

# **OUR CO-OPERATIVE ACADEMIES TRUST**

## **Allegation Management Procedure 2015 - 2016**



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# Beaufort Co-operative Academy Allegation Management Procedure

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Beaufort Co-operative Academy has adopted The Allegations Management Procedure as laid out by the Local Authority.

## Concern about a member of staff or volunteer working with children

If a Professional receives an allegation or has a concern about the behaviour of a member of staff working or volunteering with children and that concern could amount to:

- a. A member of staff or volunteer has behaved in a way that has harmed a student, or may have harmed a student; or
- b. Possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a student; or
- c. Behaved towards a student or students in a way that indicates s/he is unsuitable to work with students.

Then that professional should:-



## Report their concerns

Report the concern to the most senior person not implicated in the allegation.



## Completion of written record

Complete a written record of the nature and circumstances surrounding the concern including any previous concerns held. Include where the concern came from and brief details only.



## Seek advice before proceeding – Initial Discussion

Always contact the Local Authority Designated Officer for Allegations (LADO) for advice prior to the investigating the allegation. This is because it might meet the criminal threshold and so your investigation could interfere with a police or Social Care Investigation.

**Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) Tel: 01452 426994**

The LADO will offer advice on any immediate action required and will assist with employment and safeguarding issues.



## Allegations Management Process

If, after your Initial Discussion with the LADO, it is agreed that the allegation meets the criteria, a multi agency meeting will be convened and you will be invited. This might result in a criminal investigation, a Social Care Investigation or and/or an investigation to inform whether disciplinary action is required. If it is agreed that the allegation does not meet the criteria, the LADO will record the Initial Discussion and send it to you for your records. Any further action will be taken within your setting if necessary.



## Further action

Further meetings might be required and these will be convened by the LADO with your input at all times. Further information on the Allegations Management process can be found at Appendix 5 of the Government Document Working to Safeguard Children (2006).

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/resources-and-practice/1g00060/>