

## 1 Policy Statement

- 1.1 Within the College's duty of care, it has a responsibility to act if there is a cause for concern and to notify the appropriate agencies so that they can investigate and take any action. However, it is not the College's responsibility to investigate allegations or suspicions of abuse.
- 1.2 The College has a responsibility to provide information to Social Services about a learner or family, if required for a protection assessment.
- 1.3 In addition, the College may also provide help or a specific service to a learner as part of a protection plan agreed at a Child Protection case conference and could also contribute to reviewing a learner's progress in this regard.
- 1.4 Therefore the College's response to its role in safeguarding the welfare of its learners concerning abuse is:
- To ensure a risk assessment is undertaken when admitting a learner who may pose a threat to others
  - To ensure the person who discloses abuse is offered all possible support
  - To refer the learner to Social Services or other appropriate agency e.g. the Police or NSPCC, when the person requests it or the situation necessitates it
  - To appoint a Nominated Governor and Designated Members of Staff with responsibility for child and vulnerable adult protection
  - To provide appropriate staff training to ensure staff are aware of the issue of protection from abuse and the procedures to follow
  - To raise awareness of issues relating to abuse within the College
  - To work together with the Local Safeguarding Children's Boards
  - To review and monitor the policy and its procedures

## Access to the Policy

- 1.5 All staff must be familiar with all policies and procedures; detailed criteria can be found on the College Website, in the Learning Resources Centre and in policy files in Faculty/Division offices.

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