



## Safeguarding Training June 2025 FAQs

### Is there a one-day Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) refresher course available?

No. If you are the safeguarding lead, and you need to refresh your training, you need to attend the two-day DSL course to keep your training up to date.

### I'm new to the role of DSL, do I need to complete the half-day Introduction to Safeguarding course before completing the two-day DSL course?

You are no longer required to complete the half-day introduction course before completing the two-day DSL course but there is an expectation that you have some prior training and knowledge of safeguarding. The two-day DSL course has the content from the half-day Introduction to Safeguarding course already incorporated within it.

### Will you offer any in-person courses or are they all online?

In response to recent requests for in-person safeguarding training we are trialling an in-person Introduction to Safeguarding course and a two-day DSL course on Saturdays in the autumn term. Demand for those will be monitored and future training planned accordingly.

### How often do I need to refresh my Introduction to Safeguarding training?

Early Years practitioners (without lead responsibilities) are required to undertake Introduction to Safeguarding training every 2 years. Annual refresher training should be considered by providers and childminders with assistants as to whether staff in the setting require additional input in between the two-year cycle.

### How often do I need to refresh my DSL training?

DSL training must be refreshed every two years.

### Do the Early Years and Childcare teams training courses comply with the EYFS Safeguarding Reforms effective from 1 September 2025?

Yes. All safeguarding training offered within the Early Years and Childcare programme complies with the 2025 EYFS Safeguarding Reforms.



## Do I have to complete my Introduction to Safeguarding or DSL training with Norfolk County Council's (NCCs) Early Years and Childcare team?

Whilst it is not mandatory to complete the courses offered by NCC's Early Years and Childcare team, it is strongly advised. The courses are delivered by Safer, Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership who ensure the content meets the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Childcare Register requirements and complies with the EYFS Safeguarding Reforms effective from 1 September 2025. They also contain content relevant to Norfolk practitioners, which other courses do not.