

**LEAD GOVERNOR ROLE DESCRIPTION – SAFEGUARDING**

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	Safeguarding Lead Governor
<b>Aim / Background</b>	<p>The Safeguarding Governor provides essential oversight of Northern School of Contemporary Dance’s (NSCD) safeguarding policies, procedures, and practice on behalf of the Governing Body.</p> <p>The Board of Governors holds specific responsibilities for ensuring compliance with the Prevent duty. The responsibility for Safeguarding remains collectively with the Board of Governors.</p> <p>The Office for Students’ (OfS) expectations require Governing Bodies to ensure that the institution’s approach to harassment, sexual misconduct, and related behaviours is robust, effective, and fit for purpose.</p>
<b>Role of the Safeguarding Governor</b>	<p>The Safeguarding Governor should feel confident raising NSCD’s safeguarding performance and issues at Governing Body meetings. However, specialist safeguarding expertise is not required.</p> <p>The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will support the Safeguarding Governor in fulfilling their duties, including arranging any necessary training.</p>
<b>Responsibilities of the Safeguarding Governor</b>	<p>Act as a <i>critical friend</i>, ensuring that NSCD has appropriate arrangements in place to meet all safeguarding requirements, including the Prevent duty.</p> <p>Seek and receive assurance that NSCD is compliant with all safeguarding obligations.</p> <p>Oversee the Governing Body’s responsibilities relating to the Prevent duty and ensure the annual data return is compliant.</p> <p>Meet with the DSL at least once per year (and up to three times per year) to discuss Safeguarding and Prevent, and meet with the Head of Compliance to discuss harassment, sexual misconduct, and related behaviours.</p> <p>Review the annual Safeguarding Report before it is presented to the Governing Body.</p> <p>Ensure that the Safeguarding Policy, the Prevent Policy, and any other relevant Policies, are reviewed and challenged in line with annual processes.</p>
<b>Training</b>	<p>Attend safeguarding training events and any other relevant training required to support the role.</p> <p>Encourage other Governors to participate in appropriate safeguarding training and briefings, and support their active involvement in safeguarding matters at NSCD.</p>
<b>Safeguarding and Prevent Committee</b>	<p>Attend termly meetings of the Safeguarding and Prevent Committee, alongside relevant staff, to receive updates on safeguarding work undertaken and planned.</p> <p>Use these meetings to discuss any aspect of NSCD’s safeguarding and Prevent performance, following the agreed annual schedule of business.</p>

<p><b>Meetings with staff and students</b></p>	<p>Take opportunities to meet with staff and students to discuss safeguarding matters.</p> <p>These meetings will take place within the framework of NSCD's existing Governor Visits programme.</p>
<p><b>Reporting</b></p>	<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>