



# Safeguarding Professional

## Education



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# Overview

Safeguarding is an ever-growing priority across the UK education sector, shaping the culture, trust and safety of every school and academy. Rising concerns about pupil wellbeing, online risk, and mental health have placed unprecedented pressure on staff to identify, report and respond appropriately.

Schools now face a heightened level of accountability, with Ofsted placing safeguarding at the heart of every inspection. When practice is inconsistent or knowledge is incomplete, both pupils and staff are placed at risk. Effective safeguarding is not just a legal responsibility, it is fundamental to inclusion, wellbeing and trust.

To strengthen practice and reduce this risk, schools should have a number of colleagues placed to support DSLs with safeguarding.

Supporting pupils and colleagues in safeguarding is critical, complex and emotionally demanding, so high-quality, role-specific training is essential.

Funded through the Growth and Skills Levy, the Safeguarding Professional Level 3 programme has been written specifically for the education sector by safeguarding and inclusion experts. This CPD-accredited programme provides learners with the knowledge, skills and behaviours to act as confident, competent safeguarding leads, ensuring concerns are recognised and acted upon swiftly and appropriately.

By embedding safeguarding expertise across the workforce, schools can strengthen compliance, build safer environments and foster cultures of care, trust and inclusion for every child.



# Programme content

## Module 1

Introduction to the Safeguarding Professional programme

## Module 2

Understanding safeguarding legislation, policy and procedures

## Module 3

Developing effective communication within safeguarding practice

## Module 4

Recognising and responding to safeguarding concerns

## Module 5

Managing safeguarding data, information and referrals securely

## Module 6

Working collaboratively to manage safeguarding caseloads

## Module 7

Linking safeguarding theory and reviews to practice

## Module 8

Whistleblowing and complex safeguarding cases

## Module 9

Building safeguarding confidence in colleagues and stakeholders

## Module 10

Evaluating safeguarding practice, supervision and culture

## Module 11

Building professional resilience and continuous development in safeguarding

## Module 12

Preparing for End-Point Assessment

Alongside the set programme content, BeReady works with schools nationwide to identify the additional learning Safeguarding Professionals need to work effectively in school settings.

We use this insight to shape a series of **Masterclasses** delivered by subject matter experts. Topics include:

- Understanding the contextual pressures on your organisation
- Moving ethos from theory to practice
- How do we ensure that safeguarding is everyone's business?
- Engaging with parents – the power of partnership
- The implications of AI and technology on safeguarding
- Harmful or helpful – is social media a power for good or evil?
- Child exploitation – the balance between victim and perpetrator
- Supporting your colleagues in difficult cases



## Programme benefits include:

- ▶ Embeds safeguarding confidence and Ofsted compliance
- ▶ Supports inclusion, wellbeing and safer school cultures
- ▶ Flexible online delivery alongside expert coaching
- ▶ Builds a skilled, accountable safeguarding workforce

### Entry requirements

- ▶ Employer agreement
- ▶ A valid and eligible residency status
- ▶ 2 hours of protected time per week
- ▶ Valid enhanced DBS certificate

### Cost

£7,000, fully funded by the Growth and Skills Levy

### Delivery style

Online, including tutorials, group discussions, Masterclasses and case studies

### Qualification

Level 3 Safeguarding Support Officer

### Duration

12 months

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