



Social Services have a duty to support families under stress in the interests of child and vulnerable adult protection and in all cases the welfare of the child is their first concern.



The designated lecturer for child and vulnerable adult protection at South West College can be contacted by phoning each college directly.



Details overleaf.



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## Policy for The Protection of Children, Young People & Vulnerable Adults

A guide for  
young people,  
their relatives  
and careers

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neglect

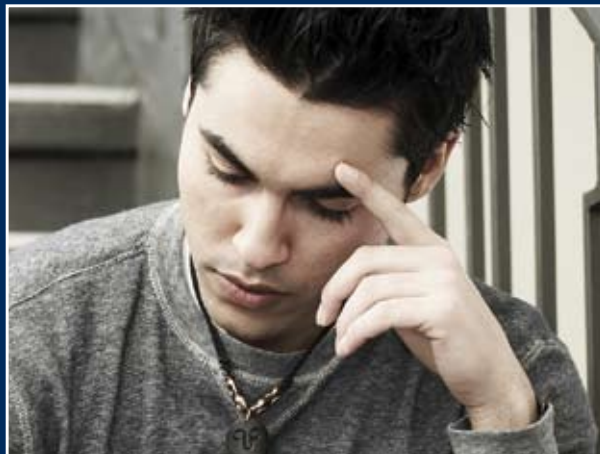
physical

emotional

abuse

*"Everyone has a duty to protect children and vulnerable*

*adults from neglect, physical, emotional and sexual abuse"*



Most children, young people and vulnerable adults are not abused. However, for those who are it is the concern shown by teachers and others in education that leads to their protection from further abuse. Children, young people and vulnerable adults spend much of their time in schools and colleges. The staff are well placed to notice emotional and physical problems.

The Department for Employment and Learning (DEL) demand that South West College cooperates fully with Social Services and other agencies to protect children and vulnerable adults.

All campuses at South West College have a designated officer who deals with child and vulnerable adult protection matters. All staff at South West College are expected to report any concerns they may have, about a child or young person's well-being, to the designated officer. If a officer or anyone working in South West College:

- is told by a young person that someone is harming them or abusing him/her;
- notices any unusual marks or bruises on a young person;
- is aware of inappropriate sexual

- behaviour or language from a child or young person;
- observes signs of possible neglect of a young person;
- observes signs of possible emotional damage to a child or young person

The member of staff must report the matter to the designated officer who has special training in child and vulnerable adults protection.

South West College, by law, must inform Social Services when there is concern about a child / young person.

Every possible care will be taken to minimise the possibility of mistaken referrals but this cannot be guaranteed. No one has a choice when it comes to children, young people and vulnerable adults. If anyone working with children or young people is concerned or has a suspicion, or is told something worrying by a young person or third party, these concerns must be reported as soon as possible to Social Services.