More information:

If you would like to find out more about the role of the LADO, you can access the Gateshead Safeguarding Childrens Partnership: **www.gatesheadsafeguardingchildren.org.uk**

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WHY HAVE I RECEIVED THIS LEAFLET?

We are giving you this leaflet because you have told someone that you may have been harmed by an adult who works with you or cares for you, or someone is worried that you might have been harmed by someone working with you.

By this we mean someone who is paid or volunteers to work with children, such as teachers, social workers, foster carers, residential workers, people working for religious organisations, or sports coaches.

They are usually not family members, although family members can also be adults who work with children.



WHAT IS A LADO AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

LADO stands for Local Authority Designated Officer. The LADO is responsible for managing allegations against adults who work with children. If you've told someone you trust that an adult who works with children has harmed you, the LADO will look into what has happened.

They will consider how this might have affected you and work with others to make sure you are safe and that no one else is harmed by that person's behaviour.

The LADO might need to talk to other people like the Police, social worker and the adult's employer to get relevant information and to make sure you and other children are safe. The LADO will keep watch over any investigations and makes sure you have support.

WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN NEXT?

What you share is very important, and the LADO will take it seriously. You can choose someone to support you through this process, share your views on what you think should happen, and stay informed.

You can talk to anyone you trust, such as a social worker, a teacher, another professional, or an advocate from children's rights. Even if you feel worried, the people around you are here to protect and support you.

Sometimes a meeting may be held to discuss the situation and make plans to keep you and other children safe. You can choose who will share your views in this meeting.

WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN AFTER THAT?

Once the concerns have been reviewed, decisions will be made about what to do next. You will be told about any decisions that involves you.

The LADO will work with other professionals to decide:

* Whether the person is safe to continue working with children.
* Whether they need help, support, or further training.
* If the person has done something illegal, they may face court proceedings.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU CAN CONTACT US USING THE DETAILS ON THE BACK PAGE...