

Safeguarding Programme Set to Roll Out to UK Schools

A child safeguarding programme for schools, with education at its heart, is set to roll out to 53 Academies across four multi-agency Trusts next month.

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- In September, the first phase of a large scale dedicated 360 [safeguarding](#) programme, designed by experts at [Ethica Solutions](#), will be rolled out to 53 Academy schools in the UK across four multi-agency Trusts in Hampshire, Surrey, the Thames Valley and surrounding areas. This new initiative will deliver an holistic service underpinned by education, training, mentorship and technology, that will support 4200 teachers and staff over a three-year period. It also responds to the requirement of the 2017 Children's & Social Worker's Act for UK schools to provide relationship and sex education, by offering student seminars and workshops for all age groups.



The last Ofsted Annual Report flagged weaknesses and serious concerns about the effectiveness of some schools to tackle safeguarding. The common thread in those establishments where the safeguarding provision was ineffective was a lack of rigorous oversight, including leaders not regularly checking that they were fulfilling their responsibilities. Around a third of these providers did not train staff effectively but, critically, inadequate practical action was taken to reduce potential risks to learners.

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Commercial innovation specialists [BxBy](#) have been appointed by Ethica Solutions to help develop and market its portfolio of 360 safeguarding services designed to help protect children and support safeguarding practitioners. Commenting on the first phase of its initiative for schools, Pauline Christie Director

of BxBy, said: “Protection of vulnerable people is everybody’s responsibility and this best-of-class 360 safeguarding programme takes a practical approach to delivery and assessment, whilst maintaining the rigour of regulatory requirements. Our goal is to get a safeguarding culture embedded throughout schools and we will be working with safeguarding professionals and our business partners to achieve this.”

Former senior Police Officer, safeguarding expert and Education Director at Ethica Solutions, Dr. Richard John added: "We are delighted to be rolling out this significant safeguarding programme for schools. I have yet to see an holistic safeguarding service that travels from the Governing Body and Head Teacher to the teachers, safeguarding leads, teaching assistants and ancillary staff, to the children we strive to protect. Having a policy is not enough, it must be put into practice, be well-supported, audited and evaluated, and this is where we can provide resources, assistance and guidance. Teaching staff and our protectors are under immense time and budgetary pressure and we believe a proactive, strategic approach that is well supervised, will to help combat risks, provide education, mentorship and build long-term partnerships. This is a highly effective solution for all."

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Bookings are now being taken for Autumn safeguarding training programmes. For those interested in strategic safeguarding expertise or investigation in the UK or overseas please contact BxBy.

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About Ethica Solutions

Ethica Solutions' (Guildford) was formed by a group of senior police officers trained and experienced in the management and handling of sensitive safeguarding and investigation. Its team offers multi-agency disciplines and comprises former child services social workers, teachers, educationalists and former police officers, who are all experts in the field of safeguarding. Ethica Solutions has delivered 360 safeguarding services and training to organisations and individuals across both public and private sectors. It is a member of BASPCAN, the Association for Child Protection Professionals, holds Cyber Essentials Accreditation, and is the only UK organisation offering training independently accredited by SFJ Awards, the awarding organisation approved by Ofqual the Qualification Regulators to provide qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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