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Pastoral Care in Schools
Child Protection

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- Principals and Boards of Governors of all grant-aided schools;
- Proprietors of independent schools;
- Principals of further education colleges;
- Colleges of Education;
- Education and Library Boards;
- Council for Catholic Maintained Schools;
- Libraries;
- Youth Council for Northern Ireland.

Summary of Contents:

This Circular is to advise you of the publication of the Department's new guidance on child protection, - " Pastoral Care in Schools: Child Protection", a copy of which is enclosed. Additional copies of the booklet will be sent to schools shortly (see overleaf).

Status of Contents:
Advice and guidance

Related Documents:
None

Superseded Documents:
Circular 1997/4

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Not applicable

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PASTORAL CARE IN SCHOOLS
CHILD PROTECTION

1. This Circular is to advise schools that the Department has published a booklet "Pastoral Care in Schools: Child Protection" which contains advice and guidance on child protection and which will take effect immediately.

2. The guidance updates and replaces Circular 1997/4 which is hereby cancelled. The booklet provides, in a single document for easy reference, comprehensive and wide ranging advice and guidance on all aspects of child protection. All Boards of Governors, Principals and teachers should consider it carefully.

3. In particular, Boards of Governors and Principals should examine their existing Pastoral Care policies to ensure that those policies, and in particular their child protection arrangements, follow the advice and guidance in the booklet.

4. One copy of the booklet is enclosed and a bulk supply will be sent to all grant-aided schools in the next week for distribution to all members of the Board of Governors and all members of the teaching staff. Additional copies will be available on request from:

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