



Safeguarding good education

Dealing with Unregistered Schools

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Workshop

Objectives:

- Have a common understanding of unregistered schools
- Consider the safeguarding risks around unregistered schools
- Consider one LA's experience of dealing with unregistered schools
- Share experiences from other LAs



What is a registered school?

A setting must register as a school if it is providing full time education (ie education which is intended to provide all or substantially all, of a child's education) for

- a looked after child (child in care), or
- a child with an EHCP
- five or more pupils of statutory school age



So an unregistered school is ...

... a setting which is providing full time education (ie education which is intended to provide all or substantially all, of a child's education) for

- a looked after child (child in care) or
- a child with an EHCP
- five or more pupils of statutory school age

and which has **not** registered with the DfE as an independent school.



What does an unregistered school look like?

Discuss on tables ...

- Alternative provision
- PVI nursery
- Tuition centre
- Garden shed
- Rented flat
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What risks are presented by unregistered schools?

- Brainstorm on tables
- Feedback on greatest risks
 - Safer recruitment?
 - Health and safety?
 - ...



What was our experience in Luton?

- Jan 2016 – 2 x section 97 inspections
- Exposed settings
- Don't know what we don't know
- Raised awareness (eg EHE transferring to a tutorial college)
- Raised awareness of legislation
- Raised awareness of our limitations
- Role of others: fire service, HSE, DfE, JQC



What have we done in Luton?

Immediate/short term

- Pupils on roll at unregistered setting moved to EHE
- Focus on parents
- Things to look for when choosing a tuition centre (available on YouTube)
- Working with APs

Medium term

- Unregistered Schools Strategy (available online)
- Reporting and monitoring protocols
- Whole council approach to safeguarding

Long term

- Dialogue with DfE and Ofsted
- Impact on legislation



Have we solved the issue of unregistered schools?

- No!
- Setting can change their hours, students attend part time
- Still unregulated
- Planning for Alternative Provision
- Working with Virtual Schools
- Locus of responsibility - proprietor of setting is criminally liable



Indicators of success?

- Report from an estate agent – system working
- HMI in the bushes
- BBC looking for stories
- Reducing the risk of pupils attending unregistered schools
- EHE officer
- AP
- CME/independent schools off-rolling



Other LAs?



Thank you for your participation.

Any questions?

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