

# Child Protection and Safeguarding

## Information for Parents, Volunteers, Partners & Visitors



### CHILD PROTECTION COORDINATOR:



**Mrs H Young**



**Mr G Young (HT)**

or in her absence



**Mr R Gillies (DHT)**

For further information please see 'Western Isles Child Protection Committee Inter-Agency Procedures and Guidelines' on the Comhairle Website.

Everyone who works and or volunteers with children, young people and their families has a responsibility to support the child or young person. They have a 'duty of care' to all the children in the school. If anyone has concerns about a young person in Sgoil Lionacleit, their first response must be to inform the Child Protection Coordinator (Heather Young (DHT) or in her absence Gordon Young (HT) or Robert Gillies (DHT)).

All staff carry out Child Protection Basic Awareness Training annually, in line with Sgoil Lionacleit's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, which is refreshed on a regular basis.

#### Categories of abuse and indicators of risk include:

- **Physical abuse**
- **Sexual abuse**
- **Emotional abuse**
- **Neglect**
- **Non-Organic failure to thrive**
- **Domestic abuse**
- **Mental health issues**
- **Drug and/or alcohol abuse**

#### Some examples of what may raise concerns about a young person are:

- **Unexplained bruising**
- **Appearing angry, afraid or quiet**
- **Appearing hungry, tired or unkempt**
- **Appearing afraid to go home**

#### Grounds for concern:

- **A young person tells you that abuse has taken place or that they feel unsafe**
- **A third party or anonymous allegation is received**
- **A young person's appearance, behaviour or statement causes suspicion of abuse.**

#### REFERRAL PROCEDURE

When there are child protection concerns adults should bring this to the immediate attention of the Child Protection Officer. If the information available warrants referral, the Child Protection Officer will immediately get in touch with the Duty Social Worker.

Facts will be carefully and immediately recorded. Prompt reporting will ensure that the child is given immediate protection.

If the Child Protection Coordinator or her deputies are absent from the school, then direct contact should be made with the Duty Social Worker, (01851 822 749).