

Boarding Schools' Association Safeguarding Statement

"All UK boarding schools put the protection and welfare of young people above all else. Everyone in the boarding community is deeply sorry to anyone who has suffered abuse and admires the courage of survivors for speaking out.

"Modern, British boarding is all about maintaining the highest standards and providing strong, pastoral care from professionally trained staff. There are 75,000 boarders at independent and state boarding schools in the UK, the highest numbers in over a decade.

"All member schools in the Boarding Schools' Association are doing more than ever before to keep young people safe and support BSA Commitment to Care Charter."

Useful resources:

- BSA Commitment to Care Charter - http://boarding.org.uk/userfiles/bsa/pdf/BSA%20Commitment%20to%20Care%20Charter%20V2_0%20-%20September%202017.pdf
- <<Link to your school safeguarding policy here>>

Support and advice is available to survivors of abuse from:

- The National Association for People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC) – www.napac.co.uk
- The Samaritans - www.samaritans.org
- Citizens Advice - www.citizensadvice.org.uk
- Speak out Scotland - www.speakoutscotland.org

Scottish childhood abuse: support - www.mygov.scot/childhood-abuse

Yours sincerely

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