;
- behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates he or she may pose a risk of harm to children

If you are unsure whether your concern meets these criteria you can contact me for further advice and guidance.

My Role

My role as LADO includes:

- Providing advice and guidance to employers and voluntary organisations
- The management and oversight of allegations against staff and volunteers who work with children
- Liaising with the police and other agencies
- Monitoring the progress of cases to ensure they are dealt with as quickly as possible and that the processes followed are fair and consistent.

About Slough Children's Services Trust

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Company registered in England and Wales No. **09487106**

Slough Children's Services Trust is an independent not-for-profit company appointed by the Department for Education to provide social care and support services to children, young people and families.

The Trust became operational on 1 October 2016 and was established as a result of a direction from the Secretary of State due to continued failings of the local authority to safeguard children and young people in Slough identified through Ofsted Inspection.

The Trust's services can be described as support and social services for children and includes the following sectors:

- Activity in support of universal services which can signpost and provide early help to children, young people and families experiencing difficulties
- Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Supporting youth offenders via the Youth Offending Team (YOT)
- Referrals and assessments
- Early targeted support work
- Child Protection
- Supporting Slough's Safeguarding Children's Board
- Care proceedings
- Care placements
- Corporate parenting arrangement
- Fostering and adoption
- Residential Services
- Other permanency arrangements
- Supporting care leavers

The Trust also works with local partners to do the best possible for children, young people and families who need support in their daily lives. They also work with local partners in health, police and other services in Slough. To find out more visit: www.scstrust.co.uk

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