

Safeguarding Statement

The Inspire Education Group (IEG) fully recognizes its responsibility under section 175 of the Education Act 2002 and the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (as amended) to have arrangements in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of all its students, staff, volunteers, visitors, contractors and partners.

The Group is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment where all of the college community are respected and feel valued.

The Group will therefore be alert to signs of abuse, neglect or exploitation and will follow the Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board's procedures to ensure that students receive appropriate and effective support and protection.

Parents/carers and students should know that the law requires all staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a student's welfare, including risk from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. **Parents/carers and students** should know that records of safeguarding concerns may be kept about their child/themselves. They should be informed that staff will seek, in general, to discuss any concerns with them including referrals to other agencies.

Local procedures state that "Consent should always be sought from an adult with parental responsibility for the young person before passing information about them to Children's Social Care unless seeking consent would place the student at risk of significant harm or may lead to the loss of evidence, for example, destroying evidence of a crime or influencing a young person about a disclosure made." This includes allowing them to share information without consent if it is not possible to gain consent if it cannot be reasonably expected that a professional gains consent, or if to gain consent would place a student at risk.

Where there is a need to share special category personal data, the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 contains 'safeguarding of children and individuals at risk' as a processing condition that allows professionals to share information.

In accordance with legislation and Local Information Sharing protocols, The Group Safeguarding Team will ensure that information is shared securely and sensitively. Information will only be shared with other services where it is deemed necessary and proportionate to ensure that students are safe and receive the right service. In all circumstances, the safety of the student will be the paramount concern.

The Safeguarding Team will contact Children's or Adult's Social Care when they have reasonable cause to suspect a student may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. Occasionally, concerns are passed on which are later shown to be unfounded. Parents/carers and students will appreciate that the member of staff with responsibility for safeguarding (known as the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) was carrying out their responsibilities in accordance with the law and acting in the best interests of all children and adults.

[Link to our policy on the website for full procedures and arrangements](#)