

TREVIGLAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

POLICY STATEMENT: DISCLOSURE OF CHILD ABUSE

Staff and governors of Treviglas Community College follow the guidelines laid down in the Children Act 1989 and in particular in the procedures identified in the code of practice set down by Cornwall Council and attached as the next appendix.

It is important that ALL staff are aware of the categories for registration of abuse and act properly on any disclosure.

There are four categories of abuse:

1. Physical
2. Neglect
3. Emotional
4. Sexual

In the event of a disclosure (or suspicion of abuse) the member of staff MUST notify the Designated Child Protection Officers (DCPO) and the Headteacher or Deputy Headteachers IMMEDIATELY giving full details of the disclosure or their suspicions. This should be followed up with a written report to the DCPO. It is most important that staff NEVER promise confidentiality to a student. Staff must NEVER discuss the issue of details with anyone other than the Headteacher or the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mr David O'Neil – Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Nicola Pender – Manager of Integrated Health and Learning

Mrs Michelle Dunleavy - Acting Headteacher

All further action will be taken in accordance with the Inter-Agency Child Protection Procedures laid down by Cornwall County Council.