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As the number of people working with children and young people increases, it is important to raise awareness about children and young people's safety and wellbeing. It is for this reason these qualifications, developed with the NSPCC, have been produced.

The **level 3 Award/Certificate in Safeguarding Children and Young People** have been designed to meet a need in the childcare sector and beyond, to promote awareness and sensitivity to safeguarding issues. It also emphasises the need for all workers, irrespective of their specific role within an organisation, to take responsibility for ensuring that concerns are acted upon in an appropriate manner.

Their aim is to take the learner beyond a basic awareness of safeguarding issues and concentrate on the circumstances under which abuse or neglect may occur, and the responsibility that the worker has to respond to concerns. The scope of the qualification takes learners from an understanding of the social and historical contexts for safeguarding, up to the point where concerns are identified and must be followed up by someone who has specific responsibility for safeguarding issues within an organisation.

They also touch on the processes which are involved once concerns are reported to the statutory services including the impact this may have on the worker, the child/young person and their relationship. It is essential that the learner has a clear understanding of the limits of their competence and authority and how and when to refer concerns to designated professionals following local procedures.

What qualifications are available?

There are two qualifications available:

City & Guilds level 3 Award in Safeguarding Children and Young People (3597-02) and the

City & Guilds level 3 Certificate in Safeguarding Children and Young People (3597-03/93)

They are aimed at those workers or volunteers who have some responsibility for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the children and young people in their care. They could be working in the following roles:

- Nursery nurse
- Playworker
- Schools support staff
- Youth Worker
- After school club and play scheme worker
- Sport and leisure coach

Individuals who already hold professional qualifications (eg nursing, youth work, teaching and social work) can use these qualifications to extend or update and demonstrate their understanding of safeguarding issues relevant to their setting, particularly if they have not previously specialised in child protection.

They are intended to support good practice and understanding of safeguarding within organisations and settings. Learners may use these qualifications as the basis for further study or progression into other qualifications.

In order to achieve the smaller level 3 **Award (3597-02)**, learners can choose **any three units** from 13, which are appropriate to their area of responsibility and interest.

To achieve the level 3 **Certificate (3597-03)**, learners must complete **eight mandatory units** (Units 001-008) and **one optional unit** (from units 009-013). There is also a 'unit route' available for those learners who do not wish to complete a full qualification (3597-93).

The 13 units are:

- **Unit 001** - The context for safeguarding children and young people
- **Unit 002** - Legal and policy frameworks for safeguarding children and young people
- **Unit 003** - Understanding children and young people's development needs and their right to express themselves
- **Unit 004** - The family and environmental context of safeguarding children and young people
- **Unit 005** - Recognising signs of abuse, harm and neglect of children and young people
- **Unit 006** - What to do when there are concerns about children and young people's safety and welfare
- **Unit 007** - Communication and working relationships in safeguarding children and young people
- **Unit 008** - Creating safe environments for children and young people to prevent abuse, harm and neglect
- **Unit 009** - Development and implementation of policies for safeguarding children and young people
- **Unit 010** - Good practice in recruitment, employment and deployment of staff and volunteers for safeguarding children and young people
- **Unit 011** - Supporting and developing others to safeguard children and young people
- **Unit 012** - Supporting children and families after abuse has been disclosed
- **Unit 013** - Safeguarding children and young people in a home-based setting

Units are assessed by written assignments which are marked by the centre.

Do the qualifications form part of a recognised framework?

The qualifications have been approved by QCA and Skills for Care and Development, for use in the children and young people's workforce sector.

Key points

- Designed for people working with children and young people in a wide range of settings
- Developed in association with the NSPCC
- Two qualifications available: a small 3 unit Award and the full 9 unit Certificate
- Unit accreditation is also available.
- Fully supported by Skills for Care and Development (Sector Skills Council)

Are there learning materials available?

A qualification book containing the units and assignments is available to download from our website at www.cityandguilds.com/childrenandyoungpeople.

The NSPCC and EduCare have produced a distance learning programme entitled 'Someone to turn to' which compliments this qualification. Visit the NSPCC's website to find out more - www.nspcc.org.uk/inform and go to the 'Training and consultancy' section. The materials can be used in preparation for, or alongside the qualifications. Centres may also wish to use them in their delivery of the qualification.

Why choose City & Guilds

City & Guilds is the foremost provider of vocational qualifications for the Children and Young People's workforce, with dedicated development, quality assurance and quality improvement teams. These are supported by a network of specialist Community & Society Advisers located in our local offices around the UK. Advisers work directly with employers and centres to ensure that our qualifications meet your requirements.

Are there any other qualifications that may be of interest?

You might also be interested in offering some of our other qualifications which make up our children and young people portfolio:

Children and Young People / Early Years

Level 2, 3 and 4 NVQs in Children's Care, Learning and Development (3171)

Level 2, 3 and 4 SVQs in Children's Care, Learning and Development (3174)

Level 2 and 3 Certificates in Children's Care, Learning and Development (3177)

Level 3 Award in Early Years and Child Care for Playworkers (3177-10)

Playwork

Level 3 NVQ in Playwork (4832-03 and/or 4834-30)

Level 3 Certificate/Diploma in Playwork (6978)

Level 3 Award in Playwork for Early Years and Child Care workers (6798-10)

Youthwork

Level 2 and 3 NVQs Youth Work (9248)

Level 3 Certificate in Youth Work (9247)

Health & Social Care

Level 3 and 4 NVQs in Youth Justice (7498)

Level 4 Managers in Residential Child Care (3066)

Level 3 and 4 NVQs in Health and Social Care (Children & Young People) (3172)

Level 3 Progression Award in Community Justice (7497)

Level 3 NVQ in Health: (Maternity and Paediatric Support) (3173-14/84)

Education and Training

Level 3 NVQ in Teaching Assistants (7327)

Level 3 NVQ in Classroom Assistants (7316 - Northern Ireland only)

Level 3 and 4 Certificate/Diploma for Specialist Leaders of Behaviour and Attendance of Children/Young People (7301)

How can I find out more about this qualification?

You can find out more by contacting your nearest City & Guilds office. Log on to our website to find the location of your nearest one, or contact our Customer Relations team:

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If you're asked for a qualification number please quote 3597.

You can also visit the following website for more information on safeguarding issues:

www.nspcc.org.uk

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