Summary of findings

Safeguarding Visit South Lanarkshire College – 16th May 2022

To be completed by college HMI/LI/member of the evaluation team

I have discussed with relevant staff the safeguarding, Child Protection and care experienced returns provided by the college. Based on the evidence provided by the establishment, we have agreed the following with the college:

Areas of positive practice:

- The structure and arrangements for child protection and safeguarding are robust. They identify clearly the roles and responsibilities of managers and staff.
- The college provided a detailed and comprehensive self-evaluation report, supported by a wide range of evidence.
- The college Child Protection/Safeguarding coordinator is a member of the CDN Safeguarding Group. This supports members of the safeguarding team to share best practice and inform college safeguarding policies and procedures.
- The college ensures all employees complete a mandatory training programme, with refresher training every three years. College managers systematically monitor this training and update the contents regularly to comply with the most recent legislation.
- Contact persons for safeguarding and child protection, with out-of-hours cover arrangements, are publicised well and all staff are aware of these arrangements.
- The college offers a comprehensive range of support services to class groups and on a one-to-one basis, which can be accessed online, in-person, or via telephone. Access to support services and peer support is also available for staff members.
- The college has embedded monitoring tools to flag unwanted behaviour presented by learners using college IT platforms for online learning. (e.g. chat function)
- The college works effectively with a wide range of partners and agencies to signpost support for learners and help inform future safeguarding arrangements.
- All staff are confident and comfortable with passing on concerns for learners' wellbeing, safety and protection to support services staff.
- All learners, including Student Association representatives, regard the college as a place of safety. Learners know who to contact with any concerns and are aware of contact information and helplines for safeguarding, mental health and other health issues through college leaflets and posters in the lavatories.
- The college offer free health and wellbeing classes for learners in yoga and mindfulness.

- The college has taken part in the Emily Test Charter along with a few other colleges who are moving forward with this Charter.

Ares for further development:

- The college recognises that there is scope to expand the Safeguarding Group to support the rise in both safeguarding and mental health cases experienced by learners.
- The college recognises that there is scope to increase the number of Safeguarders in the college, particularly with members of staff from curriculum teams.
- The college is currently reviewing all policies, procedures and arrangements for safeguarding and child protection to ensure they are fully compliant with recent changes in legislation and the new era of remote learning.
- The college is exploring new systems that will streamline the recording, reporting and analysis of safeguarding incidents and how to best categorise the type of issues raised to improve response times further.
- Reissue of Safeguarding ID badges and a new staff awareness campaign with safeguarding topics delivered throughout an academic year.

These issues have been drawn to the attention of appropriate senior staff. Accountability for appropriate action that needs to be taken to address these issues now resides with the senior managers within the college/centre.

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