



Support for children and young people



A guide for a child or young person who has made an allegation of abuse against a member of staff or a volunteer working in the children's workforce



Introduction

Telling someone about any kind of abuse that you have suffered can be very scary, particularly if you have had to speak out against a member of staff, or someone in a position of trust. It is important to remember that you have done nothing wrong, and that what you have said will be taken seriously.

What happens when you tell someone?

If you tell someone such as your teacher or youth worker, they will inform other professionals who are trained to help (e.g. Social Worker, Police Officer).

What will the LADO do?

The LADO's role is to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and offered support. The LADO will also keep a watch over how long investigations are taking and challenge any unnecessary delays.

It is very important that everyone directly involved is listened to and that all the evidence is considered carefully. In this way the LADO helps to ensure that the right outcome can be achieved.

Who can you talk to?

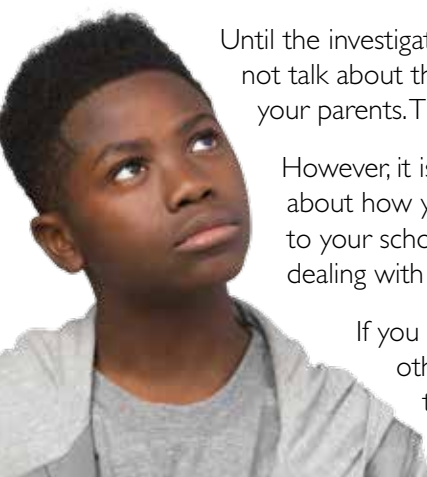
While the allegations process may seem overwhelming, it is needed to make sure that everyone involved works together to achieve the right outcome for you (and your family).

Until the investigation is complete, it is best that you and your family do not talk about the matter with other people, such as school friends or your parents. This is to protect you.

However, it is natural that you may want to speak to someone about how you are feeling. You could speak to your parents or to your school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (lead person for dealing with these situations).

If you do not want to speak to your parents, there are other people that will understand what you are going through.

We are here to protect you



Child in Need (CIN) Assessment

When additional support is needed, Social Care can organise an assessment to identify services that can help. This is called a Child In Need Assessment (CIN for short).

This might be short term while the matter is being investigated, or longer time - going into the aftermath of the incident.

Additional support available to you

Kooth www.kooth.com

Counselling Service for Young People.

ChildLine www.childline.org.uk

is a free confidential helpline for children and young people in the UK offering information and support when it is needed. Children can call **0800 1111** to talk about any problems.

BACP www.bacp.co.uk

if you would like to speak to someone in confidence, you can visit The British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy to find a qualified counsellor in your local area.

CEOP www.ceop.police.uk/

reporting abuse on-line.



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