

OUTCOME

At the end of an investigation an outcome is needed. The possible outcome will be one of the following:

- **Substantiated** Evidence was able to prove that what was alleged did happen.
- **Unsubstantiated** It cannot be proven either way that the allegation did or did not happen
- **Unfounded** Evidence was available to prove that what was alleged didn't happen or couldn't have happened or information has been misinterpreted.
- **Malicious** A deliberate act to deceive. For an allegation to be classified as malicious, it will be necessary to have evidence which proves the intention
- **False** There is sufficient evidence to disprove the allegation (education only)

The outcome of any investigation is final.

Detailed information regarding the full extent of the investigation may not be able to be shared with you further than action has been taken and appropriate safeguarding measures have been implemented.

This is due to data protection requirements and is not about withholding information from you. You can be assured that Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board provides independent scrutiny of all investigations.

PERSONAL SUPPORT

The meeting will consider what the best support would be and who is best person or agency to provide it if the child or young person you are caring for is in need.

A named person will be identified to keep you informed throughout the process of any developments. You will be informed when the matter has been concluded.

This named person could be the lead with the investigating agency, such as a social worker or police officer, or it could be a manager within the employing agency of the adult about whom concerns have been raised.

Further information about managing allegation procedures can be found on Blackpool Local Safeguarding Children Board website at:

www.blackpoolsafeguarding.org.uk

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS RAISING SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS REGARDING PROFESSIONALS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



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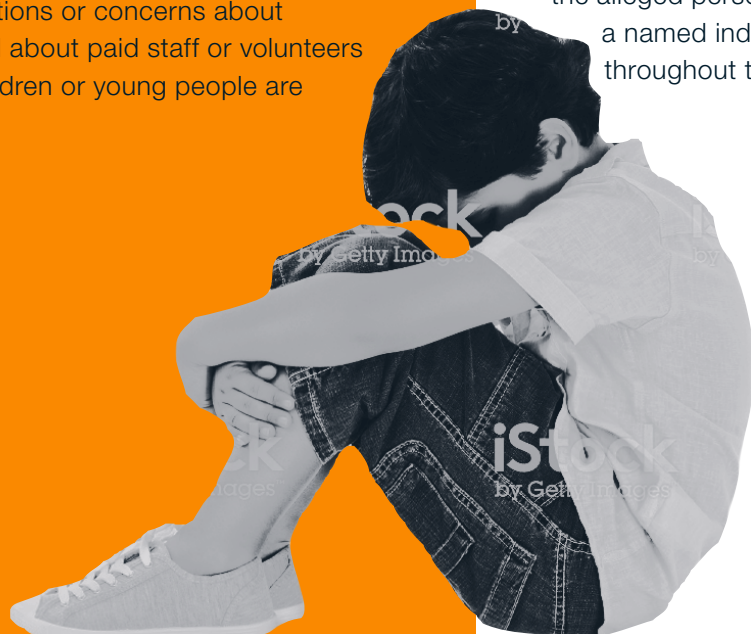


WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS LEAFLET?

You are receiving this leaflet as information has been received which alleges the child or young person you care for may have been harmed by an adult working in a position of trust. A safeguarding allegation is not the same as a complaint about a service.

The majority of people who work with children or young people act professionally and aim to provide a safe and supportive environment for them. However, sometimes the behaviour of adults who work or volunteer with children and young people can result in allegations being made against them.

It is never acceptable for an adult in a position of trust to harm a child or young person and therefore, allegations or concerns about behaviour raised about paid staff or volunteers in relation to children or young people are taken seriously.



WHAT IS THE LOCAL AUTHORITY DESIGNATED OFFICER ROLE?

The Local Authority Designated Officer

The Local Authority Designated Officer is responsible for overseeing allegations about individuals who work with children or young people. The work can be unpaid, paid or voluntary. A concern can be in relation to the person's behaviour at work or outside of their workplace.

The Local Authority Designated Officer may not be able to share specific information regarding the alleged person involved, but will ensure that a named individual will keep you informed throughout the process.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Allegation reported to the Local Authority Designated Officer



The Local Authority Designated Officer for will consider whether a discussion or meeting should be held to decide if further action is needed



If it is necessary to investigate further a decision will be made whether this will be the Police, Children's Social Care or the employer or a combination of agencies



An appointed investigating officer may wish to meet with your child to discuss the allegation. This will be discussed with you beforehand



Following the investigation a decision will be made to record the outcome as: Substantiated, Unfounded, Unsubstantiated, Malicious or False