

## Support for educational establishments in the event of a child death or significant safeguarding incident



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This document sets out the help available from the Education Safeguarding Advisory Team (ESAT) and Oxfordshire County Council, to support educational establishments responding to the death of a child or other significant safeguarding incident.

### Initial contact:

A member of the Education Safeguarding Advisory Team (ESAT) will contact Headteachers/College Principals/Nursery Managers on behalf of the Local Authority when they are notified of a child death or other significant safeguarding issue.

### Role of the ESAT team member:

The ESAT member will:

- Offer support to the Headteacher/Principal/Manager through this difficult time.
- Provide advice on appropriate resources for:
  - Staff
  - Students
  - Family
  - Wider community
- Advise on communication (including preparation of letters and press statements if needed) with:
  - Staff
  - Students
  - Media
  - Parents
- Support with identification of pupils who may be more vulnerable or affected by the incident.
- Co-ordinate and liaise with other Oxfordshire County Council colleagues who can also provide support during this time. These services may include:
  - Educational Psychology Service.
  - MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub)
  - LCSS (Locality and Community Support Service)

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- Advise about external agencies also offering support - see links below
- Support attendance at the Joint Agency Review (JAR) meeting which follows all child deaths. If appropriate, a member of the team can accompany attendees to this meeting.
- Set up and co-ordinate any further meetings, as and when required.
- Support in planning next steps, taking into consideration:
  - Geographical Proximity: individuals who may have discovered the deceased or have been exposed to the aftermath
  - Social Proximity: Identification with, relationship to or connection to the person who has died (e.g. family members, close friends, schools, faith groups and wider friendship groups)
  - Psychology Proximity: Identification with, relationship to or connection to the person who has died (e.g. similar age, cultural or religious connections, people viewed as role models)

### Links to useful external agencies and OSCB guidance:

- <https://www.childbereavementuk.org/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
- <http://www.seesaw.org.uk/>
- <https://www.samaritans.org/branches/oxford/>
- <https://www.oscb.org.uk/practitioners-volunteers/child-death-overview-panel/>
- [https://oxfordshirescb.proceduresonline.com/p\\_cdop.html?zoom\\_highlight=death](https://oxfordshirescb.proceduresonline.com/p_cdop.html?zoom_highlight=death)

Please do not hesitate to seek support or advice, from those listed below, if you need it.

### Contacts within OCC:

#### **ESAT Manager:**

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#### **Education Psychology Service:**

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LCSS South	0345 2412608	<a href="mailto:LCSS.South@oxfordshire.gov.uk">LCSS.South@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>

**MASH:**

0345 050 7666

**Emergency Duty Team (out of hours):**

0800 833 408

**Police:**

Emergency: 999

Non-emergency: 101