

Governors Safeguarding Audit Briefing

As you may be aware since February 2016 the previous paper audit system was withdrawn by Somerset County Council for completing the above audits in favour of an online rag rated tool. In September we launched the Virtual College Section 175 Governor Audit. The Audit is due to close November 11th 2016. The reporting dates are September 2015 to July 2016.

This has been sent out to over 1000 educational provisions that cater for children aged 0-18 years old.

The aim of the audit is to

- Support education providers to consider their safeguarding procedures in line with EYFS, Independent and Ofsted inspections.
- To provide a set base line of expectation across the county of safeguarding procedures so that children remain safe in education in the various provisions they may access throughout their different stages of education.

On 14th September 2016 every education provider office in Somerset was sent details on how to register with the audit. Information has also gone out through various communication routes such as iPost and local cluster meetings

We are aware that there has been some difficulties registering due to permissions of email boxes and have been on hand 8 am – 8pm to resolve this every day including Saturdays.

If you have still not registered or had difficulties registering we have included the links below

STEP ONE <https://somersetlscb.vc-enable.co.uk/register> Person registers their email address and password. After this we validate and you should receive an email from Virtual College (between 2- 3 hours) sometimes this email goes into Junk or clutter boxes.

STEP TWO <https://somersetlscb.vc-enable.co.uk> Once registered and no response back in 2 -3 hours from Virtual College and email spam boxes checked try this link and use details that you registered with. Hopefully this will lead you into complete audit.

The Audit has several sections to complete, please be aware some questions in the sections are non-scoring and will remain grey in colour. The Audit is a working document and can be filled in, saved and returned to for further work before submitting, it can also be printed by using the exporting tab on the top of the right hand page.

Thank you for your support in completing this Audit, if you have any issues or feedback we are happy to support.

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