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Winstanley College, Wigan

StudentSafe™ Provides Stronger Safeguarding Oversight and Transition Management at Winstanley College

ABOUT WINSTANLEY COLLEGE

Winstanley College is a Further Education setting supporting approximately 1,200 new, post 16 learners each academic year. With new students transitioning annually from 85 feeder schools, safeguarding continuity is critical.

Victoria Morgan, Assistant Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), works year-round to oversee the strategic and operational management of safeguarding processes. The college's mission centres on creating a safe and inclusive learning environment while maintaining rigorous compliance with statutory safeguarding guidance, including Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE).

As safeguarding responsibilities expanded and statutory requirements evolved, it became clear that a centralised, adaptable digital system was required.

THE CHALLENGE

Winstanley College has a long-standing commitment to safeguarding, supported by a dedicated and experienced team. As the college continued to grow, the DSL team wanted to build on existing good practice with a more streamlined, digital approach, one that could keep pace with a large and dynamic student community.

The college identified several areas where a purpose-built system could add value:

- **Secure, centralised recording:** moving from paper-based and email-shared records to a single, confidential platform with a clear audit trail.
- **Clear oversight of access:** ensuring the right staff can securely access the right information at all times, including when the DSL is unavailable.
- **Insight into emerging trends:** using flexible reporting categories to spot patterns early and target support effectively.
- **Smoother transition safeguarding:** supporting the efficient transfer of information from the many feeder schools the college welcomes each year.
- **Responsive partnership working:** enabling remote access to student safeguarding histories so the team can respond promptly to external agencies, including during holiday periods.

Victoria, reflecting on the challenges many settings face in this area, explains, “Maintaining confidentiality and having clear visibility of who has access to records is something every college works hard to get right. We wanted a solution that was secure, centralised and responsive.”

The college sought a system that would support statutory compliance, enhance data visibility and enable trend analysis across its large student population.

HOW CPOMS HELPED

CPOMS StudentSafe provided the college with a secure, unified safeguarding platform that could evolve alongside statutory changes.

One of the most valuable features has been flexibility. As updates are made to KCSIE, the college can adapt internal safeguarding categories to reflect new or emerging priorities. This helps ensure safeguarding practice remains aligned with national guidance.

Reporting functionality has also strengthened governance. Data generated through CPOMS informs:

- Senior leadership team meetings
- Safeguarding committee reviews
- Health and Safety Committee discussions
- In-house safeguarding training



"Being able to generate reports under specific categories allows us to monitor trends and respond quickly. If we see an increase in a particular type of concern, we can act."

Victoria Morgan,
Assistant Principal and DSL

Third party integrations have further enhanced oversight. CPOMS' direct integration with Smoothwall allows alerts generated through their digital filtering systems to be automatically synced to CPOMS StudentSafe and logged within student safeguarding records.

Transition safeguarding has significantly improved. The college now receives secure electronic file transfers from most of its feeder schools through CPOMS. The Stay Safe team reviews all incoming records, identifying concerns as students begin their studies.

THE RESULTS

Since implementing CPOMS StudentSafe, safeguarding oversight has become more proactive, responsive and strategically informed.

The ability to customise categories has enabled the college to track emerging issues, including trends linked to local risks. Data is no longer static but actively shapes intervention planning and staff awareness.

Holiday coverage has also improved. As one of the DDSLs works year-round, access to CPOMS during college breaks allows immediate response to authorised individuals such as the police liaison, Operation Encompass notifications and other professional services.

Angela Gregory, Welfare and Progression Manager and one of the college Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs), says, “I can access a student record during the college breaks if required and respond appropriately. That visibility makes a significant difference.”

The college now experiences:

- Stronger confidentiality controls
- Clear audit trails and role-based access
- Faster response to external agencies
- Improved transition safeguarding
- Data informed training and leadership oversight

Safeguarding is far less reactive or fragmented. Instead, it is structured, visible and aligned with the college’s mission to provide a safe and supportive environment for every learner.

CPOMS StudentSafe has not only improved compliance but strengthened safeguarding culture across the organisation.



For more information on how CPOMS software can help your setting enhance safeguarding processes and information sharing capabilities, request a personalised demonstration.

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