

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE VIA THE CONTEXTUAL SAFEGUARDING NETWORK:  
[contextualsafeguarding.org.uk](http://contextualsafeguarding.org.uk)

**Questions** (Fields for completion)

**Site details:**

Local authority

Representative leading the application

Name

Role

Email

Phone number

**Introduction – what issues affect the safety of young people in your local area?**

- 1** Summarise the current issues that present a risk of significant harm to adolescents in your area, which occur beyond families (i.e. in peer groups, schools, online and neighbourhood settings) **800 words**
- 2** Please provide some examples of how you respond to some of these issues:
  - a** Strategically (policies, strategic oversight) **500 words**
  - b** Operationally (intervention models, case management approach) **500 words**
- 3** What is your greatest challenge in developing a sufficient response to the abuse of adolescents? **500 words**
- 4** Summarise why your local authority would like to adopt or develop a Contextual Safeguarding approach to protecting adolescents? **500 words**

**Your operating model and approaches to intervention**

- 5** How would you describe the operating model you use within children's social care? **500 words**
- 6** Are there particular theoretical or practice frameworks like Social Pedagogy or Signs of Safety that you currently use? Please describe **500 words**
- 7** Do you have experience of implementing a systems change or other innovation within your Children and Family services? If so please summarise **500 words**

- 8** What interventions do you currently draw upon to support young people who experience abuse in extra-familial settings, and who delivers these interventions **1,500 words**

**Current use of Contextual Safeguarding**

- 9** Please summarise what you think Contextual Safeguarding means in practice for:
  - a** Children's social care **500 words**
  - b** A wider safeguarding partnership **500 words**
- 10** Please describe how, to date, your area has used Contextual Safeguarding to:
  - a** Strategically inform the approach taken to safeguarding adolescents  
and/or
  - b** Develop the practice approach taken by staff in the local authority? **800 words**
- 11** What resources on the Contextual Safeguarding Network have been accessed and used by members of staff in your local authority? How have they been used? **800 words**
- 12** Does Contextual Safeguarding feature in any training that is delivered to your practitioners locally? If yes please provide details **400 words**
- 13** Are there any particular aspects of Contextual Safeguarding that you are particularly interested in but are as of yet unable to implement or use? Please provide details **600 words**

**Capacity**

**13** As outlined in the information form, professionals in your local authority and wider partnership will need to work with the Contextual Safeguarding hub to implement this approach in your area. This will be explored in detail at Stages 2 and 3 of the application process. At this stage however please provide an initial indication of your thoughts regarding:

- a** An overarching structure for a team or group of people with whom we may work to deliver the implementation
- b** Who you may appoint as the single point of contact and strategic lead for the project – outlining their current role and experience?
- c** Any individuals within your service who could support the piloting, re-designing or reviewing new resources, tools and approaches being proposed – please specify their current roles i.e. independent reviewing officer, manager of the safeguarding hub, youth work practitioner, social work practitioner?
- d** Contextual Safeguarding Champions or individuals who could consider the implications of this approach for their service area to promote it to colleagues (please outlined their role/s)?

- e** Are there any other individuals or posts that you think you would need, and be in a position to appoint/create/allocate, for the purposes of this project?
- f** Are you able to identify any local challenges or risks that may need to be overcome in order to successfully embed Contextual Safeguarding in your area? If yes please summarise **500 words**

**Engagement and governance**

- 15** Do you have an existing multi-agency structure concerned with safeguarding adolescents that you could use to oversee the implementation of Contextual Safeguarding in your area? If so please describe its membership and remit.
- 16** Please confirm who of the following partners have been cited on this EOI – providing their signature to indicate their support of this application (if there are any roles/structures in your area that are different to those listed below please provide the equivalent and provide an explanation):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Executive of the Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of the Safeguarding Children’s Board  
(or equivalent structure)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Children’s Services

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Director for Children and Families

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Head of Service – Youth Offending/ Youth Justice

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Head of Service – Children and Families

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Head of Community Safety

\_\_\_\_\_  
Local police force (nominated lead for application  
– specifying role)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Designated nurse for Safeguarding

\_\_\_\_\_  
Education representative from the local authority  
(nominated lead for application – specifying role)