



The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) & School Safeguarding Officer Roles

- **Local Authority Designated Officer: Amanda Glover**

The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) deals with the management of allegations against staff who work or volunteer with children.

- The LADO sits within the Safeguarding Unit, and is based at St Mark's House, Eastbourne.
- Referrals originate from a number of sources including Education, Early Years, Health, Transport, Faith Groups, or any service who provide activities for children. Police have their own complaints and investigation procedures.
- The LADO role includes liaison with Adults Services, who now have a Designated Adult Safeguarding Officer (DASM) in relation to adults who work in adult settings, and other LADOs in relation to Looked After Children in out of county placements.
- The LADO also attends meetings with groups, including independent schools, disability services, and supports agencies with updates to safeguarding policies.
- The LADO has close links with the Standards and Learning Effectiveness Service (SLES) regarding OFSTED complaints from parents about Early Years and Education provisions, and assists with School Safeguarding Reviews.
- The LADO is part of a small team who provide training for Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) in Schools, as well as for School Governors.
- The LADO also delivers separate Managing Allegations Training to DSLs.

Under changes in Working Together 2015 it has been agreed that all allegations management referrals would go via the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs (MASH) within the East and West Duty and Assessment Teams, who would consult with the LADO as appropriate. However, if there is uncertainty about the need for a referral, the LADO can be contacted directly for advice.

- **School Safeguarding Officer: Sandi Buttrey**

The School Safeguarding Officer is a new post, and is based within the SLES team. The role involves -

- Undertaking Safeguarding Practice Reviews in all schools.
- Leading professional development for schools, academies and colleges on best practice in safeguarding, which includes all the training for Designated Safeguarding Lead, school leaders and governors.
- Collate, analyse, and report on the Safeguarding Audit that all schools, academies and colleges complete (Section 175/157 Audit).
- Undertake investigations and complaints regards standards of Safeguarding in schools.
- Respond to general queries on Safeguarding practice from schools, offering advice and support, where the issue is not case specific.

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If the LADO is on leave, the Safeguarding Unit provide duty cover. There is also a separate inbox for sending correspondence to: LADO@eastsussex.gov.uk

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