

Schedule 4: Safeguarding

1. The Service Provider shall ensure the highest standards of protection for vulnerable young people and adhere to such standards throughout the Contract Period.
2. The Service Provider shall ensure it is aware of the principles and standards detailed by the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board (OSCB) and adopt all relevant procedures as part of its normal operating practice.
3. The Service Provider will ensure that all new members of Staff have received the appropriate DBS Check. DBS Adult or Child First Check and shall comply with the requirements relating to DBS checks set out in the Contract.
4. The Service Provider will ensure that all Staff are aware of "whistleblowing" procedures and are aware of legal safeguards in accordance with the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003 (www.pcaw.co.uk).
5. The Service Provider will ensure that all Staff are trained and comply with the Service Provider's Safeguarding Escalation policy, which must detail the process to be followed in the event of a concern being raised about the safety of a young person.
6. The Service Provider will ensure that any immediate and serious safeguarding concerns that may arise during telephone conversations with young people or their families are communicated immediately to the Oxfordshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on **03450 507666**.
7. The Service Provider will also notify the Council's representatives of any safeguarding concerns that may arise.