

Safeguarding in Early Years Newsletter



Information about the Local Authority Designated Officer for Safeguarding (LADO)

Who is the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)?

The LADO works on behalf of Coventry City Council and the Coventry Safeguarding Children Partnership to address, advise and manage allegations and concerns against staff, carers and volunteers working or caring for children/young people. The role of the LADO is to address matters of safety and wellbeing in relation to children and young people.

Are you worried about the way that someone has acted when working with children? (This includes those in both paid and voluntary positions)

You may have concerns that a person has:

- behaved in a way that has harmed a child/young person
- possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child/young person
- behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates that he or she may pose a risk of harm to a child or young person

Allegations against those working with children and or young people

In the event of an allegation the LADO is involved from the initial phase of the allegation through to the conclusion of the case and will:

- be involved in the management and oversight of individual cases.
- provide advice and guidance to employers and voluntary organisation's
- liaise with the police and other agencies to monitor the progress of cases to ensure that they are dealt with quickly and fairly

Reporting an allegation or discussing a concern

You have a responsibility to report the allegation to the LADO by completing the **online reporting form**. ***Online referral forms have recently been updated so please ensure any previous templates are destroyed.*** For LADO related advice you can call 024 76 975 483

If you believe that there is an immediate risk of harm to a child or young person contact the Police.

For further information visit the Coventry City Council website
https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/206/coventry_safeguarding_children_partnership/2628/local_authority_designated_officer_lado