

Working Together to Safeguard Children A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children July 2018

Early Years and Childcare 14. Early years providers have a duty under section 40 of the Childcare Act 2006 to comply with the welfare requirements of the early years foundation stage (EYFS)<sup>44</sup>. Early years providers must ensure that:

- they are alert to any issues of concern in the child's life
- they have and implement a policy and procedures to safeguard children. This must include an explanation of the action to be taken when there are safeguarding concerns about a child and in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff. The policy must also cover the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting, that staff complete safeguarding training that enables them to understand their safeguarding policy and procedures, have up-to-date knowledge of safeguarding issues, and recognise signs of potential abuse and neglect
- they have a practitioner who is designated to take lead responsibility for safeguarding children within each early years setting and who must liaise with local statutory children's services as appropriate. This lead must also complete child protection training

40 Under the Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2014

41 Under the Education (Non-Maintained Special Schools) (England) Regulations 2011

42 Section 175, Education Act 2002 for management committees of pupil referral units, this is by virtue of regulation 3 and paragraph 19A of Schedule 1 to the Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Application of Enactments) (England) Regulations 2007.

43 Keeping Children Safe in Education.

44 Section 3 – safeguarding and welfare requirements in the Statutory Framework for the Early Ye