



Term 5 bulletin 2026

Dear colleague

We hope that you are looking forward to a well-earned break over the holiday period. We wanted to take a moment to share the latest updates, news, and resources from our team. Please feel free to share this newsletter with colleagues and encourage them to sign up to our mailing list.

[Contacting the Children's Front Door service](#)



Safeguarding referrals by phone has proved very effective for Bristol's children's services Front Door, however we have been advised that they are receiving professional queries via the safeguarding phone line, which is causing delay and additional pressures. The safeguarding line is only for professionals wanting to make a safeguarding referral.

If professionals use this line to make an enquiry or request contact details for a member of staff they will be redirected back to the Bristol City Council website, in order to keep these lines clear.

Likewise, if professionals phone the safeguarding line and circumvent completing a webform for Family Help/Targeted support they will be advised to still complete a webform, even after they have shared information.

To assist you we have included the following contact details below, which include how to contact a social worker and who to contact if you want advice or have a query.

If you need to contact a member of staff from the neighbourhoods who mainly hold safeguarding cases, then please email the relevant office below, as these emails are monitored daily.

Neighbourhood Teams

North Bristol Office: Email: unitconorth@bristol.gov.uk

South Bristol Office Email: unitcosouth@bristol.gov.uk

East/Central Office Email: welsman@bristol.gov.uk

If you need advice or you are not sure if something meets the referral criteria please reach out on the advice lines below, which are picked up daily by social workers within Family Help. However, during busy periods, you may need to leave a message, and someone will usually respond within 48 hours.

Family Help Teams/Targeted Support

North: 0117 352 1499

East / Central: 0117 357 6460

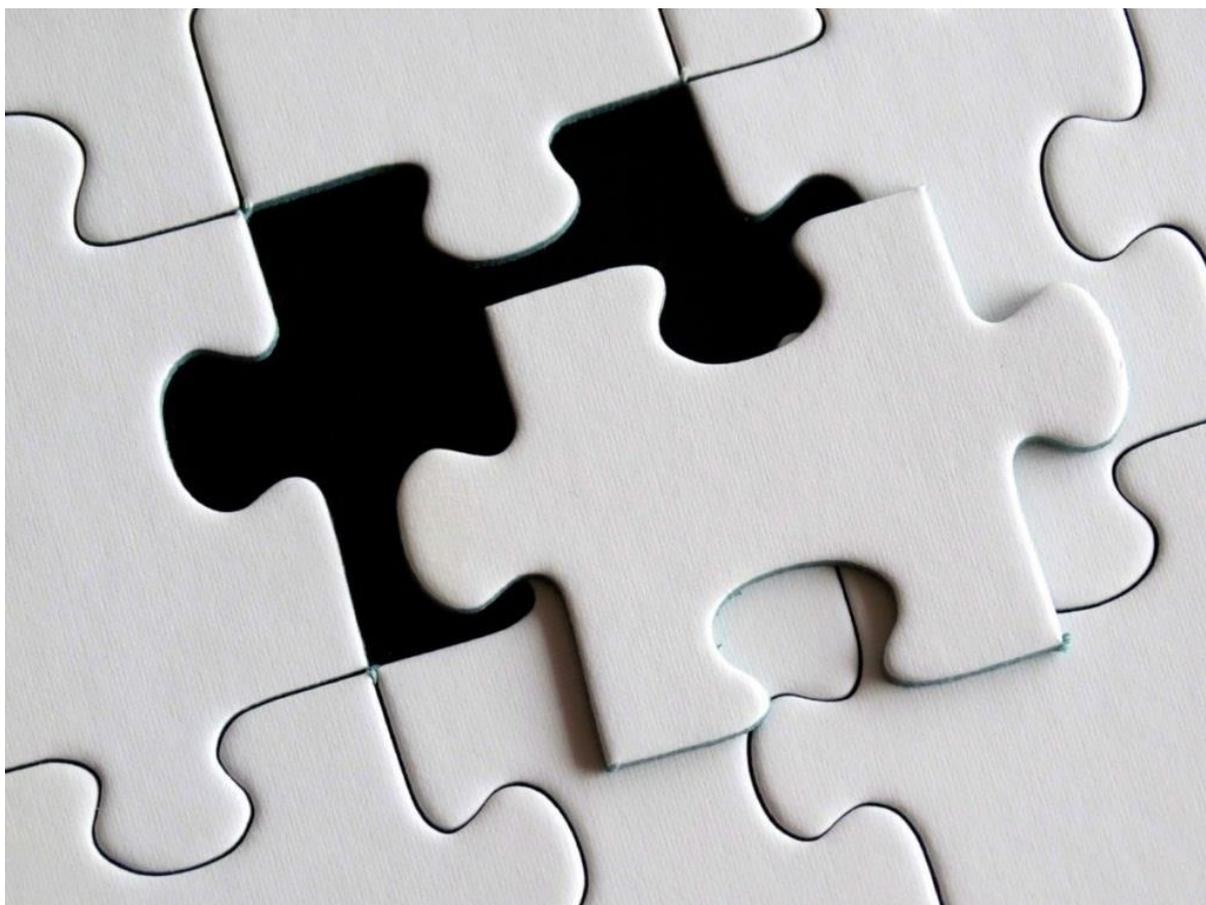
South: 0117 903 7770

Additional contact information

Disabled Children and Specialist Services: 0117 9038255

Through care service for children in Local Authority Care: 0117 3534033

MASH enquiry - information sharing



In line with national guidance, [Information Sharing Advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services for children, young people, parents and carers](#), this is a reminder about the need to redact information regarding MASH from any SAR request you may receive. The MASH team have included this statement in their requests for information:

Strictly Private and Confidential. This report is for the purpose of safeguarding only. Information must not be shared outside of professional, authorized channels without explicit consent or a legal requirement to do so, in line with GDPR requirements

Updated Working Together to Safeguard Children March 2026



An updated Working Together to Safeguard Children has been published introducing significant changes to how agencies work together.

The guidance strengthens expectations around anti-discriminatory and anti-racist practice, and expands its scope to explicitly include kinship care, adopted, looked-after and unborn children.

It also reinforces the need to consider the wider family context, recognising the impact of parental circumstances on siblings and other children.

Alongside this, there is greater emphasis on harms such as coercive control, child sexual abuse and teenage relationship abuse.

You can download the new version [here](#)

Allergy Protections – Department for Education Consultation



The government has launched a consultation on new statutory guidance aimed at improving allergy management in schools, following campaigning by the parents of five-year-old Benedict Blythe, who died after a fatal allergic reaction at school in 2021. Their campaign for stronger protections has become known as Benedict’s Law.

If adopted, the proposals would require schools in England to stock spare adrenaline auto-injectors, ensure staff receive allergy awareness training, maintain a written allergy policy, and use Individual Healthcare Plans where appropriate. The new guidance is expected to come into force in **September 2026**.

[Anaphylaxis UK](#), which worked with the Department for Education and sector partners on developing the proposals, is offering support for schools reviewing their procedures (allergywise@anaphylaxis.org.uk).

Meningitis information for education settings



With increased attention on recent meningococcal disease cases, it is understandable that schools, colleges, training providers, universities and early years settings may feel concerned. This guide to help you understand what's happening, what actions (if any) you need to take, and how UKHSA is supporting educational settings during the current outbreak.

[Information for education settings in England regarding the meningococcal disease outbreak - GOV.UK](#)

Prevent training opportunities



For DSLs and Prevent leads who would like to expand their knowledge around specific ideologies can now access these free training opportunities. There are multiple dates you can sign up to and these 1.5hr sessions can be signed up to by following the links below.

[Prevent Awareness](#)

[Extremist Ideology - Overview](#)

[Extreme Right-Wing Ideology](#)

[Islamist Extremist Ideology](#)

[Antisemitic Ideology](#)

[Emerging Ideologies](#)

Drugs support offer for schools



Helping young people stay safe around alcohol and other substances.

The Talk About Trust is a small, dedicated youth charity that works across the UK to ensure young people make safer choices around alcohol and other substances such as vaping and cannabis. The Talk about Trust supports young people age 8 - 25 with advice, workshops and resources on a range of life choices via schools, children's homes, pupil referral units, youth and sports clubs. [Talk About Trust](#)

Team news



Business Co-ordinator vacancy - We are pleased to announce that our Business Co-ordinator Yiran has secured a permanent contract within the Bristol City Council

Communities team and we wish her well in her new role. As a result, we now have a vacancy for a 1-year fixed term contract within our team as a Business Co-ordinator. [Please see the job advertisement here if you would like to find out more.](#) **Closing date is 5 April 2026**

Generic e-mail addresses



We are still awaiting generic e-mail addresses from some settings.

Please note:

- This email account must be monitored by your safeguarding team to ensure information is picked up promptly and securely.
- All staff with access to this account must be trained to the level of Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).
- Please complete this [contact update form](#) to provide your generic safeguarding email address.

S.175 Audit



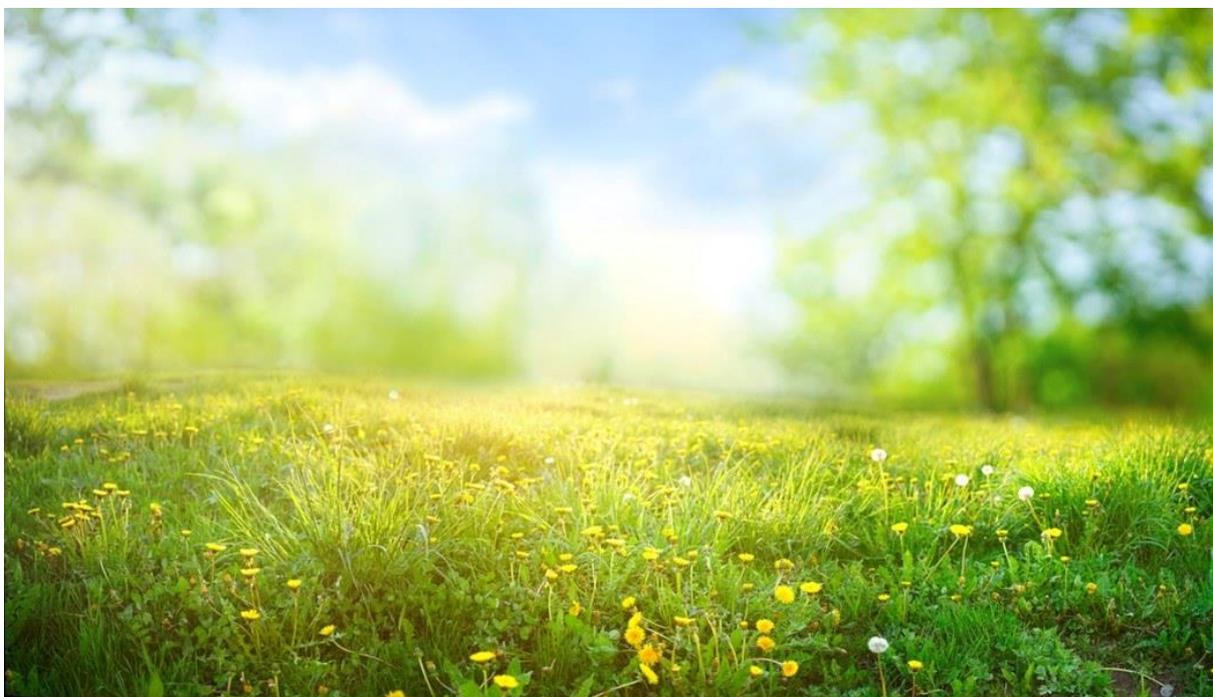
This is a reminder that the deadline for the S.175 audit for all settings is the **31st July 2026**.

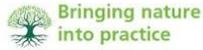
What do you need to do?

- If you cannot access your audit and need a copy sent to you that you can complete, contact the team: safeguardingineducationteam@bristol.gov.uk
- If you have started your audit, plan time for you and your safeguarding team to update and complete each section.
- Ensure you have included evidence for each statement to support your RAG rating.
- If we have shared a copy with you to work from, put a reminder in your diary to email this to your SET advisor.
- If you can access SharePoint and have been working on a live version, ensure this is up to date by the end of term 6.
- Ensure you have shared a copy with your governance, and they have commented and signed the relevant page by the end of term 6.

You are receiving this email as you have signed up to our mailing list and are working with a setting which is a relevant agency within the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership (KBSP).

Be Safe Drop-in dates





Bringing nature
into practice



Be Safe Nature Drop-in

For parents, carers and professionals supporting young people that have shown problematic or harmful sexualised behaviour.

- A safe, confidential, and reflective space to think together
- A calm, non-judgemental space
- Time to think, breathe, and reflect in nature
- Emotional support from experienced practitioners
- Nature-based activities to support wellbeing
- Guidance about next steps and support options
- Safety advice and guidance



Summer 2026

Thursday 16 July | 9:30-11:30am
Strawberry Lane Community Garden, Strawberry Lane,
St George, B55 8EY
what3words: each.piano.likely



Contact on the day if needing help with location:
07542322235

Find out more!

Contact Be Safe and leave a message for Dom Smith.

 0117 340 8700  awp.besafe@nhs.net

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Term 5 DSL Networks



North – 5th May. Location: Avonmouth Primary School: [booking link](#)

East/Central – 6th May. Whitehall Primary School booking link: [booking link](#)

South – 7th May. St. Brendan's Sixth Form College: [booking link](#)

Virtual – 6th May: [booking link](#)

Post 16 – 14th May. S&B Automotive Academy

Training



SET and LADO - Practice challenges regarding dealing with concerns about staff (ONLINE).

2nd June: [booking link](#)

New Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Course. 23rd and 24th June – 8.45 – 16:30:

[booking link](#)

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Refresher Course. 23rd April 2026 – 8.45.16.30:

[booking link](#)

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