

Quiz - The role of the designated safeguarding lead (DSL)

We will use our DSL factsheet to determine some of our answers and only one answer from the three choices will be correct.

1. The role of the designated safeguarding lead is;
 - a. Important
 - b. A statutory requirement
 - c. A really good idea
2. The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) (England) states that the role of the DSL must be undertaken by;
 - a. A member of staff with at least 3 years safeguarding experience
 - b. A manager of the setting
 - c. A practitioner
3. The EYFS states that the DSL including childminders, has to receive training on the following in order to fulfil their role;
 - a. Child protection
 - b. Prevent duty
 - c. Child development
4. The expectations in Wales as set out in the 'Wales Safeguarding Procedures' determines that;
 - a. The DSL has to report concerns about a child to social care only when they have spoken to the child's parents first
 - b. Practitioners have a duty to report a child at risk of abuse, neglect and /or harm
 - c. All concerns about a child are recorded and kept for at least 10 years
5. The Children and Young People Act (Scotland 2014) explains the role of the 'lead professional' and the 'child protection officer' in a setting. The 'lead professional' is responsible for;
 - a. Producing an agreed multi-agency child's plan
 - b. Having weekly telephone calls with other agencies to talk about the child
 - c. Delivering safeguarding training to staff teams



6. In order to demonstrate that the DSL is competent their knowledge should be;
 - a. Better than anyone else's in the setting
 - b. Determined by going on lots of training courses and by achieving qualifications
 - c. Relevant and kept up to date
7. A confident DSL will be able to:
 - a. Speak to parents on their own
 - b. Make professional judgements as to whether a child is at risk and take appropriate action
 - c. Quote Government guidance and use in an inspection
8. Other roles undertaken by the DSL in settings where there are staff teams may require them to:
 - a. Respond to and manage allegations of people working with children including whistleblowing
 - b. Go on training at least every 6 months
 - c. Have in dept knowledge on issues in relation to human resource matters and staff well-being

Quiz Answers

1. A statutory requirement
2. A practitioner
3. Child protection
4. Practitioners have a duty to report a child at risk of abuse, neglect and /or harm
5. Producing an agreed multi-agency child's plan
6. Relevant and kept up to date
7. Make professional judgements as to whether a child is at risk and take appropriate action
8. Respond to and manage allegations of people working with children including whistleblowing