

The Northern School of Contemporary Dance
The Board of Governors
LEAD GOVERNOR ROLE DESCRIPTION – SAFEGUARDING

	Safeguarding
Aim	<p>To provide lead expertise within the Board of Governors in relation to its Safeguarding responsibilities.</p> <p>Please note the responsibility for Safeguarding remains collectively with the Board of Governors.</p>
Remit Outside of Governor Meetings	<p>To maintain an overview of the Safeguarding arrangements at the School on behalf of the Board of Governors.</p> <p>Lead on the oversight and scrutiny of safeguarding policy, procedure and practice on behalf of the governing body.</p> <p>Act as a 'critical friend' to the School, in order to ensure that the appropriate systems and procedures are in place to cover all aspects of the safeguarding agenda and all statutory governing body responsibilities are met.</p> <p>To help maintain the continued knowledge and understanding of governors in respect of the requirements of Safeguarding.</p> <p>Act as the designated governor with responsibility for overseeing the liaison between agencies, e.g. police and social services in connection with allegations against the Principal or the Senior Designated staff member with lead responsibility. This will not involve undertaking any form of investigation, but will ensure good communication between the parties and provide information to assist enquiries.</p> <p>Attend basic awareness safeguarding training every 3 years and other training as appropriate to the role and relevant to issues within the School/locality.</p> <p>Attend in-house safeguarding meetings.</p>
Remit at Governor Meetings	<p>To lead on the scrutiny of Safeguarding reports and arrangements.</p> <p>To support other members of the Board of Governors to understand and carry out their Safeguarding responsibilities.</p> <p>Take a lead role in making sure the board ensures that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSCD has procedures and policies in place which are consistent with guidelines. • The Board of Governors considers the NSCD policy on Safeguarding annually. • Each year the Board of Governors is informed of how NSCD and its staff have complied with the policy, including a report on the training that staff have undertaken. • Monitor appropriate policies, including the Safeguarding and Whistle Blowing policies.
Authority	<p>The Lead Governor – Safeguarding has no individual authority and cannot approve any decisions or proposals on behalf of the Board of Governors.</p>
Reporting	<p>The Lead Governor – Safeguarding will make a verbal report to each meeting of the Board of Governors on any activities undertaken within the scope of the role since the previous meeting.</p> <p>The Lead Governor – Safeguarding will alert the Board to any risks to the School they have identified whilst undertaking the role.</p>